

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting

January 12, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The regular town board 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, Dennis Lund, Mark Cook, Cindy and Mike Cutrano, Marcia and John Barnes, Scott Pollster, Jeff Furseth, Jim Notstad, Stanley Lien, Dale and Marcia Klemp, and Nathan Lyle.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Pollster, who owns acreage on County Highway B, expressed concern that the proposed solar farm will negatively impact wildlife, property values, and rural life in the township. He suggested setting up a fund to reimburse neighboring property owners whose property values might depreciate due to the solar installation. John Barnes built a home here three years ago to be in farm country, and felt the whole project has been done under cover of darkness. He added that this may put toxic chemicals in the soil. Nathan Lyle agreed with the other speakers and added additional comments.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey noted that Aiden O'Connor, lead developer for the Koshkonong solar project, is eager to work with the Town Board. Mark Cook noted that there is no way of stopping this project, so the best plan is to work with Invenergy and with the PSC to get the most benefits for town residents.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Town Cemetery in Utica.
The certified survey has not yet been submitted to the County by Dave Riesop. An objection to the proposed entrance to the cemetery by the county was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding refunding trash/recycling to Dennis Lund for Parcel #016/0612-084-8920-0.

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to refund \$1,265 to Dennis Lund for seven years of trash/recycling charges for Parcel #016/0612-084-8920-0. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding language for a non-binding referendum regarding funding the proposed expansion of the Cambridge Area Fire & EMS Facility.

Board Chair Maureen Lien read the referendum question aloud. Cindy Cutrano posed a question regarding the language in the 275 W. Main Street purchase contract signed by the five municipalities. Her understanding was that the language requires the referendum to be binding.

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to table action on language for a non-binding referendum regarding funding the proposed expansion of the Cambridge Area Fire & EMS Facility. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding grants to area charitable organizations.

After speaking to town attorney Eric Larson, Board Chair Maureen Lien noted that it is possible to amend the budget to make a charitable donation. If the Board prefers, it could instead establish a grant fund and seek applications from local charities.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to donate \$1,500 to CART. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVALS

- a. Vouchers (Bills)

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve Tax Settlement Vouchers vouchers in the amount of \$898,853.48 as follows. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

<i>Dane County Treasurer</i>	\$ 214,974.83
<i>Cambridge School District</i>	\$ 479,670.48
<i>Deerfield School District</i>	\$ 66,865.05
<i>Stoughton School District</i>	\$ 80,974.74
<i>Madison Area Technical College</i>	\$ 56,395.38

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve Vouchers (bills) in the amount of \$62,937.77. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

b. Minutes

Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 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 December 11, 2020 Meeting of the Town Electors. 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 December 22, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

The date for the Special Town Board Meeting was set for Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*