

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

Minutes of the Virtual Regular Town Board Meeting

February 9, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The virtual regular town board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Maureen P. Lien. Among those attending via Zoom were Board Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, Cambridge VFD Chief Terry Johnson, Cambridge VFD First Assistant Chief Tim Scott, Marcia Barnes, Cindy and Mike Cutrano, Christy Horstmeyer, Dennis Lund, Aiden O'Connor, Adam Travis, Tara Vasby, Madeline Westburg, and many others.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Vasby requested that the Town website include a link to a group opposed to the Invenergy solar farm. Marcia Barnes and Chrity Horstmeyer expressed their opposition to the proposed solar farm. Board Chair Maureen Lien addressed some of their concerns, saying the Town's attorney would be consulted regarding the town website and reminding attendees that Wisconsin open meetings law dictates the Board's behavior at all times. The Town of Christiana Board has not met with any representatives from Invenergy. No secret agreements have been or will be entered into with Invenergy.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Town Cemetery in Utica.

The Clerk/Treasurer reported that she has approved the survey submitted to Dane County by Dave Riesop. Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey stated that he has recently applied for a permit from Dane County for the access road onto County Road B.

- b. Discussion regarding the proposed Cambridge Area Volunteer Fire/EMS Facility Renovation and Expansion.

Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department First Assistant Chief Tim Scott explained the necessity for expanding and remodeling the current Fire Department building in Cambridge. The firefighters knew there would be grumbling from the public about including individual bathrooms in the design of the new facility, but in reality these are vastly less expensive than adding a tiled dorm-style group facility large enough to

accommodate all the firefighters and EMS staff. As it stands now, firefighters must change into their gear in the bays where the trucks are housed. Conditions are crowded and dangerous.

Fire Chief Terry Johnson is happy to give individual tours of the current facility. Call him to arrange one at (608) 576-1543, or call the Fire Station at (608) 423-2014.

Board Chair Maureen Lien explained that once all five municipalities in the Fire Commission pass the referendum, the Town of Christiana will immediately be reimbursed by the other four communities for the \$280,000 we spent on buying the Pizza Pit property in 2018. The Town's yearly payment on taking out a 10-year loan of \$1,285,000 would be estimated at around \$80,000, so the Town would not need to levy any taxes to pay for its share of the fire station remodel/addition.

APPROVALS

a. Vouchers (Bills)

Board Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve Vouchers (bills) in the amount of \$182,890.61. 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 January 12, 2021 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 January 19, 2021 Special Town Board Meeting with one correction. 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 7:30 p.m. Board Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*