**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2024**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:05pm. after the Town Caucus. Also present were, Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Supervisor Roger Olson, Supervisor Paul Ladwig, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc and Roadman Jamie Wood. Treasurer Debbie Elmer was absent. Also Present were 3 town residents.

The Clerk presented a signed affidavit as to where and when the meeting was posted.

**Minutes** – Ole moved, with a second by Roger to approve the December 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $1933.20 in the checking and $516,094.35 in the Money Market account for a total of $518,027.55, in a separate account there is the ARPA funds of $102,884.18 bringing all the town funds held to $620,911.73. Ole moved, with a second by Scott to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried. Debbie asked the board for permission to limit 2 of the 3 reports she gives to the board as they all say the same info just in different format. Board agreed to this unanimously.

**Bill Payment** – Scott moved, with a second by Paul to approve payment of voucher #15094 to #15121, and pay State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $282,563.43 Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**\*REPAIR INVOICE – KENT & MICHELLE PICKARD-** At the December board mtg based on board discussion and past history with damages to roadways, the board voted to issue an invoice to the Pickard’s for cost/material/labor to repair damages to roadway. Michelle Pickard was here to address the letter and invoice received with the board. After lengthy discussion on this and Michelle not being able to make a decision without Kent’s input, the board suggested the Pickard’s discuss this amongst themselves and get back to the board with an agreeable solution.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FUTURE ROADWORK PLANS-** Based on previous board discussion and results of the Paser report from this fall a list of roads was compiled for various repairs and categorized into years in which the work would potentially be done. This leaves the board with a 5 yr. road plan to work from and they also have the ability to move around roads if the need to repair becomes greater at any given time. Based on discussion of this list Ole moved with a second by Roger to accept the future road work plan list as presented. Motion carried.

**\*DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FUTURE EQUIPMENT & BUILDING NEEDS-** Board didn’t see any need to discuss or take action on future equipment or building needs at this time.

Jamie did inform the board that the new dump truck chassis is currently sitting in Marshfield and will be on it’s way to Eau Claire.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN Report**- Jamie gave his monthly report to the board. Jamie has been sanding roads when needed after rain and light snow falls. Jamie did grade majority of the gravel roads in December. Jamie is still dealing with the beavers plugging culverts weekly. Jamie took the JD tractor in for repair just waiting to see what the outcome is for fixing it.

**CLERK’S Report-**

Clerk Tracy stated there were no land use permit this past month. Tracy let the board know the Assessor has sent the dates that he is looking at for us for Open Book & BOR the dates chosen work on our end, so those dates are set for 2024. Tracy let the board know she received an informational update on the Apple River Solar Project from Tim Anderson from Polk County Zoning, stating that there are questions coming into the zoning office now about the needed permits for this project, and Tim has informed them they need to reach out to the Towns for driveway permits and building permits etc.

**CHAIRMAN’S Report-** Bill updated on the Fire dept. calls for December stating there were 9 total runs (2 fire/medical, 6 medical, 1 fire, 0 Mabas) Bill also went over events and trainings since last meeting. Bill mentioned that there is a WTA mtg on January 25th @ 6pm @Polk County Justice Center if anyone from the board is interested in attending. Paul mentioned he will be gone for the February board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- (max 3 min) –** Lee Elmer told a funny story to tell.😊

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2024 at 7pm. – Voucher Approval at 6:45pm.

**NO FEBRUARY ELECTION FOR US**

**Adjournment-** Paul moved, with a second by Scott to adjourn at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk