

TOWN OF EMPIRE
Monthly Meeting
December 11, 2024

Chairman James Pierquet called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Empire to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at the Empire town hall. Notice and agenda of this meeting was sent to the Town's official newspaper, the Reporter, and a copy is on file with the Town Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Richard Julka and Ted Halbur, Supervisors, Scott Schnettler, Town Clerk, Gail Schindelholz, Treasurer, Mike Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Peter Becker, Permit Insurer, Tom Schindelholz, Trish Schnettler, Ron Fellers, Doug Hoerth, Jim Daleiden, David Jacob, and Steve Henry.

Chairman James Pierquet announced that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, the minutes of the November 2024 monthly meeting were approved.

The first order of business is to schedule a date for the 2025 Town of Empire Caucus. Chair Pierquet stated that the caucus has traditionally been the second Saturday in January. It was decided to hold the Town of Empire Caucus January 11, 2024 at 1:00pm. Chair Pierquet announced that he will not be running for Town Chairman this April.

The second order of business is to Review / discuss / possibly approve Certified Survey for Gary & Susan Edwards IN THE SE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 18. T. 15N -R. 18 E. TOWN OF EMPIRE, FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN. David Jacob from Jacob Land Surveying stated that he had approval from the city and the highway department. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve the certified survey present representing the Gary and Susan Edwards property. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion is approved.

The next order of business is Discuss and possibly approve a notice or resolution to renew our \$400,000 loan to National Exchange Bank & Trust that matures 12/27/2024. A 60-day renewal would suffice. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve \$400,000 loan 60-day renewal. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion is approved.

The next order of business is to discuss and possibly adopt Resolution 2024-12-01. New permit and inspection fees from the committee that meet November 23, 2024. Supervisor Julka made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12-01 addressing permit and inspection fees and bonds required before construction takes place. Supervisor Halbur seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion is approved.

Permit Issuer Becker stated that he is working on his year-end summary with Bowmar Appraisal services about 2024 construction projects. Permits were issued for 10 new homes in 2024.

Supervisor Halbur had nothing to report.

Supervisor Julka had nothing to report.

Chair Pierquet said he was contacted by John Diedrich about the small parcel of land east of UU, North of State Highway 23. This is a small piece of land that doesn't appear to have any significant value. Mr. Diedrich stated that he would like to add the land to his property and would be willing to pay any and all surveying and legal fees associated with this acquisition. It was determined that more research would be required to better understand the size and placement of this parcel.

Clerk Schnettler stated that he had worked with Timothy Jackson Agriculture Land Use Planning and Ordinance Specialist for the State of Wisconsin to ensure that they had the proper paperwork to show that Ledgerock Distillery LLC and the Town of Empire are in compliance. Jay Retzer had sent the clerk documentation to the USDA stating that the farm and the distillery are one entity. "This qualifies to the town that the hosting of events by the distillery is permitted as an accessory use on the property. To the best of my knowledge, the town is administering its certified zoning ordinance in accordance with the statutory requirements. DATCP has no more questions for the town at this time." Clerk Schnettler reminded everybody that there is a Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan meeting December 18th at 6:30 pm town hall. That there is also a Planning Commission Meeting followed directly by a Special Town Board meeting December 19th 6:30pm to discuss a possible amendment to our zoning ordinance. There is also another Planning Commission meeting in the near future that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Deputy Clerk Morgan stated that he had documentation from the bank that needs signatures. The tax information is in to the county and the tax bills have been mailed.

No comments from the public.

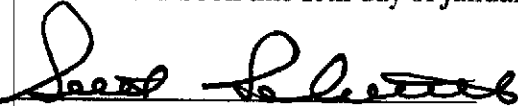
Bills were approved and paid.

On a motion by Julka, seconded by Halbur, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16p.m.



Scott Schnettler
Town Clerk

These minutes were taken at a meeting of the Town of Empire Board held on December 11, 2024, and entered in this record book this 10th day of January 2025.



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