

**TOWNSHIP OF BLOOM**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bloom Town Hall at 13775 County Highway H**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Chairman Wayne Morse stated that: *Please be aware that this meeting may or may not be video/audio recorded to everyone in attendance***

***Board Members Present:*** Chairman Wayne Morse, Supervisor 1 Stuart Miller, Supervisor 2 Jerry Crotsenberg, Treasurer Lora Hynek – (Clerk Shelly Schweiger notified Chairman and Treasurer that she would be out of town prior to meeting however attended by phone)

***Others Present: Members of Richland Ambulance Service, Kickapoo Rescue Squad, Yuba First Responders, Yuba Fire Department; Chris White; Brad McCauley; Earl Wallace; Zeke Spangler.***

1. Chairman Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.
2. PROOF OF POSTING (VERIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICES with OPEN MEETINGS LAW)
  - a. Posted at the Town Hall and the Township Web Site - <https://townofbloomwi.gov/>
3. Deputy Clerk Hynek did ROLL CALL – All board members were present and Clerk Schweiger had notified chairman and treasurer of her absence prior to this meeting
4. APPROVAL & ADOPTION OF AGENDA
  - a. Motion by S. Miller
  - b. Second by J. Crotsenberg
  - c. Motion Carried
5. SPEAKER - FROM RICHLAND CENTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE, DIRECTOR MIKE JESSEN - DISCUSSION ON CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE RICHLAND EMS AND TO DISCUSS SERVICE AREA RESPONSE TIME (questions after with time limit) Provided run times summary report. Responded to 182 calls thus far this year; have not missed one. Intend to add a paramedic this year. Looking to establish a second station somewhere in the county this year. Anticipate working with other medical services in the north end of the county later this year. Jerry Crotsenberg queried regarding the location of the second station. Mr. Jessen could not provide an answer at this time. Primary ambulance is currently covered full time. Mr. Jessen stated he is a resource for the township during local disasters, and is prepared to support the township with any assistance necessary.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Lora Hynek
  - a. Cash on Hand \$2,292.16
  - b. Savings Account \$63,972.564
  - c. Capital Reserve Fund \$8,387.34
  - d. Money Management - General \$148,206.40
  - e. CD's \$185,617.05
  - f. Money Management – Tax \$405,857.66
    - i. Acknowledgement of Receipt/Explanation/Q&A by Board
7. Jerry Crotsenberg-Requested to move Delegations & Citizens to Address the Board. Chairman Morse approved. Kickapoo Rescue Staff Leader addressed the Board regarding any possible switching of service from Kickapoo Rescue Squad to Richland County. 71 calls in last five years; 16 trips last year. Jerry Crotsenberg asked how long it takes to answer a call...12-15 minutes to respond. Kickapoo Rescue is a basic service. Stuart Miller asked if there is a backup system if an ambulance is busy. There isn't a formal backup system like fire departments, but they can call other systems. Mr. Jessen stated that all current contracts end at the end of this year; and he doesn't know

what the costs will be in the new contracts. He stated Richland Ambulance could not meet the price of the Kickapoo Rescue Squad.

8. COUNTY BOARD REPORT – Representative Mary Miller – Mrs. Miller was not present but talked to Chairman; County has not received the money from the state yet to close the campus; not much else happening.
9. PATROMAN'S REPORT- Sand pile is adequate for current weather; should order more sand next week. Patrolmen are ready for the upcoming snow storm(s). Did receive 4 loads of sand Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Did go thru more sand than originally anticipated due to ice. Requested some written notification with Lyle Morris, due to his request to have the patrolmen leave his road alone; to let him handle his own road. Jerry Crotsenberg made a motion to meet with Mr. Morris to gain a release of liability for snow removal on Resac Lane; seconded by Stuart Miller. Motion carried. S. Miller asked if the Chairman had talked to Farhner regarding Spangler Ridge Road. Chairman replied that he did; Farhner stated they might have used several different oils; and the oils did not mix properly. They will return and patch areas that are 'bald', i.e. chipless; at no cost to the township.
10. ROADS & BRIDGES REPORT – Will put out bids for gravel and seal-coat in March.,
11. DELEGATIONS & CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. There were no requests for public comment or list discussions
12. SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – MARCH 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
13. EQUIPMENT
  - a. Plow Truck – Discuss Purchasing Wing Shoes – Jerry Crotsenberg made a motion to order 2 steel wing shoes to try them out; seconded by Stuart Miller. Motion carried.
  - b. John Deere 410L Backhoe – discuss and possible action on purchase of new front tires. Chairman Morse provided a list of possible tires brands, prices, and ratings.
    - i. Motion by J. Crotsenberg to purchase Gladiator H Rated Tires from Bindl Tire; Patrolmen will mount.
    - ii. Second by S. Miller.
    - iii. Motion Carried
    - iv. Grader is in shop; 10 hydraulic cylinders are leaking. Some cylinders are pitted due to salt and sand. Did put a price on the cylinder. 10-cylinder kits plus labor plus rebuilding would cost at least \$22,000.00 Chairman Morse suggested getting the cylinder kits and having the patrolmen pull the cylinders and rebuild them; except the one cylinder which is pitted. To fix the wheels on the grader would take 35 hours and cost about \$10,800.00. There are three main cylinders which would be more difficult to fix by the patrolmen. S. Miller made a motion to have the crabwalk and 2 main lift cylinders fixed by Titan; seconded by Jerry Crotsenberg; motion carried.
14. RECYCLING & GARBAGE – Nothing new.
15. FIRE DEPARTMENT & EMS
  - a. Yuba – First Responders are getting close to having their by-laws done.
  - b. Richland Center – Sold 1999 Truck to Readstown for over \$23,000.00; motion made to purchase truck for hauling dirty equipment (hoses, etc.) from Jones Chevrolet for \$71,492.41; and for Chief's page. Received donations for breathing apparatus compressor; cost to department was \$18,030. In 40 days, they received 40 fire calls, including a number of grass fires.
  - c. La Farge – Annual Banquet in March, 2025.
  - d. Kickapoo Rescue Squad – Will receive new ambulance on Thursday.
16. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION OF WEBSITE
    - i. .GOV for Supervisors – suggested by L. Hynek that we look at a new contract, including price for e-mails.
    - ii. Discuss website demographics
    - iii. Other possible changes or additions
      1. Motion by S. Miller to authorize L. Hynek to ascertain cost of new contract, including e-mails. Seconded by J. Crotsenberg; motion carried.

2. Second by
  3. Motion Carried
- b. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON TOWN HALL DOOR REPLACEMENT TO BECOME ADA COMPLIANT FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING AND ELECTIONS- Chairman provided various bids for doors for the town hall, including types of doors, and door sizes. Earl Wallace suggested the window glass on the inside door should be tempered glass, so if it breaks there is no problem with glass shards. Jerry Crotsenberg suggested contacting Buckeye (current bid leader) regarding cost for tempered glass door.
    - i. Motion by S. Miller to get the double bore two exterior doors for \$350.00 from Buckeye Building Supplies; if the tempered glass door is \$100 more, the Chairman is authorized to proceed. If more than \$100.00, the motion is tabled until the following meeting.
    - ii. Second by Jerry Crotsenberg.
    - iii. Motion Carried – Chairman recommended getting the doors replaced prior to April 1, 2025 elections.
  - c. JOB DESCRIPTION – UPDATE – Jerry Crotsenberg suggested updating the job description from the current job description in use, and then further developing a handbook covering other concerns. Lora Hynek provided a copy of the grievance procedure resolution and recommended it be incorporated into any handbook. Jerry Crotsenberg stated right now we would be working on the job description; and developing a handbook later. Patrolmen were given a copy of the job description to review at the meeting. Earl Wallace requested that the Chairman meet with the patrolmen to discuss the job description. The Chairman concurred. No further action taken.
  - d. RECYCLING BUILDING INSULATING DISCUSSION – Hartje’s bid was \$223.88 for insulation for the entire recycling building (3 bags). S. Miller made a motion to purchase the insulation from Hartje’s, and have patrolmen install it in the recycling center. J. Crotsenberg seconded; motion carried.

## 17. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENACTING CITATION PER ORDINANCE 2013-1 ON KENNETH MORGAN ESTATE PER MOBILE HOME THAT WAS MOVED IN WITHOUT ANY PERMITS – Saturday is the 45<sup>th</sup> day on the violation;
  - i. Motion by J.Crotsenberg to notify the administrator that the board will impose a fine of \$100 per week, starting 02/22/25; if the trailer is not moved by 03/22/2025, the board will make arrangements to remove the trailer and all costs will accrue to the estate.
  - ii. Second by S. Miller
  - iii. Motion Carried.
- b. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON CD MATURING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025, AT RICHLAND COUNTY BANK
  - i. Motion by S. Miller to transfer the Richland Bank CD, plus the Capital Reserve Fund and sufficient funds to equal \$40,000.00 in a CD at WCCU @ 4.25%. Town Board members authorized the closing of the Capital Reserve Fund at Citizens’ First Bank in Viola,WI.
  - ii. Second by J. Crotsenberg.
  - iii. Motion Carried
- c. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTEREST RATES WITH THE MONEY MARKET AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO GET BEST INCOME ON TOWNSHIP MONEY – Chairman suggested moving Money Management General Fund to Peoples Community Bank (Municipal Money Management/Checking)
  - i. Motion by S. Miller to move the Money Management General Fund to Peoples Community Bank.
  - ii. Second by Jerry Crotsenberg
  - iii. Motion Carried

- d. DISCUSSION ON NELSON'S SALES FAIR – SHOPPING LIST SO WE CAN FINALIZE FOR NEXT MONTH TO COMPARE PRICING TO SAVE THE TOWNSHIP MONEY FOR BUDGETING EXPENSES – Smaller floor jack for working on smaller items; metric wrenches and sockets, oil-dry, diesel supplement; leaf blower; Milwaukee grinder and Sawzall; (price flux core welder); DEF.
18. UPCOMING / FUTURE ITEMS
- a. COUNTY CLEAN UP AND SPRING CLEAN UP DATES -
  - b. LAFARGE FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL BANQUET – March, 2025
  - c. DIESEL FUEL CONTRACT & LP CONTRACT -
  - d. TOWN HALL MOWING BUYING MOWER vs BIDDING
17. APPROVE AND PAY BILLS – Motion made by Jerry Crotsenberg to add a \$500.00 donation to Kickapoo Rescue Squad; seconded by S. Miller. Motion carried.
- a. Year End Budget 2024 Adjustment(s) - Discussion with Possible Action
    - i. Motion by S. Miller to make the adjustments requested by the treasurer to eliminate deficits in 2024 budget.
    - ii. Second by J. Crotsenberg.
    - iii. Motion Carried
  - b. Discuss when to do a financial audit – may have to be a special meeting; Reconciliation form handed out by treasurer; give to board to take home. Audit will be conducted in March.
    - i. Motion by
    - ii. Second by
    - iii. Motion Carried
18. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn made by S. Miller; seconded by Jerry Crotsenberg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 P.M.

Lora Hynek, Deputy Clerk