

Township of Bloom
Monthly Board Meeting
October 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Wayne Morse Jr
Supervisor Stuart Miller
Supervisor Jerry Crotsenberg
Clerk Shelly Schweiger
Treasurer Lora Hynek

Delegations or Citizens:

Patty Kiefer, Nora Midlash, Paul Schweiger,
Earl Wallace, George Brown, Duane and Emily Sumwalt
Kathy Fanta, Chris Stark, Paul Schweiger, Diane Tydrich
Zeke Spangler, Dave Nelson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW –**
 - a. The board was informed that the notice was posted in the three locations (West Lima, Bloom City and the Town Hall).
4. **REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA –**Supervisor **Miller** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Crotsenberg. Motion carried unanimously
5. **Treasurer’s Report –** Treasurer Lora Hynek went over the printed reports to be reviewed with the following balances:
 - a. General Checking and Cash on Hand \$4,041.92
 - b. Savings Account \$1,547.72
 - c. Capital Reserve Fund - \$ 117,879.58
 - d. Money Market – General \$143,423.27
 - e. CD’s (3) - \$75,617.05
 - f. Money Management – Tax \$5,837.93
 - g. Accounts Receivables - \$6,940.00
6. **County Board Report -** Mary Miller Not present
7. **Patrolman Report –** Pine Avenue Bumps have been fixed; Hickory Hill Culver is in need of fixing as water is running under it instead of through the culvert
8. **Road and Bridges Report –** Tar Hollow Culvert patrolman have the needed supplies and will be able to fix
9. **Delegations/Citizens to Address to Board –**Duane Sumwalt is happy with the 4 Way stop in Bloom City. George Brown said that only about a half of the people are stopping and it is still a problem.
10. **Set Next Meeting Date/Time:** November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
11. **EQUIPMENT –**
 - a. Backhoe and Grader Maintenance, Wayne will check with Meyers to see if they can do an oil analysis

- b. Mack Truck Tire Replacement – Tires needs replaced – 563.00 for Front tires plus mounting at Pumps, 397.43 for Backs plus mounting and handwritten pricing from 7D. George Brown wanted to know how they compared to Hartje’s and Don’s Tire. Wayne did not compare these places. Stuart made a motion to give Wayne the authority to Call Hartje and Don’s tire and if they are not lower and comparable then to with 7D, Jerry seconded the motion and motion carried.

12. Garbage / Recycling Center – nothing new

13. Fire & EMS –

- a. Yuba – Wayne went to the annual meeting and they raised the yearly assessment and will need to replace tires
- b. Richland Center – meeting next week
- c. LaFarge – meeting next week
- d. Kickapoo Rescue Squad – Received a grant for the new Ambulance which should be in first quarter of next year

14. Old Business –

- a. **Website Update** – Up and running and starting up load information - <https://townofbloomwi.gov>
- b. **Handbook / Job Description for Employees** – Jerry discussed his draft/changes of the Handbook from the previous meeting. Shelly excused herself from her clerk duties to go to the public side as a delegation/citizen and discussed that she does not agree with a handbook/job description that is signed because it becomes a contract and then it could have hidden contracts and per the Wisconsin Municipal Officials Handbook it states “Municipalities should be careful, however, when drafting employee handbooks. There have been a few cases in which Wisconsin Courts have found contracts hidden in employment handbooks”. Wayne will be checking to see if an Attorney will look at this. Stuart made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Jerry and motion carried.
- c. ATV/UTV Survey at November Election – Shelly read the Email received from Erin Hoag that this could NOT take place on Election Day unless if it was on the ballot/referendum
- d. Fall Clean-Up –
- e. Board of Review – October 10th 6pm to 8pm
- f. Discuss Possible Driveway Permit Fee – George Brown/Nora Midlash do not want the township to charge a fee. Jerry made a motion to not charge a fee and Stuart seconded the motion and motion carried.
- g. Comprehensive Planning Opt Out – Discussion Only - November Meeting – Chris Stark wanted more information on this and that will be at the November meeting

15. New Business –

- a. Town Chairman (Boss over all Employees) – Shelly wanted a clarification of “All Employees”. Wayne said that he was thinking that this was the patrolmen and custodian. Lora said that the custodian was under her. Lora and Jerry said that Wayne is the main contact however, if an issue arises then Wayne needs to be in contact with Stuart and Jerry. Wayne wanted to know if he needed to go to the other supervisors before he went to the patrolman with orders. No unless if he has an issue then Wayne would need to have discussion with Stuart and Jerry.
- b. Set Budget Meeting Date – October 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Preseason Furnace Checks - Lora will call and get these set up
- d. Driveway Permit – Kenneth Morgan Estate – Right of First Refusal on the offer to purchase with Steve Faucett. This will be tabled until we have an actual land owner
- e. Discuss Mail Box Security – Mailbox has been fixed

f. Meeting Notice to News Media – Board Authorization for Clerk – Stuart makes a motion for the clerk to send a meeting notice to Epitaph News in Viola the same as the meeting minutes. This was seconded by Jerry and motion carried.

16. Approve and Pay Bills - Clerk Schweiger handed out the paid bills from the previous month and the current bills to be approved by the board. Supervisor Miller made the motion to pay the monthly bills with a 2nd from Supervisor Crotsenberg and the motion carried.

17. Adjournment – Motion was made by Supervisor Crotsenberg to adjourn the meeting 9:01 p.m. and it was seconded by Supervisor Miller, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Shelly Schweiger, Town Clerk

Township of Bloom

Special Monthly Board Meeting

October 8, 2024 Immediately after Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Morse called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

Present:

Delegations or Citizens:

Chairman Wayne Morse Jr

Earl Wallace, Ira Spangler

Supervisor Stuart Miller

Dave Nelson

Supervisor Jerry Crotsenberg

Treasurer Lora Hynek

Clerk Shelly Schweiger

Approve Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024 regular monthly board meeting

Jerry made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with 4 corrections and Stuart seconded the motion and motion carried.

Adjournment – Stuart made a motion at 9:27 p.m. to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jerry. Motion carried