

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting

February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Board Chair Maureen P. Lien. Those attending included Board Supervisors Jeff Notstad and Jim Lowrey, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, Sharon and Lowell Lund, Roxy Engelstad, Ken Rockney, Marcia and Dale Klemp, Ron Dayton, Amy Wallace, Lance Millard, Stanley Lien, Tracy Filback, and Kris Breunig, candidate for Dane County District 37 Supervisor.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Dayton voiced his concerns about the proposed solar farm's impact on the Town of Christiana. He emphasized that the rights of all residents should be considered, and such issues as aesthetics, property values, taxes, and the best use of productive farmland must all be considered. He hopes everyone who resides in the Township can agree on the best way forward. He cited the Town's Comprehensive Plan as the definitive reference for the Board to follow. Sharon Lund agreed and emphasized the importance of this document.

Tracy Filback, local representative for the Badger Hollow Solar Farm in Iowa County, came to the meeting to let people know that she would be happy to answer any questions they might have. Her husband's family has 200 acres of their home farm in Iowa County in solar panels, so she has a deep understanding of the issues involved.

Stanley Lien asked about surety bonds regarding the solar farm. Tracy Filback responded that the PSC will require a bond for decommissioning in the range of several millions of dollars, and it will be included in Invenergy's PSC application. Stanley Lien also expressed concern about broken tile lines and other physical issues that could develop.

Stanley Lien recommended accelerating the schedule for replacing the Town's ageing trucks.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Town's cemetery property in Utica.
The question of where to place the Town's access easement for the cemetery is still under consideration. Chair Maureen Lien would like to consult with Majid Allan, Dane County Planning, to discuss the necessary width of the easement before proceeding further.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to table the issue of the cemetery easement. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the maintenance and drivability of Smithback Road. Board Chair Maureen Lien read our attorney's letter responding to a letter the Town received from Attorney Richard Westleigh representing Smithback Road residents requesting that their road be blacktopped.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the US Census Bureau Initial Boundary Validation Map.

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the US Census Bureau's Boundary Validation Map. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the new Dane County Short Term Rental regulations. Board Chair Maureen Lien shared information she gathered at the Dane County Towns Association Meeting on new requirements for anyone interested in offering short-term rentals such as AirBnB. Dane County now requires a CUP for anyone renting over two bedrooms (or an entire house) for any period under one month. However, a State of Wisconsin exemption exists for people specifically doing long-term rentals. Regardless of the CUP requirement, Dane County now requires a permit from Public Health.

APPROVALS

- a. Vouchers (Bills)

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$29,027.50 Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve Tax Settlement Vouchers in the amount of \$342,900.17 as follows.

<i>Dane County Treasurer</i>	\$ 78,097.85
<i>Town of Christiana</i>	\$.03
<i>Cambridge School District</i>	\$ 189,033.41
<i>Deerfield School District</i>	\$ 24,435.25
<i>Stoughton School District</i>	\$ 30,560.42
<i>Madison Area Technical College</i>	\$ 20,773.21

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve Tax Overpayment Vouchers in the amount of \$7,491.89. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Chair Maureen Lien made a motion to approve payment of Vouchers for 275 W. Main Street, Cambridge, in the amount of \$3,003.20. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

b. Minutes

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3– 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*