

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN
BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2023
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maletzke at 6:56 p.m. at the Bill Lazansky Community Center. Roll call was taken with Sup. O'Barski, Sup. Carey-Mielke, Chair Maletzke and Clerk/Treasurer Kauzlaric were present, as well as 9 in attendance. The agenda was posted on November 12, 2023. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance is said.

Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Kauzlaric with bank statements available for review.

	Checking xx8354	Money Market xx9062	Money Market xx9100	Cert. of Deposit
Beginning Balance	\$2,725.25	\$206,646.70	\$ 7,041.15	\$ 96,852.98
Deposits / Interest	77,863.75	76,138.78	11.96	318.42
Withdrawals	75,275.64	14,700.00	0.00	0.00
Outstanding Deposits – 0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Outstanding Checks – 5,255.46		0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$57.90</u>	<u>\$268,085.48</u>	<u>\$ 7,053.11</u>	<u>\$ 97,171.40</u>

Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Town Board meeting held October 10, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting held October 10, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held October 16, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting held October 16, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held October 21, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting held October 21, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held October 23, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held October 29, 2023, were available for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments – to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Disbursements were available for all to review; checks #18235 to and including #18291 in the amount of \$353,273.50, which includes auto withdrawal of Aflac, CenturyLink, WPS and payroll taxes. Motion to approve disbursements as presented by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report – Sup. Carey-Mielke reported 26 calls for the month, Total year-to-date is 291; IRS is completing an audit of their financial records is still in progress as auditor was sick. No motions are entertained.

Fire Department Report – Chief Giese reported there was one (1) call for the month; fire extinguisher and CPR training request in the area; Walkies requested training on the AED unit.

- **Chainsaw training** – Chief Giese requested to be able to complete chainsaw training on the lot where the training tower will be placed. No motion required.
- **Fire fighter promotion** – Fire Chief Giese informed the board members that Melissa Smedema is off probation and promoted to Fire fighter. No motion required.
- **Donations** – two (2) donations were received (\$150 from St. Michael's Church and \$150 gift certificate for Weatherwood Supper Club). Motion to accept donations by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

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Animal Control Report – Humane Officer Ryan Giese stated there was one (1) call, which held for five (5) days and adopted out. No motion entertained.

Cemetery Activity Update – Sup. O'Barski stated they are working on final clean up.

- **Veteran's Memorial Flag donations** – Sexton Leah O'Barski talked about fund raiser held on November 11th at South Shore Pub & Grille, which they had raised \$5,408 along with private donations receive prior to event in the amount of \$1,035 (\$100 private, \$155 from Halfway and customers, \$780 for flagpole & Coast Guard flag) for a total donation of \$6,443; project will include two (2) 25' flagpoles, six (6) 20' flagpoles and landscaping around area and veterans stone near entrance by Tabor Lutheran Church. Motion to approve the donation by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Community Center / Parks reports – Sup. Carey-Mielke reported that the meal site program is trying to establish a third day in 2024.

- **Green Lake Restoration project update** – Mountain Historical Society has signed an agreement with US Forestry. No motions are entertained.
- **Fireman's Park restoration update** – working on grant money from WI DNR to clean out Fireman's Park Pond. No motions are entertained.

Plan Commission Report – no meeting

7 Town Board/NOCCO Meetings Discussions – Sup. O'Barski summarized the meeting held October 18th – radio towers are us (2 shelters left to build); Oconto County Sheriff is adding fifth K-9 unit on the road; July thru October the NOCCO recreation officer logged 419 hours with 1,023 calls for service, will house a boat the Town of Riverview new project, they are looking for 2024 community events to start scheduling, OCEDC is researching affordable housing projects and working on Short-Term rental agreements with all Oconto County municipalities, Broadband working on permitting process (Bergstrom), fire collaboration is working on items, Wake Boats causing issues (may take local ordinances for restrictions), work on equipment list for each municipality. Next meeting is January 17th at Lakewood Town Hall. NOCCO Officer had 60 calls in Mountain (ATV complaints was highest call request). No motions are entertained.

Town Foreman Projects Update – Chair Maletzke updated sand/salt bin refurbished and filled; Truck #5 repaired, all equipment services and ready for plow season, look at truck #2 and should be repairable for future use, we are in need of CDL drivers for back up, have talked with residents where there were plowing issues and with Snowmobile Clubs. No motions are entertained.

Communication File is reviewed, and list is signed.

Assessor Contract Renewal (2024-2026) – New contract available for review with discussion on cost for Reassessment options provided in contract; board members discussed market adjustment for the 2024 assessment year and spread \$13,500 cost over 3-year term of the contract. Motion to approve the contract with the \$13,500 spread across the 2024, 2025 and 2026 assessment seasons by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

2024 Budget – budget adjustment to be made for Assessor's contract increase to expenses. Motion to approve budget with adjustment to Assessor Contract by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-03 Town Clerk/Treasurer appointment referendum question – Ordinance to add referendum question to Spring Election ballot to change the Clerk/Treasurer position from elected to appointed; Chair Maletzke read Ordinance. Motion to approve the Ordinance by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Roll call vote – O'Barski – Aye; Carey-Mielke – Aye; Maletzke – Aye. Motion carried.

Speed Limit Reduction on Twon Roads (Section 4 Ln) – Sup. Carey-Mielke sent information from the app and received an email requesting more information on all the curves on Section 4 Ln. Tabled for further information gathering.

Local Road Map Certification review – Chair Maletzke has reviewed map and has road corrections to be worked on in 2024. Motion to certify the map as it is currently indicated by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

CWDG – Round 2 Grant Program – Sup. O'Barski stated that grants were written for three (3) pieces of equipment, each a separate grant; all pieces of equipment and attachments need to be used directly related to fuel reductions. No motions are entertained.

Recycle Center/Solid Waste Fees reviewed – board members reviewed current pricing, Sup. O'Barski felt current pricing is adequate; January 7 Towns Board meeting will be discussing electronics recycling. Motion to continue with Recycle Center/Solid Wage fees for 2024 by O'Barski. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

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Wisconsin Retirement System enrollment discussion – information reviewed but additional information requested by board members. Tabled for further information.

Operator's License – W. Behrmann – application is available for board members' review. Motion to approve by Maletzke. Seconded by Carey-Mielke. Motion carried.

Set date for Public Information Meeting on Short-Term Rental Room Tax – meeting date set for Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am at the Town Office.

Hearing of the People – brought about concerns relating to Broadband in the area, Sup. Carey-Mielke stated they will be meeting on Monday, November 27th at 9:00 am at the Community Center to put up Christmas decorations around town.

Future Board meeting items – Section 4 Lane speed reduction.

Announcements:

Christmas Decorating around Town of Mountain Monday, November 27th meeting 9:00 am @ Community Center

Santa at Mountain Fire Department Friday, December 1st 5:00 pm @ Mountain Fire Station

Public Information meeting on Short-Term Rental Permit/Room Tax Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 am @ Town Office

Plan Commission meeting Tuesday, December 5th 7:00 pm @ Community Center (if needed)

Town Board Meeting Tuesday, December 12th 7:00 pm @ Community Center

NOTE – Town of Mountain Recycle Center/Solid Waste Site and the Town Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th for Christmas.

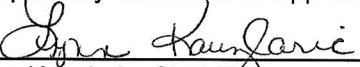
****Senior Nutritional Meal Site – Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm @ Community Center**

**** Wednesday afternoon Seniors Card Club at 12:00 pm @ Community Center**

Employee hire discussion (possible closed session per WI SS 19.85(1)(c)) – application received was review, Sup. Carey-Mielke received positive reference from US Forest Service Ranger Brown. Motion on hiring Lauren Lee by Carey-Mielke. Seconded by O'Barski. Motion carried.

Hearing no other orders of business, Sup. O'Barski adjourned the meeting. Time is 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for approval by,



Lynn Kauzlaric, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted this 11th day of November 2023



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