

# JUNE MINUTES

## June Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Mentor Town Hall  
N3049 King Street

Chairman Gile called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

All board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Verification of posting in 3 places

Previous month's minutes were read. Supervisor 1, Einar Fransen made a motion to accept the May 2024 minutes. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried.

Treasurer report was read. Chairman Gile made a motion to accept this month's bills starting with check number 16408 through number 16437, including all E-Pays. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried.

Reports & Correspondence from Officers:

- None

Chairman Gile on behalf of the Town Board presented Nickie Halvorson with a plaque recognizing her dedication to the Town of Mentor. Nickie spent 273 hours scanning and organizing over 500 the old Humbird Enterprise newspapers, preserving 40 years of history.

69<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Karen Hurd attended the meeting to provide some general updates:

- Redistricting maps were redrawn for the assembly districts based on the population reported in the 2020 census.
- Increased shared revenue, based on sales tax
- The general transportation aid increase was vetoed by Gov. Evers.
- She would like to reintroduce a bill to increase in general transportation aid for towns
- A bill to lower tax rates for those in the middle income bracket vetoed by Gov. Evers
- There is an estimated \$3.1 Billion surplus in the state coffers. Rep Hurd would like that surplus returned to the tax payers

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- A 100 day prescription bill via Medicare was passed at the state level. It is now being reviewed for passage at the Federal level.
- A Mental health bill that provides a waiver for facilities to go beyond a 16 bed restriction was introduced.
- There is 0% interest loans available to covert old unused buildings into livable housing.
- \$340 million in funds were given to daycare business as part of the pandemic funding. That funding is about to run out. Gov. Evers wants another \$340 million more to continue bailing out daycare. Rep Hurd would like the Gov to dig into root causes of the issues instead of continuing to throw money at the crisis.
- A refugee resettlement bill was introduced to require the Federal government notify local governments when they plan on resettling refugees in their communities. Gov. Evers Vetoed that bill.
- In Wisconsin adjoining municipalities share what is called the 1 ½ mile extra territorial rights. Rep Hurd believes adjoining rights are not in the best interest of small townships.

## Agenda items:

- a) Fire Dept District Resolution 136 – Supervisor 2, Will Scholze made a motion to adopt resolution 136. Supervisor 1, Einar Fransen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried. Voice vote was as follows: Einar, yes, Will, yes, Tim, yes.
- b) EMS Update – The next EMS staffing and funding meeting is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Chairman Gile provided an update. The estimated cost to the Town is \$24,000, but that is subject to change.
- c) Liquor Licenses – The Town can issue restrictions that require liquor licenses recipients to open for business within a specified time frame. This would be part of a Town ordinance.
- d) Jackson Street Resurfacing – Struck & Irwin’s 2 layers of resurfacing on Jackson St. would cost around \$24,000. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze made a motion to contract Struck & Irwin to resurface Jackson St. from Prospect St. to HWY 12 for \$24, 339. Supervisor 1, Einar Fransen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion was carried.

Chairman Gile provided an update about King St and Sidewalks. There is a need to re-blacktop a portion of King St. along the new sidewalks. Expected costs are \$19,308 for blacktop. This is in addition to the \$24,000 estimated for the sidewalks. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze made a motion to contract American Asphalt to blacktop a portion of King St. along the new sidewalk for \$19,308. Supervisor 1, Einar Fransen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion was carried.

- e) 5 Year Road Plan Update – Chairman Gile is still working on this. He noted that all Grant funding is going to require municipalities to provide road plans at least 5 years out. That any grant projects must be part of that 5 year plan.

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Chairman Gile also noted that he signed the 6-20 culvert plan.

- f) Main Street Bridge Update - The project to replace the bridge by the dam will begin July 2025 after the spawning season is over. Chairman Gile noted he has already attended a operational planning meeting in that regard.

Open discussion:

- Will Scholze states that there are trees on Scholze Rd. heading out of town that need to be trimmed back.
- Einar Fransen thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day event.
- Rick Kopp asked about alternative ambulance services being considered.
- There were 5 residents in attendance who live along the alley that runs between Alderman St. and Prospect St., East of King St. and West Clark St. They voiced their concerns regarding escalating neighbor tensions and possible criminal behavior happening. The residents asked what was being done to address the issues.

Chairman Gile addressed their concerns by saying there will be gates installed soon. There will also be signs stating that only authorized vehicles will be able to pass through the alley. Violators will be prosecuted including towing of vehicles at the owner's expense. The residents were all on board with the idea of gates to prevent further damage to the alley.

In the meantime, Chairman Gile encourages the residents to report any further property damage, trespassing, or violent actions to the Sheriff's office at 715-743-3157.

Chairman Gile adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of June 2024, Jack Ikhtiari Sr, Clerk /Treasurer