

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA
Minutes of the
Special Town Board Meeting

June 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order 8:00 a.m. by Board Chair Maureen P. Lien, who reminded attendees to sign in. Those present included Board Supervisors Jeff Notstad and Jim Lowrey, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, Town Public Works Employees George Waag and Eric Linnerud, Clayton and Maria Swerig, and Town Attorney Eric J. Larson, who participated via telephone.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Attorney Eric Larson discussed the Town's Right of Eminent Domain to obtain an easement to access the Town cemetery in Utica and offered a step-by-step explanation of the process. Typically, his recommendation would be that the Town start condemnation procedures before entering into any negotiations with the property owners. However, the Swerigs' offered to sell the Town a 20-foot strip of land approximately 160 feet long (approximately .07 acres), extending from County Road B to the cemetery, for \$5,000. The Board seemed to feel that this was a fair price and the easiest option for obtaining access to the cemetery. The Town also agreed to help the Swerigs with the new fencing they will require after the new access path is in place. Before the transaction moves forward, the Town will need to have an appraisal of the property, and also adopt a resolution which spells out the agreement.

In conclusion, the Swerigs will submit a written offer stating their purchase offer of \$5,000, the dimensions of the access easement they are willing to sell, and that the Town has agreed to provide assistance with new fencing. The Town will obtain the survey, the waiver of condemnation, and the deed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Chair Maureen Lien moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*