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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, January 5, 2022

In attendance were Supervisor Tim Healy, and Supervisor John Gaedke. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jeremy Bowers and Tim McCumber. Town Chair Charlie Hall was excused due to illness.

Supervisor Gaedke called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. Jeremy Bowers confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered the minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting. Gaedke made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Healy. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Gaedke to approve, seconded by Healy. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT** no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE** there was none. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES. Under OLD BUSINESS.** There was no old business. Under **NEW BUSINESS**

discussion and possible action regarding hiring Karen Schulze as deputy clerk. Bowers reported that he and McCumber had put out postings for hiring a deputy clerk in late 2021 and received a number of applications, off those applicants who were interviewed both Bowers and McCumber agreed that Karen fit all the criteria and possessed the right skill set. Gaedke made a motion to approve Healy seconded. **Discussion and possible action** regarding resolution #2022-01 to amend the 2022 budget utilizing ARPA proceeds for a parking lot at Goettee Road. Bowers reported that with the utilization of ARPA funds the Town could have a parking lot on a property owned by the Town in order to serve people using the great State Sauk trail. Gaedke made a motion to approve, Healy seconded motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding retaining Dick Cross as the Town's attorney. Bowers reported that Dick Cross will no longer be a part of the Cross Jenks Mercer and Maffei law firm but has offered to continue to act as the Town's attorney. Gaedke made motion to approve, Healy seconded motion passed. **Discussion and possible action** regarding engaging legal counsel in the matter of continued issues on the property owned by David Dobratz located at tax parcel 0392-00000. Bowers reported that in October of 2021 the barn on the aforementioned parcel had caught fire and required the fire department to put it out; the fire report indicated that Darren Dobratz was in fact residing in the barn at the time of the fire. Gaedke made motion approve Healy seconded motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Heidi Koch as Chair of the Board of Appeals. Bowers reported that the Former chair of the Board of appeals was no longer on the board and as such it needed. Healy made a motion to approve, Gaedke seconded. Motion passed. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Expense overages in the 2021 budget. McCumber reported that the Town had exceeded certain parts of the budget such as the legal funds. Gaedke made a motion to approve Healy seconded Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a desktop computer for deputy clerk. Bowers reported that with the hiring of a new deputy Clerk and taking into consideration of her duties that it would be in the best interest of the Town to purchase a new desktop computer so both he and the deputy do not need to share one. Gaedke made motion to approve Healy seconded motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke. Seconded by Healy. Motion passed.