

Meeting Minutes – Town Board Meeting

Town of Larrabee

October 12, 2023

MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD.

Call to order Regular Town Board Meeting – Lynn Jepson 5pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: 1st Dave, 2nd Pete approved.

Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2023: 1st Pete, 2nd Dave, approved.

Treasurer's report: 1st Dave, 2nd Pete, roll call approved.

Checking beginning \$27,346.40, Dep \$35,113.03, Withdrawal \$56,642.34, Int \$.46, Ending \$5,797.50.

Tax \$10.00.

MM beginning \$402,245.58, Withdrawal \$35,000.00, Int \$930.01 ending \$368,175.59.

MM Stimulus \$141,761.14 Int \$33.79 ending \$141,794.93.

Zoning application withdrawn.

Buckbee Bridge – one contractor reviewed bridge with the Town board members to review the needs, requirements for the RFP.

LRIP road review – Brandy Creek vehicle count is 488.

2 Year Road Plan approval, needed to apply for LRIP funds for road repair.

Horn, Brandy Creek, Reinke, W Laude

Quote for Treasurer computer – CDW Dell 15.6, Pete, Dave, roll call approved.

Preliminary Budget – approved – put together final budget for November to vote.

Request ARPA Funds – 1st Dave, 2nd Pete, roll call approved.

Citizen's forum –

The previous 2 years annual meeting have had citizens wanting to go to curbside. We can put it on a referendum in April for residents to vote on. Mary Kautz – feel strongly about keeping CAWS open. The town worked hard to keep that up, it was never meant to be a money-making proposition. It is organized and easy to use. Mary feels there will be garbage dumped in the ditches if CAWS goes away. Glen Meade – believes the CAWS site should remain open. Town will need to pay a subsidy, which is okay by me. Sue Achelmen (Matteson) there were three options were presented to the CAWS board; \$3000 subsidy will be charged to each member. There was good research put into the options. Does this include brush? Brush and leaves are city run so that would remain open. Greg Rose C'ville chairman of CAWS – has been working on this for a couple of months. Costs have increased tremendously, and CAWS has not adapted. To assume it is immune to the increased costs is short sighted. Structural changes were made at the October Meeting. The subsidy is intended to be a 1-year soft buffer. If Larrabee would pull out it would change the budget and may close the site. CAWS board is righting the ship. CAWS asks Larrabee to reconsider withdrawing; Stacy Havlick – curbside is \$150 every 3 months. We still use CAWS with the curbside willing to pay \$3 per household. Pete –felt blindsided at the meeting. \$3000 could go for roads instead of CAWS. Residents will be able to decide via referendum if curbside will be used. Mark Zachow (CAWS)– Subsidy had been discussed at CAWS meeting for well over a year. Was not sprung on us. Possible subsidy has been discussed, but no \$\$ associated. Until last month numbers were not involved. It has been discussed at the board meetings that if it went to subsidies we would withdraw. 18 months' notice is needed to withdraw from the agreement. City of Clintonville has garbage pickup – residents in Clintonville pay \$150/year. Over 150 signatures were gathered wanting CAWS to remain open.

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George – if we can't take branches and compost into CAWS where would it go to? The brush portion would remain open. If no curbside – there would be other options for depositing the compost. There was a time years ago when Larrabee talked about having curbside. Town people voted to keep CAWS. It is a convenience for our community. Larrabee will put out a referendum if choose to opt out only recycling can be brought to CAWS. If residents bringing garbage to CAWS are not part of the system they can be charged a surcharge. CAWS is losing \$3000 / month now. Asking Bear Creek, Embarrass and others to come in. Waupaca, Iola, Manawa have drop sites. Our goal is to get back to break even.

Referendum cost is the cost to put the referendum on the ballot. Other towns have a town wide pickup multiple times of year to have large items picked up. Jeff Miller – will the numbers be available on the referendum so people know if CAWS is resolved will they know what the cost will be?

Mary Kautz got signatures to keep CAWS – thank you to everyone that came to the meeting. We need everyone to communicate to understand what is going on.

Resident – need to have ducks in a row. Concern that the costs are not figured out – there is no plan B if that happens. If town chooses to opt out Town does not have a plan.

Greg Rose - Takes time to do bids and find other options, wouldn't it be easier to stay in CAWS.

Each town put in \$3000, city 4500 residents, Larrabee 400, Matteson 300-350. – is that fair to the towns? Matteson motioned to keep CAWS. Larrabee should Make the decision to do the subsidy for a year before deciding to withdraw.

Reinke Road / Kristy court – how much does it cost to grade. Keeps getting worse by the day. The road needs to be fixed permanently. Kristy court did not get gravel anywhere - it was graded, but no gravel put on. The road was supposed to be made decent.

Examination and payment of bills: 1st Pete, 2nd Dave , roll call approved

Discussion and Review:

- A. Fire Department – aerial truck received this month.
- B. Ambulance Service – looking at ambulance 2 years from now. Subsidy go up \$7/year to offset increases. Nothing is being bought.
- C. Highway and Roads –
 - a. Ordinance Class B weight limit – 2nd notification last month, this is the final.
- D. CAWS – nothing to add.

Motion to adjourn. Lynn motion, Dave 1st Pete 2nd.

Upcoming Meetings:

CAWS – The CAWS Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at City Hall. October 11, 2023

Clintonville Fire Department – Police & Fire Commission meetings are not held on a regular basis. Please check with City Hall for the next meeting date and time.

Clintonville Area Ambulance Service – September 25th CAA Office, 7 pm (4th Monday)

Town Board Meeting – October 12th, FVTC, 5:00 pm