

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 19th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Robert C. Hultquist called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor's present included John Koepke, John Roelandts, Erik Mullet and Terry Largent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Kristen Wraalstad, Highway Superintendent Sam Salzman, Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann and Clerk/Treasurer Lori Opitz. For additional attendees please see sign-in sheet.

Those present stood to recite The Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes from Regular meeting December 5th. – Supervisor Koepke made the motion to approve the regular December 5th meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence. - None

Comments from the Floor on Agenda items or any other items. –

VJ Scully, N57W34557 Nickels Point Road stated since the referendum did not pass for Western Lakes Fire Department, how they could get 60% from the Town and stated there is a huge management problem on the Western Lakes Fire Department.

Chairman Robert C. Hultquist stated the Town Board was at the meeting and spent hours discussing the increase with the Fire Department Board and the Town of Oconomowoc only wanted a 40% increase, but the Fire Board did not listen and decided with the 60% and there was nothing the Town Board could do to stop it and he also stated that the surrounding communities that WLFD serves agreed to the 60% and the Town was the only one that did not agree with the increase.

Supervisor Erik Mullett stated the Town went to the Fire Board with 7 different proposals and the Fire Board would not listen to the Town.

Brian Cass, N53W34416 Road Q, asked what the 60% amounted too and where it is located on the property tax bill.

Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann stated the Town borrowed \$500,000 and it was located on the Town's portion of the tax bill.

Dave Heil, W346N5660 Lake Drive, was wondering how it was stated in the contract with Western Lakes Fire Department as to how much they can and can't increase per year.

Supervisor John Koepke stated he has been very disappointed going to the Fire Board meetings because he thought the area communities that are serviced by Western Lakes Fire Department would all think alike.

Ken Millard, W355N5059 Lakeview Court, stated there have been errors made in regards to the Western Lake Fire Contract, bad budgeting and the Town brochures that was sent out did not state that Town residents should expect higher taxes and the Board should be more proactive at stopping the rising school budget increases.

Matt Thompson, W360N5762 Thomas Drive, stated he was at the Western Lakes Fire Department Board meetings and the Town of Oconomowoc Board did fight the Fire Department Board on the increase and the Fire Board would not listen to what was being presented in front of them.

Dave Heil, W346N5660 Lake Drive stated he feels that the contract with Western Lakes Fire Department is an open-ended contract and he hopes that contract could be restructured so that this could be changed.

Supervisor John Koepke asked if the person who had a copy of the employee survey that was done on the Western Lakes Fire Department please submit a copy of it to Clerk/Treasurer Lori Opitz so that the Board

could review the findings and was disappointed in the Western Lakes Fire Board that they did not make mention before or after the referendum that this survey was being done and that the Town Board is just learning of this survey now.

VJ Scully, N57W34557 Nickels Point Road read some of the comments in the survey and stated a lot of the answers in this survey pertain to poor management skills at Western Lakes Fire Department. He also submitted his copy of the survey to Clerk/Treasurer Lori Opitz.

Supervisor John Koepke stated a few years ago Okauchee and Stone Bank Fire Departments came to the Town Board and said they would not be able to continue operating; he stated the when the Board was looking at who would better suited covering the Town for fire coverage, Western Lakes seemed to be the better choice because Lake Country would not be able to cover the whole Town and what was presented to the Town from Western Lakes at that time, they seemed to be able to give the Town what they needed in coverage, which the Town is now learning not to be the case and it was possible back then the Town was mis-lead and he is not happy where the Town is at and is not happy with Western Lakes Fire Board.

Todd Yergers, W355N5031 Lakeview Court, stated the Town has about a week to get things changed and fixed.

Supervisor Erik Mullett sated the Town is working on this issue, but the change can't been done in a week and that it will take time, but the Town Board is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and Act on the intermunicipal agreement for cost sharing related to engineering design for improvements to the Lac La Belle Boat Launch.** – Supervisor Koepke made the motion to approve the intermunicipal agreement for cost sharing related to engineering design for improvements to the Lac La Belle Boat launch. Supervisor Mullett seconded the motion. Motion carried by 4-1 vote with Supervisor Koepke.
2. **Discussion on Western Lakes Fire Department.** – After considerable discussion, the Town Board asked Administrator/Planner Herrmann to set up a meeting with the rest of the surrounding municipalities and their Board members that Western Lakes serves so they can all discuss Western Lakes as a group.
3. **Consider and Act on final payment to Wolf Paving for the 2022 road program.** – Supervisor Roelandts made the motion on the final payment to Wolf Paving for the 2022 road program. Supervisor Mullett seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Consider and Act on 2023 Road Program for the following roads: Town Cemetery driveway, All of Norwegian Meadows, South end of Norwegian Road to Highway K, Lisbon Road from the bypass to Lapham Street, Road I, Forest Bay Road, Oak Lane, Jaeckles Drive and Willow Road.** – Supervisor Mullett made the motion to approve the 2023 road program for the following roads: Town Cemetery driveway, all of Norwegian Meadows, South end of Norwegian Road to Highway K, Lisbon Road from the bypass to Lapham Street, Road I, Forest Bay Road, Oak Lane, Jaeckles Drive and Willow Road. Supervisor Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Consider and Act on Ordinance 2022-6; An Ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter 207 of the Town of Oconomowoc Municipal Code related to nuisances.** – Administrator/Planner Herrmann stated there would be no action on this line item and asked the Board to review the proposed changes and it would be brought back to the next meeting for possible action.
6. **Consider and Act on the Certified Survey Map (CSM) of Deborah DeFere. The property is described as Lot 16 Schimmel's Subdivision and part of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T7N, R17E, Town of Oconomowoc. More specifically, the property is located at W340 N4746 Jaeckles Blvd, Nashotah, WI 53058 (Tax Key No. OCOT 577.013).** – Supervisor Roelandts made the motion to approve the certified survey map of Deborah DeFere at the property located at W340N4746 Jaeckles Blvd per the recommendations of the Town Plan Commission. Supervisor Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Discussion on informational and/or commercial signage for the Town of Oconomowoc.** – Administrator/Planner Herrmann stated that Supervisor Mullett approached him regarding how the City has something similar to help the businesses in the area promote their business and was looking to the Board to see if they would like to do something similar in the Town. After a brief discussion, the Board asked Administrator/Planner Herrmann to work with Supervisor Mullett on the best places within the Town to put the information signage.

8. **Chairman Hultquist**. – Nothing to report
9. **Supervisor Reports**.
 - a. **John Koepke**. – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and bring their concerns regarding Western Lakes Fire Department
 - b. **Terry Largent**. - Excused
 - c. **Erik Mullett**. – Nothing to report
 - d. **John Roelandts**. – Nothing to report
10. **Public Works Superintendent Salzman**. – Nothing to report
11. **Chief Wraalstad** – Nothing to report
12. **Administrator/Planner Herrmann**. – Nothing to report
13. **Clerk/Treasurer Opitz**. – Nothing to report
14. **Approve Vouchers and Checks**. – Supervisor Largent made the motion to approve vouchers and checks subject to Administrator/Planner Herrmann's approval. Supervisor Mullett seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
15. **Adjourn**. – Supervisor Roelandts made the motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Hultquist seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted –
Lori Opitz, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer