

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

Minutes of the Virtual Regular Town Board Meeting

October 13, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

The Zoom virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Maureen P. Lien. Among those attending were Board Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, Public Works Director George Waag, Karen Stenjem, Shane Johnson, Tim Scott, Bob Salov, and Cindy and Mike Cutrano.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Maureen Lien announced that on Thursday, October 15th, the County Board would be voting on whether or not to decrease the number of representatives by two. She has spoken with our local representative to the County Board to express her concern about this plan. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey will register to speak at Thursday's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Lagoon Drive, Cambridge.
The Board agreed that the new date for the joint Cambridge/Christiana Public Hearing (November 24 at 6:30 p.m.) is acceptable.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Town Cemetery in Utica.
The Town is still waiting for Dave Riesop to submit the final survey to Dane County Planning and Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Read the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Plan Commission Meeting.
Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad read the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Plan Commission meeting.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding a request by Arington Tree Farm (Cindy Cutrano, agent) to subtract two (2) acres from Parcel #016/0612-081-8795-0, changing its zoning from RR-4 to RR-2, and adding it to the neighboring parcel; and adding two (2) acres from Parcel #016/0612-081-8795-0 and adding it to adjoining Parcel #016/0612-081-8820-0, changing its zoning from RR-2 to RR-4.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve a request by Arlington Tree Farm (Cindy Cutrano, agent) to subtract two (2) acres from Parcel #016/0612-081-8795-0, changing its zoning from RR-4 to RR-2, and adding it to the neighboring parcel; and adding two (2) acres from Parcel #016/0612-081-8795-0 and adding it to adjoining Parcel #016/0612-081-8820-0, changing its zoning from RR-2 to RR-4. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding amending the 2020 Town Budget to transfer surplus funds from the Contract Highway fund to the Snowplow Truck fund for the purchase of a new snowplow truck.

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Contract Highway fund to the Snowplow Truck fund for the purchase of a new snowplow truck in 2020. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- d. Open bids for the 2021-2023 Town Land Rent Contract and award the Town Land Rent Contract for 2021-2023.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to accept Tom Jelenik's bid of \$221 per acre to for the rental of the Town's 12 acres of land for 2021 – 2023. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the 2021 Cambridge Fire/EMS Budget. Discussion may include action on one of the following options regarding the Cambridge Area Fire/EMS Commission station addition starting in the spring of 2022.
 1. Have an advisory referendum in the spring of 2021; or
 2. Pass a resolution that the municipality intends to borrow up to a specific amount (the town's percentage of \$6.5 million dollars, or approximately \$1,285,000) on a note of ten years or less with a possible balloon payment at the end (NB: This does not need to have a petition period); or
 3. Place this on the spring Annual Meeting agenda (this option is available for towns only, not villages).

*Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the 2021 Cambridge Community Fire/EMS Budget in the amount of \$143,411.51
Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.*

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Chair Maureen Lien explained that, because the Town had purchased the Pizza Pit property adjacent to the current fire station where the expansion will be built, Cambridge Community Fire/EMS Commission will repay us \$272,000. Our actual liability would be closer to \$1,000,000. One possible way to finance the Town's liability might be to take out a note for ten years with a balloon payment at the end of ten years. The annual rate would be in the range of \$87,000 for a 20-year note, or \$130,000 per year for a 10-year note. The Town would not need to levy a tax. In the meantime, the Town could be putting aside money to pay off the note.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to state that the Board will pass a resolution that the Town of Christiana has the ability to borrow \$1,285,000 as a note for ten years with a possible balloon payment at the end to pay for its portion of the Cambridge Fire/EMS Station expansion. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVALS

a. Vouchers (Bills)

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$15,152.66. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

a. Minutes

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

The Annual Budget Hearing was set for Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*