

Official Minutes

TOWN OF WESTFORD

March Board Meeting

The Town of Westford conducted its monthly meeting for March on Thursday March 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Westford Town Garage, 30874 CTH I, Cazenovia, WI. The agenda was as follows:

Call to Order Time: 7:00 pm

1) Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call: Gary C., Cy D., Frank T., Ann S., Ursula B. Guests: 7 citizens

3) Approve minutes: Feb. 2021 Cy Motioned to Accept. Frank 2nd All in Favor: Passed

4) Citizen contacts and concerns:

a.) Citizen had concern for his neighbor's garbage that is piling up like a dumping ground next to his residence. The board will inspect the area.

b.) Darrell wanted to thank Nathan for all of the good work he does for the Township, which includes saving the Township money and keeping the roads clean. Nate took a cut in pay to come to our Township a couple years ago and deserves a raise since none has been given since our budget cuts.

5) Discussions:

a.) The Village of Cazenovia gave a notice of Termination of the current contractual agreement with the Cazenovia Area Rural Fire Assoc (CARFA), and 5 surrounding Townships. A Drafted contract will be increasing Westford's costs \$3,000.00 from \$24,375.00 to \$27,375.00, and the drafted agreement only seems to protect the Village of Cazenovia and its building. Our Township has not been asked for any input to this new agreement. There is confusion on who owns the assets, who will pay insurance on the equipment, ambulance service, and employee's workers' compensation insurance. Westford citizens pay for most of the costs. The Village of Cazenovia only offers to maintain the new building for housing of the equipment. Darrel explained the donations from the surrounding community, the Woodman Foundation, and the firefighters' monies

that were raised to purchase the land - are all in question regarding the draft agreement. A meeting on this discussion is Monday March 7th at 6pm at the Firehouse.

b.) Reminder that the rest of the board needs to sign up and go to the WTA District Meeting

c.) Our new voting machine arrived and will be ready for April's election.

d.) Well/septic bill needs to be posted a.s.a.p. in Hillsboro, Reedsburg and Richland Center. Gary motioned to have **Sealed Bids advertised for our need of an upgraded septic and new well. All received by April 7th for the board to open and possibly accept.** 2nd by Cy, Frank concurred. Passed unanimously.

e.) The township needs to add help for Nathan, should he become ill, or be on vacation. Our current back-up's health is a concern. Gary will reach out to past and future contact suggestions from our citizens.

6) Reports:

Foreman: Will continue to rotate/mix up plow routes.

Treasurer: Bank balance, deposits, checks, and taxes. The township needs to invest in the new program for sending 2022 taxes. The treasurer legally cannot "add-up" the multiple taxes parcel bills. Citizens must take their own responsibility according to the County Treasurer.

Clerk: Submitting State and Federal Reports, getting ready for the Election.

Supervisors: Cy investigated the township insurance to weigh our current protection Rural Mutual remains the best value for the Township based on 5 other offers. \$6,265.00 is the best value for Westford.

Chair: Will attend the Village of Cazenovia/CARFA meeting. Plans to meet with Blake (our attorney), Darrel (fire chief), and the old attorney to discuss the "agreement" issue.

7) Pay bills

8) **Adjourn** 9:45 pm: Gary Motioned to Adjourn, Frank 2nd, All in Favor: Passed