

Town of Perry
Minutes of Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Perry Town Hall

1. Call to order. Chairman Roger Kittleson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Ken Hefty and Mick Klein Kennedy, Treasurer - Deputy Clerk Stephanie Zwettler and Clerk Mary Price were present. Also in attendance: Mark Eastman, James Gibson, Sue Medaris, Atty. Mark Rooney and Doug King via teleconference.

Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Kittleson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence – Chairman Roger Kittleson requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Georgia Post, Virginia Friske and Mark Koepl.

2. Convene Closed Session, WI § 19.85(1)(b) and (c) – Employee compensation, commission and committee reviews. Roger Kittleson moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to convene a closed session to discuss employee compensation, commission and committee reviews. per WI § 19.85(1)(b) and (c). Roll call vote: Ken Hefty – Yes; Mick Klein Kennedy – Yes; Roger Kittleson – Yes. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene Open Session. Set employee 2025 compensation. Roger Kittleson moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to reconvene the open session. Roll call vote: Ken Hefty – Yes; Mick Klein Kennedy – Yes; Roger Kittleson – Yes. Motion carried. The open session reconvened at 7:28PM.

Set employee 2025 compensation. Roger Kittleson moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to change the compensation effective January 1, 2025 for Patrolman Mark Eastman to \$38.00 per hour; match the Patrolman's 3% contribution to the Town's Simple IRA; \$4.75 per hour contribution to Health Reimbursement Savings Account; nine (9) sick days per year with 50% vested to be reimbursed at the end of employment; twelve (14) vacation days per year; seven (7) holidays per year – New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday following Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; up to \$175.00 clothing allowance per year; and to allow up to 240 hours of compensatory time per year – up to 100 hours can be carried to next year and remaining compensatory time to be paid by year end; to confirm per diem rate at \$40.00 for Town Board meetings and Mt. Horeb Fire Department meetings. Motion carried.

Mick Klein Kennedy moved and Roger Kittleson seconded a motion to change the compensation for 1st Assistant Patrolman to \$35.00 per hour and the 2nd Assistant Patrolman to \$32.00 per hour effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried. Ken Hefty – abstain. Motion carried.

Roger Kittleson moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to authorize the compensation for the Recycling Center Attendants at \$26.00 per hour effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to increase per diem rate for Land Use Committee members to \$45.00 effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

4. Announcements. Clerk Mary Price distributed the Town's 2025 meeting calendar; presented the Town's WI DOR Allowable Debt calculation - \$6,405,085 and current debt - \$585,737.00
5. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
 - a. Truck & Snowplow delivery and financing update. Road Patrolman Mark Eastman reported the new truck will be delivered in mid-January. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to extend the new truck short-term financing three months. Motion carried.
 - b. Process and requirements to discontinue a Town road - WI §66.1003, etc. James Gibson and Sue Medaris clarified the road length to be and their reasons to request that the Town discontinue a portion of Moen Road. A Petition for Discontinuance of Part of a Public Way prepared by and submitted by Atty. Joshua Weishaar will be considered at the next Town Board meeting.
 - c. Clerk Mary Price presented updated WI DOT information from Town of Blue Mounds Chairman Dennis Jelle and an additional community meeting might be scheduled to discuss reengineering Hwy. 78.
 - d. Mark Eastman, Road Patrolman, reported the WI DOT culvert inventory was submitted before the deadline.
6. Recycling Center. Replace shed. Mark Eastman reported the new shed is scheduled to be delivered to the Recycling Center on Dec. 17. Styrofoam insulation will be installed by the Town.
7. Town Hall Renovation report. Committee Chair Mick Klein Kennedy reported the committee plans to meet in January to determine further acoustic needs.
8. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Stephanie Zwettler presented the monthly report and announced the tax bills were printed and will be mailed by Dec. 16.
9. Friends of the Parks of Perry report. Friends' President Mick Klein Kennedy plans to publish the next Friends newsletter in Dec.

10. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations. Evening opening hours process and policy. Doug King, committee chair, reported the committee has agreed to withdraw the evening opening hours policy proposed at the last meeting.
11. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions. Mick Klein Kennedy announced a memorial flower arrangement was sent to the funeral services for Jerry Derr on behalf of the Town.
12. Set Town Caucus date – January, 2025. The Board reviewed caucus requirements. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to hold the 2025 Caucus on Monday, January 20, 2025 beginning at 7:30PM. Motion carried.
13. Minutes of Previous Meetings – November 7, November 12, and November 27, 2024 meetings. The Town Board reviewed the meeting minutes. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to approve the minutes of Town Board meetings held on November 7, November 12 and November 27, 2024 as published. Motion carried.
14. Pay Bills due. The Town Board reviewed the invoices presented for payment and cash flow needs through year end. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried.
15. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI § 19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel. Roll call: Ken Hefty, Yes. Mick Klein Kennedy, Yes. Roger Kittleson, Yes. Motion carried. The Town Board discussed the current status of the case with Atty. Mark Rooney.
Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to reconvene an open session. Roll call: Ken Hefty, Yes. Mick Klein Kennedy, Yes. Roger Kittleson, Yes. Motion carried.
16. Adjournment. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Mary L. Price, Town Clerk

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