

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF NEW GLARUS  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
04/16/2013**

**Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 6:47 pm**

**ATTENDING:** Board Members: Keith Seward, Chris Narveson, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins, and Pattie Salter

**ABSENT:** Dean Streiff

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Dale Hustad, Town Attorney

K. Seward called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

1. Proof of Posting: Clerk-Treasurer Salter confirmed proper posting.
2. Swear-In Elected Board Members: P. Salter swore in Keith Seward as Town Chairman, and Chris Narveson as 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor each for a two-year term. Term begins at tonight's meeting and runs through April 15, 2015. Dean Streiff will be sworn in as 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor at the next Town Board Meeting.
3. Chairman's Report
  - a. Set 2013 Health Insurance Levels: K. Seward explained that the Personnel Committee had met to discuss this year's insurance rates. R. Elkins reported that the Personnel Committee met and recommend that the Town Board pay 88% of the average Tier I plan. K. Seward explained the difference between the percentage method and the tiered approach.

C. Narveson moved to set the rate at 88% of the average Tier I plan in Green County, R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Seward noted that if the board voted in favor of the 88% of the average Tier I plan for both single coverage and family coverage the Town would be paying different amounts for different employees. K. Seward asked if the board would entertain an alternate calculation in which both employees would pay the same premium and moved to amend the motion to read "Motion to amend Policy XV Health Insurance (Paragraph 2). 1. Employer health insurance payments for 2013 shall be set at 88.00% of Tier 1 average for Single Coverage Plans chosen by employee. 2. Employer health insurance payments for 2013 shall be set at 85.06% of Tier1 average for Family Coverage plans chosen by employee. 3. The above changes shall commence on May 1, 2013 and payroll withholding of employee contribution portions shall be deducted on the first payday of the month of insurance starting in May 2013." R. Elkins seconded the motion to enter into discussion. K. Seward handed out a chart showing what he considered fair. After a brief discussion, K. Seward asked for a roll call vote on the amendment to the motion. C. Narveson voted nay. R. Elkins voted nay. Chair voted aye. J. Hoesly voted nay. Next, the board voted on the original motion. C. Narveson voted aye. R. Elkins voted aye. K. Seward voted nay. J. Hoesly voted aye. Original motion carried.
  - b. Discuss Cooperative Boundary Agreement: K. Seward reported on the last meeting with the Joint Negotiation committee. The new Village President, Roger Truttman had been introduced. K. Seward noted that the Village had put together a list of items that the Town Board needed to change in the CBA if negotiations were to continue. One of the main issues was that the Village no longer felt they could honor the shared revenue payment back to the Town in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the agreement. The meeting focused on whether or not the Village still had an interest in working with the Town on a CBA if in response to the Village's list, the Town no longer wished to participate in shared revenues for operation of a new library. Seward further explained that Village President, Truttman felt the Village would still be interested in negotiations. The meeting ended with Truttman taking the issue back before the Village Board to get clear instructions for their Joint Negotiation delegates on the issue.
4. Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Presentation – Heather Danielson of the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation presented information on the plan. The plan is employee funded and has minimal costs to the Town. K. Seward asked if the State could raid these funds. The funds are administered according to IRS Code 457 and owned by the

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employee. Elected officials can participate. If the Town Board would like to authorize implementation, they would need to complete a resolution. C. Narveson asked to have the issue revisited at the next meeting.

5. Approve Town Board Minutes:

- a. 03/07/2013 Town Board Minutes: R. Elkins moved to approve the minutes as presented. C. Narveson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

6. Patrolman's Report:

- a. Road Review Results: D. Nielson recommended the following Spring road maintenance:

- i. Sandrock: Patch, Chip Seal and Fog Seal
- ii. Windmill Ridge: Patch, Chip Seal and Fog Seal
- iii. Spring Valley: Patch and Chip Seal
- iv. Timber Lane: Chip Seal
- v. Dean Lane: Patch & Chip Seal
- vi. Primrose Center: Patch with Cold Patch?
- vii. Klitzke Road: Patch with Cold Patch?
- viii. Tuttle: Breaker, Base, Reshape and Shoulder
- ix. Kempfer Lane: Add Gravel and Grade
- x. Airport Road: Patch and Chip Seal? (East half)
- xi. Legler Valley: Fix/Replace worst sinking culverts similar to prior test repairs

Without objection D. Nielson will put together an estimate of the costs this week and will confirm estimated costs with the County.

- b. Plow Bidding Process: D. Nielson reported that Lakeside International estimated an International Workstar Chasis would cost \$128,000. The box, plow, wing and sander would cost \$65,000, Exeter purchased a Western Star Chasis last year from Badger Truck Center in Madison for \$147,566 which is equip with a heavy duty engine, a 2-speed transfer case and Allison automatic transmission included in the price. Madison Truck estimated \$62,000 for a box, plow, wing, sander, lights and rollup tarp.

D. Nielson would like to negotiate the specs. Without objection, D. Nielson will work with P. Salter to put together bidding specifications, place an add and have bids to present at the June meeting.

- c. Snowfence: D. Nielson reported that he and Gary Burge finished taking down the snow fences.

7. Public Comments: None.

8. Finance Committee Report:

- a. Accounts Receivable Aging List: P. Salter reported that \$160 had been billed in March and 711.86 had been billed in April. There is currently \$457.86 in outstanding bills. P. Salter reported that she has not heard from Dennis Fazel or D. Smith Appraisal in regards to their past due bills.

K. Seward asked P. Salter to add review benefits policy to next months agenda.

- b. Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation: C. Narveson reported that February's accounts balance.

- c. Payment of Bills: C. Narveson moved to approve March checks 17055-17064 ACH 75052. R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

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C. Narveson moved to approve April checks 17065-17099 and ACH payments #10367, 30063, 30064, 50509, 85856, 95007 & 96177. R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

K. Seward asked P. Salter to ask Sherri Hawkins at the County if the failed lottery credit can be recouped from the taxpayer.

- d. Fire Department Request for Tanker: K. Seward reported that the Fire Department wants to purchase a Tanker for \$265,000 which our portion would be 35% they will need the payment in May 2014. K. Seward will ask if our portion of the purchase price is the net or if we can recoup some of what they get for the sale or trade in of their old rig.

Without objection, when it comes time to review finance options for the new dump truck and tanker, we will talk with UB&T, Anchor Bank, Bank of Monticello and The Bank of New Glarus for competitive options.

9. Clerk-Treasurer Report:

a. Correspondence:

- a. Alfa Romeo Hill Climb Insurance: A copy of their Certificate of Insurance for the May 4<sup>th</sup> event has been received.
- b. Recycling Grant: The Town was awarded \$1,003.50 in recycling aid which will be received by June 1, 2013. Without objection the special charge will be reduced
- c. TDS Cable Franchise: TDS notified the Town in a letter dated March 26, 2013 that they planned to begin selling TDS TV to limited areas within the Town by April 15.

10. Plan Commission Report: Crawford and Righter's are a couple issues that have come before the plan commission.

11. Parks Report: C. Narveson reported that the tree workshop went well. They are working on member recruitment and have three people interested in joining. The tree sale is this Saturday. The Parks Commission Facebook page is gaining popularity. The Barn workshop will be held in the fall and will compare how to restore your barn to keep it standing versus how to restore it as a show piece. The Bluebird houses will be installed by the Boy scouts on Saturday.

12. Schedule Next Board Meeting: Without objection, the Righter Public Hearing will be May 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. with the Regular Town Board Meeting to immediately follow. Open Book is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

13. Adjourn: Discussion ended at 8:45 p.m. R. Elkins moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Narveson. Motion carried.

Patricia I. Salter, Town Clerk-Treasurer