

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting

July 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

The regular town board meeting was called to order 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Cook. Among those attending were Supervisors Jim Lowrey and Jeff Notstad, Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Wilson, Cindy and Mike Cutrano, Stanley Lien, Roy Marsden, Douglas O. Nelson, Karen Paxson, Bob and Gloria Salov, and David Smithback.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting had been properly noticed and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Lien made the following comments.

- The Town should consider abandoning its many dual-and single-use Town roads.
- The agreement Invenergy is offering to owners of properties adjacent to the proposed solar farm gives Invenergy control over their properties with so-called 'gag' orders and long-term easements.
- Utica would be an ideal place for a high-capacity well to serve the fire department. There could be grant funding available.

David Smithback, who has a permit for a high-capacity well on Highway W, mentioned he had discussed the subject with Cambridge Fire Chief Terry Johnson. The estimated cost for such a well is approximately \$68,000.

Bob Salov shared the fact that EMS call response time is only 2 to 3 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Town Cemetery in Utica.
The deed has been sent to the County for recording.
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding sale of the 275 W. Main Street property.
The Town intends to sell the property to the Fire Commission whenever the Commission is able to buy it.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding ATVs/UTVs on Christiana roads.
Public works staff is continuing to research what steps are necessary to allow ATVs on town roads.
- d. Update on Fire/EMS Commission.
Supervisor Jim Lowrey gave an update on the last meeting of the Building Committee. There have been definite pros and cons of all the fire stations the committee has visited. Some committee members have neglected to attend meetings, and several members seem unwilling to budge from preconceived opinions, making meetings tense and compromise and consensus unlikely.

Chairman Mark Cook said he feels there is little point in the Fire Commission continuing to meet on a monthly basis. Their last meeting ended up being degrading to the firefighters and EMS staff, who do life-saving work in our community. He may suggest they go back to quarterly meetings since so little is being accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the application for a Mobile Home Park License by Country View Estates.

Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve a Mobile Home Park License for Country View Estates. Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the 2021-2022 United Cooperative propane contract.

Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve signing the 2021-2022 United Cooperative contract for 4,050 gallons of propane at \$1.399/gallon for \$5,166.39, which includes \$26.38 for the tank lease. Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVALS

- a. Vouchers (Bills)

Supervisor Jim Lowrey made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$33,255.44. Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve 275 W. Main Street Vouchers in the amount of \$2,889.25. Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

a. Minutes

Supervisor Jeff Notstad made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Jim Lowrey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Supervisor Jim Lowrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Supervisor Jeff Notstad seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer*