

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting

January 11th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Supervisor Foley arrived at 8:29 p.m.
Others: Larry Peterson, Larry Brenner, Julie Karlstad, Ron Bartels

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 6th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the December 14th Public Hearing and board meeting. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Planning Commission Minutes

None to report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as read. All in Favor.

Patrolman's Report

May need more blades and tire chains this season. All equipment is in working order.

Public Comments

1. Larry Brenner from the Vino in the Valley destination restaurant stated he has been approached by the Ellsworth Schools Foundation to consider hosting a June 18th fund raiser. Also, he would like to be open the week of Farm Technology Days as a business opportunity and also to sponsor a booth at the event. Last year he asked for 81 days and 75 days were agreed to. He is asking for 85 days for this year. According to Brenner, the county (A. Pichotta) asked Brenner to speak to the El Paso Town Board before bringing this to the county. Supv Fischer stated he cannot comment on this as his wife works for Vino in the Valley and it may be a conflict of interest. Supv Fischer asked if the trees from the Christmas Tree sales at the business are currently grown there; Brenner said his are not yet ready for sales but they will be in the future (6+ years) so he is preparing the market. (At this point he is retailing trees). Supv Fischer will look into this request from a Plan Commission standpoint. It will be on next month's agenda.
2. Ron Bartels talked about an issue from the county building committee, particularly a proposed exhibition building at the fair for \$120,000. He attended this meeting to obtain public and Town Board opinion and discussion on this building as we are in a farming area.
3. Chairman Kannel was recently contacted by Lennie McDaniels with a complaint that Steve Hine's dog is running loose. Supv Fischer had not heard about it. Kannel has advised Steve Hines that if it is his dog to please take care of it. Kannel also advised McDaniels to start a complaint with the Sheriff's Department if he so desires.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Discuss Gravel Purchase: Price was discussed. Motion by Kannel to buy 3000 tons of gravel from Pierce County Highway Department, 2nd by Fischer. All in favor.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Fischer to pay all bills presented to Board. All in Favor.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed. Board members discussed signing up for the Wisconsin Towns Convention. Registration form needs to be sent in with a check. Kannel and Fisher and possibly Foley need to be signed up. Clerk Schoepp was asked to check into registering the Town Officials.

A discussion was held on a letter from BAKKE NORMAN (Law Office) mailed to Chairman Kannel and also served to the Clerk this evening. It is in regards to taxation of Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman's Club property. It is the understanding of the board that no one had protested the valuation of it at the Board of Review in June of 2009. Clerk Schoepp read an excerpt from the September 23, 2009 Town Board meeting on this topic. Chairman Kannel will contact Assessor Galen Seipel for additional information.

Future Agenda Items

1. Vino in the Valley is requesting 85 total days for 2010. He is requesting 81 regular days per year plus four extra for Farm Technology Days in July.
2. Discussion Item – Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman's Club property taxation.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting

February 8th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Others: Larry Peterson at 7:36 PM, Scott Schoepp, Larry Brenner, Galen Seipel, Terry Dunst, Jim Thomson, Dennis Potter, Gary W. Ingli, Ray Swanson, Mary Kiefer, Scott Kiefer, Andrew Kiefer, Al Hines, Kevin Larson, Arby Linder, Steve & Sue Boyer

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 3rd issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the January 11th board meeting. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Planning Commission Minutes

None to report. Supv Fischer stated that according to the WI Towns Association there may be some new laws the Plan Commission may need information on in the future regarding agricultural enterprise areas.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses. It was reported tax payments came in fairly well. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in Favor.

Patrolman's Report

All equipment is in working order.

Public Comments

Al Hines inquired about an application for a permit for a wind generator. Kannel discussed if it should be on next month's meeting agenda. Supv Fischer explained his understanding is that wind tower permitting is now a streamlined process. Clerk Schoepp provided Al Hines with a Town Building Permit form with the intention that he fill out what is applicable and return it. There is not a current permit form specifically for wind towers.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Vino in the Valley: Vino in the Valley owner is requesting 85 total days for 2010. He is requesting 81 regular days per year plus four extra for Farm Technology Days in July of this year.

Larry Brenner read a letter from Andy Pichotta discussing the use of his allotted days. Kannel asked if the School Foundation day would be one time or recurring and Brenner responded that only this year is planned at this time. Kannel asked if the Christmas days would count towards his allotted days. Brenner does not believe they do as the full restaurant is not open then. A Motion was made by Supv Foley that the Town does not object to 75 days annually with 4 more days this year only for Farm Technology Days and 1 day this year only for the School Foundation Fundraiser. Additionally, the four weekends around

the holidays will not count towards the 75 days. 2nd by Kannel. All in favor. Supv Fischer abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest; a family member is employed by Vino in the Valley. Note by Clerk for clarification: The Town is not the permitting agency for the Vino in the Valley Conditional Use Permit in discussion. The County issues these permits.

Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman's Club property taxation:

Arby Linder introduced his attorney Terry Dunst from Bakke Norman Law Office. Attorney Dunst explained the Club's position. The primary reason they are pursuing a tax exempt status is because they believe the land is used for preservation and conservation. They are not asking for the education exemption; they are asking for the preservation exemption. Dunst distributed a copy of the 70.105 Statute on Property Taxes. He highlighted 70.11 (20) PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST IN PUBLIC INTEREST. Linder stated the property is open year round to the public, free of charge and there is no profit on the property. They stated they are not challenging the Board of Review assessment. In response to questions on public use, Linder went on to explain that they have ceased allowing camping due to the mess. They also have had issues with hunting and horse-back riding activities happening at the same time and have had to set limits. Town Assessor Galen Seipel questioned if the property is used to preserve native wild plant or native wild animal life per 70.11 (20) (a) of the statute. Seipel went on to explain his questioning by saying that in his opinion hunting and fishing are not preservation. The Club's response was they feel they are providing preservation.

Discussion then followed on the process for making an exemption. Seipel voiced his understanding that only the Assessor can make a parcel exempt. Attorney Dunst stated that the process is for an application for exemption is as follows: application for exemption submitted to the Assessor, Assessor approves or denies, the Town board then can review the decision. Seipel said they still need to file an application for exemption by March for 2010 and for 2011, applicants have until March 31st to fill out a new exemption request form.

Chairman Kannel remarked that much of this was discussed in September 2009. Clerk Schoepp read an excerpt from the September 2009 meeting minutes on this item. Linder offered a minor correction that for a couple items, offers for use were made, not actual uses. Dunst stated the board has 90 days from the appeal date (January 11, 2010) to make a decision on appealing the 2009 taxes.

Motion by Kannel to table the appeal on the 2009 taxes until next month, 2nd by Fischer. All in favor.

Public Comment

Bob Loberg is a candidate for Pierce County Judge and presented in person to state he would appreciate our vote. He has held appointed positions in the law community. Loberg mentioned that we have a very efficient court house and Judge Wing has mentored him throughout the years. Loberg's platform item is to create a community service program; right now we spend \$400,000 a year housing prisoners in other jails (above our jail budget). Loberg's idea is to put these non-violent offenders to work doing community service. Another idea mentioned is to use available technology to reduce officer costs in testifying for some non-jury trials.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items (continued from above)

Chairman Kannel explained that the Elmwood Ambulance Service is requesting funding for a new ambulance. Kannel stated they want to put \$6000 down and he did not have any other information. This is an unbudgeted expense. They very recently contacted Kannel about this. Supv Foley said it needs to be budgeted; Supv Fischer said they should be warning us about expenditures in advance so we can budget for them. Motion by Foley to deny the request at this time because it is an unbudgeted expense, 2nd by Fischer. All in favor.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Foley to pay all bills presented to Board. All in Favor.

Correspondence

A PIERCE COUNTY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION was received from the county for a permit to Al Hines for a wind tower. Seipel stated that the wind mill will be tax exempt. Supv Foley said we should look at our comprehensive plan to refresh our memory on items of this nature. It is the understanding that the county has streamlined the process so a CUP is not required. The Town Fee will be \$100 like all other building permits. Chairman Kannel asked Clerk Schoepp to inform Al Hines of the fee. The board's understanding is that no inspections or other permits are required.

Supv Fischer reported on his attendance at the Ellsworth Area Fire Association meeting in January 2010. They want to buy a buggy truck for \$46,000 and they intend to pay for it out of their chicken feed money. The dues to the town will be roughly the same as last year. Financials of the Association were discussed. Fischer also discussed a grant for a new fire/ambulance barn for which the Ellsworth Area Fire Association was not eligible. Cedar Corp told them they could write the grant for \$10,000 for an \$800,000 building project. The grant was not successful, so the new fire hall project is not going to happen at this time. Additionally, they will be buying a new ambulance next year and keep the old ambulance. Paramedic staffing was also discussed.

Chairman Kannel received correspondence from John Deere – a grader quote from NORTRAX. Chairman Kannel and Patrolman Peterson discussed the grader general condition. Kannel asked the Supervisors to think about how/when we will need to replace our grader and the best approach for the town.

Future Agenda Items

1. Pierce County Broadband Internet – permission to put poles on town right-of-way
2. Discuss possible future purchase of a road grader
3. Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman's Club property taxation

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting

March 8th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Others: Larry Peterson, Scott Schoepp, Brian Pieper, Arby Linder, Terry Dunst, Galen Seipel, Brad Roy, Ross Christopherson, Dar Traynor, Myra Kerschbaum, Kevin Larson

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 3rd issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the February 8th board meeting. The following amendments shall be made to the minutes: the reference to “Board of Appeals” will be changed to “Board of Review” and “January 11, 2009” will be changed to “January 11, 2010”. Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes with amendments. All in Favor.

Planning Commission Minutes

None to report.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses including an explanation of NSF charges due to several RE tax checks. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to receive treasurer’s report as read. All in Favor.

Patrolman’s Report

A reconditioned radiator was used to repair the town truck. It was mentioned that we need to schedule a date for a road tour.

Public Comments

Town Assessor Galen Seipel commented on the Michelle Anderson Jacobson home that burned some months ago. She has made contact with demolition companies and has informed Seipel that Al Hines is no longer interested in purchasing it. Seipel requested this be put on the agenda at a future board meeting. Kannel stated that we will put it on the agenda for next month.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman’s Club property taxation:

The topic of discussion per Kannel is whether the 2009 tax is tax-deferred for the club’s property. Terry Dunst, acting as legal counsel to the Club, stated they strongly feel they are tax exempt. Foley mentioned that the club did not appeal their exemption at the Board of Review. Dunst stated that the Board of Review does not have authority on tax exemption. Dunst said that the club had applied in January 2009 for exemption; Assessor Seipel responded that they had not presented their case adequately at that time.

Kannel asked for an explanation of why the acreage totals were different for 2009 and 2010. Dunst and Arby Linder explained that the Koch family donated another parcel very recently in December 2009 of approximately 69 acres. Therefore, they are asking for tax exemption for both parcels in 2010.

Galen Seipel stated that he feels that the club owes the 2009 taxes because they did not provide enough information to make it exempt in time for those tax statements.

Kannel said that earlier (September 2009) we had asked for more documentation (e.g. handbill) on the activities of the Club.

Kannel asked about the adjoining quarry wall and associated liability. Arby Linder stated the club did not own the quarry wall and covered their property with liability insurance.

Foley posed the question to all parties on if there is room for negotiations on the 2009 tax bill - perhaps taxed half for 2009. Arby Linder stated that he wanted to check with the club board on this. Seipel asked for discussion on whether there are costs associated with this approach.

Motion by Kannel to reduce the 2009 taxes for the club to 50% the original tax, provided the club provides proof of insurance to Kannel, 2nd by Foley. This is subject to Arby Linder's confirmation of agreement with the club board. All in favor. Treasurer Foley is going to contact the Pierce County Treasurer about resolving the tax bill.

Dunst then asked if the club property is approved for tax-exempt status in 2010. Galen Seipel said he can review this application by the next Town Board meeting.

Pierce County Broadband Internet – permission to put poles on town right-of-way:

Brad Roy, representing Pierce County, presented to the board regarding the grant application in progress by the county for wireless internet. They are trying to place polls on county property but also need some access to town road property. This is a mobile internet system that can go into every squad car, ambulance, etc. Foley asked how many poles were proposed in the Town of El Paso. Roy guessed there would be 20 – 30 poles in the Town of El Paso. They will be wooden poles. Fischer asked about download speeds. Roy said they are anticipating 3 – 5 Megabits per second. Ownership of the system was also discussed. Fischer asked if the county has any bonding on road damage and Roy said he would look into it and get back to the Town. Roy further stated there would be no cost to the town if allowed to use the right-of-ways. Roy stated that the actual pole locations will be presented to the Town before construction if the grant is successful. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to give the county permission to put poles on town right-of-way. All in favor.

Public Comment

Town Assessor Galen Seipel stated that he understands he is out of state compliance on about 10 – 15% of class 5 Forest Land. This is just information from Seipel that he will be making the adjustment.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items (continued)

Discuss possible future purchase of a road grader:

Kannel presented information on grader proposals as follows:

CAT: Proposal is \$223,885 with \$40,000 allowed for trade-in, 4.15% interest rate, 5 annual payments of \$50,565.

John Deere: First proposal was \$208,000 with \$30,000 allowed for trade-in
John Deere's second proposal is \$198,000 with \$45,500 allowed for trade-in, interest rate 2.95%, 5 annual payments of \$43,226.30 and they put on fenders.

City of Hibbing: There is also a used grader in the city of Hibbing which is an '09 currently being leased. The proposal was \$183,000 to start out with. Warranty, etc. on a used grader was discussed.

After discussion, the board stated their intent is to buy the John Deere subject to cost approval.

Kannel explained that we need to have this expenditure brought up at the Annual Meeting by the electorate to designate money for the purchase of a grader now that we have the Town Building paid off. It was so noted that the annual grader payments would likely be less than the Town Government Building payments which were around \$51,120 annually.

Bridge Inspection Contract:

Motion by Kannel to have Pierce County inspect our bridges, 2nd by Foley. All in favor.

Audit Bills

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in Favor.

Correspondence

A proposal was received from Brian Pieper for a Lawn Maintenance Contract. Pieper was at the meeting to respond to questions. Pieper said he could supply proof of insurance if awarded the job.

Elmwood Area Ambulance Service corresponded about a new ambulance including some purchase details, such as a 4% interest rate. The board discussed usage, age, etc. of the Elmwood Ambulances.

Fischer received a survey from Ellsworth Ambulance and he said it was somewhat difficult to fill out.

Brian Pieper also provided correspondence on road hydroseeding and would like to be considered for any future work we would have in that area.

The board decided on the date/time for the annual Road Tour for road inspection to be 10:30 am on Wednesday, April 7th. Larry Peterson agreed to post a notice of the tour at the three posting locations (Town Hall, Pierce County Herald and El Paso Bar and Grill).

Future Agenda Items

1. Town Government Center lawn maintenance contract
2. Michelle Anderson Jacobsen house demolition

Annual Meeting Agenda Items

1. Sesquicentennial sign presentation
2. Discuss road work for the year
3. Possible grader purchase and securing funds

Next Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting

March 12th, 2010 12:05 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Salesman Kurt Bruchert

The notice for the meeting was posted.

A special meeting of the El Paso Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kannel at 12:05 pm.

Kurt Bruchert presented a proposal from Nortrax Equipment on a new 2008 Model 772D John Deere Grader. He will take our grader on trade. The final cost is \$198,000 and they will finance at 2.95% interest.

Supv Foley made a motion to accept the proposal; Supv Fischer seconded it. Motion carried.

Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Patrolman Larry Peterson and typed by Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting and April Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2010 7:30 pm

Annual Meeting

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Paul Nielson, Brian Pieper, Ray Dohm, Bob Kannel, Nate Place, JoAnn Place, Steve Boyer, Sue Boyer, Denise Blaisdell, Merlin Blaisdell, Bill Kirk

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 7th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the Annual Meeting held on April 14th, 2009. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Public Comments

None

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

2009 Financial Report

Clerk Schoepp summarized the 2009 Financial Report. Fischer asked about the First Dollar Credit. Treasurer Foley explained the First Dollar Credit reflects a state accounting practice used in the first dollar for Real Estate Taxes; it is nothing the town adds for the RE Tax bills. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Kannel to receive the financial statement as presented. All in favor.

Sesquicentennial sign presentation

Merlin Blaisdell presented a sign celebrating the El Paso Sesquicentennial for the town's 150th anniversary on behalf of the El Paso Community Club with thanks to the Town Board for their support. Mr. Blaisdell then introduced Nate Place as the new president of the El Paso Community Club. Nate Place thanked the board and presented ideas as follows.

1. El Paso Days 2010 will be focused on recognizing our military service men and women, particularly those from the Town of El Paso. Tentative events include:
 - Golf tournament at Ellsworth, Tuesday August 17th
 - Thursday dinner at El Paso Bar and Grill with Russ Factor, a WW II bomber pilot as a keynote speaker (Tickets will be sold.)
 - Friday evening pony pull and music at the El Paso Bar and Grill

- Saturday food, fundraiser, horse shoes, fishing, and possibly fireworks
 - Sunday grand parade including service men and women in uniform with music and pig competitions to follow
 - Service people/veteran photo quilt raffle coordinated by JoAnn Place and Karen Oeltjen
2. Ray Dohm donated signposts celebrating the Sesquicentennial for the Town of El Paso. Nate Place designed the sign. The Community Club presented one to the board for future generations to enjoy as we celebrate that El Paso is a great place to live. Bill Kirk from the PCH captured the photo moment.

Secure funding for road grader

Chairman Kannel stated that we purchased a new road grader and explained that we need a motion by the electorate to put the grader on the levy. It was so noted that the Town Building has been paid for and the approximate \$43,200 for the grader annual payment will be less than the building payment. The old grader engine is 24 years old and we have already invested approximately \$20,000 in the transmission. Motion by Bob Kannel and 2nd by Paul Nielson to put the new grader purchase on the levy.

Public Comment

Paul Nielson inquired about the assessor for 2010 and Kannel explained that Seipel was the only bidder and he also lowered his price for the year.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Paul Nielson, 2nd by Bob Kannel to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months. All in favor.

Discuss road work for the year

Chairman Kannel explained that the recently scheduled road tour was cancelled. Patrolman Larry Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (2010 Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- 465th avenue project as explained by Larry Peterson which may include use of a small acreage (less than a quarter acre) from an owner to straighten a curve
- 490th street project which would be an expense
- Other projects for the year including routine pipe replacements, seal coating (blacked topped for three years or more), minor crack sealing, 330th street crushed rock (minor expense), blade patching which may be expensive so we will have fix the worst
- Peterson also explained that the bridge at Kenny Hines is also a project that has been on hold until the state makes a decision on it.

Kannel stated that it is not definite which projects will be worked on this year; the 2010 Roadwork Schedule is just a proposal.

Set 2011 annual meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2011 per motion by Kannel, 2nd by Foley. All in favor.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:10 pm. All in favor.

April Meeting

Present: Same as Annual meeting above

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, Chairman Kannel called the April Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the April 7th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the March 8th, 2010 Town Board meeting. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the March 12th, 2010 Town Board meeting. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Planning Commission Minutes

Supervisor Fischer read the March 31, 2010 Plan Commission Minutes. Joe Janisch will become a new member; member position rotations were agreed upon by the Commission per the minutes. Meetings will be on an as needed basis until the following year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including a dog license refund from the county. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to receive Treasurer's report as read. All in Favor.

Patrolman's Report

All equipment is in working order. Fuel supply is adequate.

Public Comments

None

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Town Government Center lawn maintenance contract

Discussion was held on proposals from Paul Nielson and another from Brian Pieper. Both were for \$100 per mowing/trim job. Paul Nielson mentioned that he has mowed in past years. Fischer explained that we cannot take the low bid in this case as the bids are the same. Kannel asked Nielson if he had insurance and he said he did. Fischer suggested a coin toss. Kannel stated our options are to rebid it or execute a coin toss. As both bidders were present, the decision was

made to rebid at the meeting. Paul Nielson bid \$82.50. Brian Pieper bid \$85. Therefore, Paul Nielson was the low bidder. Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Foley to accept the bid from Paul Nielson. All in Favor.

Michelle Anderson Jacobsen house demolition

The board discussed the need for demolition of the house destroyed by fire owned by Michelle Anderson Jacobsen. Clerk Schoepp presented an e-mail correspondence from Ms. Jacobsen that was received earlier in the evening explaining that Ms. Jacobsen has contracted with Enviro-Services of WI LLC for demolition.

Board of Review date

It was discussed and decided that the Open Book and Board of Review (BOR) will take place on June 16, with open book from 2-4 and Board of Review from 5-7.

It was noted that the BOR is required to be held in the May 10th through June 9th time frame for 2010 per the Town Assessor. If our chosen date falls outside of that window due to the availability of the Assessment Roll, we still must call the BOR into session during that time frame but we may adjourn until a later, agreed to date. It was decided we will call the BOR into session before our regular May meeting on May 10th, adjourn to the later date and then follow with the May meeting.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of the one from Cedar Corporation for \$2086. We are holding on that bill. All in Favor.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Clerk Schoepp will mail copies of the March meeting minutes and the letter from Assessor Seipel regarding Eau Galle-Rush River Sportsman's Club property taxation for 2010 to Arby Linder and Terry Dunst.

Future Agenda Items

1. Plan Commission terms and rotation of positions
2. Road work for 2010

Note: BOR will be called into session and then adjourned at May 10th meeting preceding the monthly meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th, 2010 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the BOR at 7:30 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to adjourn meeting at 9:27 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting Minutes

May 10th, 2010 7:30 pm

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Chairman Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the May 5th issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four Town public places (Town Hall, Town Shop, El Paso Bar & Grill and Langer's Bar).

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to adjourn the BOR at 7:33 p.m. until June 16th, 2010 at which time the 2010 Assessment Role will be available. All in favor.

May Meeting

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Chairman Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the May 5th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the April 13th, 2010 annual meeting. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the April 13th, 2010 Town Board meeting. Motion by Foley, 2nd by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Plan Commission Minutes

None to report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Fischer to receive Treasurer's report as read. All in favor.

Patrolman's Report

All equipment is in working order. New grader runs great.

Public Comments

None

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Eau Galle Rush River Sportsman's Club property taxation for 2009

Terry Dunst, acting on behalf of the club, has requested a motion be made that the board is exempting the 2009 taxes. The club has agreed to donate dollars already paid to the Town if the board determines that the 2009 property taxation is exempt. Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Fischer to exempt the Eau Galle Rush River Sportsman's Club taxes for 2009 and accept the payment already made as a donation. All in favor.

Plan Commission terms and rotation of positions

The board briefly discussed the Plan Commission terms and rotation of positions. Fischer explained there are currently five on the Commission with two alternates at this time. We do not anticipate considerable Plan Commission issues for the year. Ron Kannel made a motion to table the discussion on the Plan Commission terms and rotations until the time the Plan Commission can further discuss and provide a recommendation; second by Foley. All in favor.

Road work for 2010

Road work for 2010 was discussed including:

- Regarding the curve on 465th, Kannel reported that Karen Hines is agreeable on road straightening. It is expected a very small acreage (2/10th of an acre) of her property may have the road on it. The board discussed getting permission or right-of-way vs. donation. The suggestion was made to check the legal description on the land as it is recorded at this time before we decide how to best move forward. Treasurer Foley will check with the county on this description.
- Supv Fischer stated that 490th St. and 430th need work.
- Patrolman Peterson discussed the most urgent road work needs including 430th avenue culvert replacement as well as a couple on 490th.

Audit Bills

Kannel explained he talked to Troy Peterson and the Cedar Corp bill is being dismissed. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Clerk Schoepp will distribute these May minutes when approved to Terry Dunst and Arby Linder.

Future Agenda Items

1. Liquor/Tobacco license applications
2. Road work discussion

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2010 7:30 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to adjourn meeting at 9:02 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Fischer, Supervisor Foley, Treasurer Foley, Clerk Schoepp
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 9th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Minutes

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the May 10th meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Clerk Schoepp read the minutes from the May 10th monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to accept the minutes. All in Favor.

Planning Commission Minutes

None to report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in Favor.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported there is one day left of mowing. Also, four recalls on truck recently received.

Public Comments

Scott Jones attended the meeting for a short time and requested an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss ATV routes in the Town.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

Road work and surveyor services for road alignment:

Chairman Kannel reported that he met with Larry Murphy who estimated it will be approximately \$1200 to survey the road alignment project on 465th Avenue. Loberg's recommendation is to utilize surveyor services for the project. We will pursue an easement with Karen Hines. Kannel made a motion, second by Foley to hire Murphy to survey the road alignment on 465th Avenue.

Peterson discussed road patching including 450th Street, 290th Street, 350th Street and 430th Street. This is routine maintenance.

Liquor/Tobacco/Operator license applications:

Clerk Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) for approval noting the fees have been paid and the applications notarized. The board reviewed these renewal applications for the following establishments for 7/1/2010 until 6/30/2011: El Paso Bar and Grill, Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, Langer's Bar and Vino in the Valley. Motion by Foley,

second by Fischer to approve the four presented renewal establishment licenses with the contingency that we receive the El Paso Bar and Grill 15 digit Wisconsin Seller's Permit Number. All in favor.

Clerk Schoepp presented two Cigarette License Applications for approval noting the fees have been paid. The board reviewed these applications for 7/1/2010 until 6/30/2011 for Langer's Bar and El Paso Bar and Grill. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the Cigarette Licenses. All in favor.

Clerk Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2012 noting that the fees have been paid. Clerk Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law. One discrepancy was found between the application and the Wisconsin Circuit Courts data; one El Paso Bar and Grill bartender with birth date 6/4/83 answered "No" to the question "Have you been convicted of any felony or of violating any law of the United States, State of Wisconsin, or any ordinance violation of any city, village, or township in the State of Wisconsin?". A Disorderly Conduct misdemeanor guilty case was found that should have been listed for this question according to the understanding of the clerk. A suggestion was voiced that bartender's could be reminded to fill out the application with more care.

Applications include:

El Paso Bar and Grill:

Deanna Marie Rhodes, Sam Huggett, Jane Marie White, Erin Mildred Laughnan

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

John Jerome Hines Jr., Pamela Jean Hines, Troy Charles Graetz, Scott Raymond Hanson, Kathleen Ann Finstad

Langer's Bar:

Rebecca Marcelene Robey, Roxanne Jo Larson, Susan Marie Taplin, Ronald Richard Wilkins, Joseph Clair Janisch, Teresa Ann O'Connell, Kathryn Ann Palmer, Jane Elizabeth Langer, Jessica Lynn Kerg

Vino in the Valley:

Terry Michael Hove, William Joseph Huber, Billie Jo Huppert, Lori Ann Larson

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve Operator's Licenses presented. All in favor.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, 2nd by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in Favor.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer discussed a survey we received from an organization that identified themselves as the humane association of Pierce County regarding animal shelter needs.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss ATV Routes
2. Liquor (Temporary) and Operator's License applications for El Paso Days
3. Road Work for 2010

Next Meeting Date

Open Book will be held Wednesday June 16, 2010 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 from 5 p.m. until 7 pm. at the Town Hall. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All in favor.

Town of El Paso Board of Review June 16th, 2010 5:00 pm

Present: Chairman Kannel, Supervisor Foley, Supervisor Fischer, Clerk Schoepp

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected (present clerk appointed for resigning clerk) and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5 p.m. by Town Chairman Kannel.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor.

The notice for the Board of Review was properly published in the May 5th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

There were no objections filed.

There being no opposition to assessments, motion by Fischer, second by Foley to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:00 p.m. All in favor.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer (planned/excused absence)

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Genslak, Dick Rybicki, Linda Steele, John Steele, Scott Jones, Bill Ray, Janel Ray, Brad Johnson, Donald Brunner, Larry Johnson, Steve Johnson, Adolf Johnson

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 7th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 14th meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 16th Board of Review. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes

None to report.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Supv Foley, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported some blacktop has been patched and maintenance is routine. Several truck recall items have been taken care of. Grader has been repaired under warranty work.

Public Comments

Patrolman Peterson responded to miscellaneous comments on road work and blacktopping.

Discussion/Action Agenda Items

2010 Road work:

Kannel reported that the surveyor is working the road alignment project on 465th Avenue and the town is proceeding on the associated legal work with landowner Karen Hines through Attorney Loberg.

Culvert (430th Avenue) cost sharing with county:

Cost sharing for the Culvert on 430th Avenue, 0.3 miles east of 450th Street was discussed. Kannel made a motion to apply for cost sharing through the county for the culvert on 430th Avenue, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Liquor (Temporary) and Operator's License applications for El Paso Days:

Schoepp presented an Application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for approval noting the \$10 fee has been paid. The application is from the El Paso Community Club for El Paso Days 2010, 8/20/2010 through 8/22/2010. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the temporary license. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2012 noting that the fees (\$20 each) have been paid. These operators intend to bartend for El Paso Days. Clerk Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law and none were found. Applicants include: Arvid Leroy Harmon, Debbie Lynne Harmon, Dale Edward Johnson, Lori Jane Johnson. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to approve Operator's Licenses presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss ATV Routes:

Scott Jones presented a plan to connect ATV Routes to other townships including a sample proposed ordinance. He stated the ATV Association club has signing for the roads. Kannel stated that opening the roads up to ATVs opens them up to everyone. It was also discussed which adjoining townships allow ATVs. Kannel discussed legal use of ATVs for farmer's typical uses. Scott Jones discussed trail patrol by the ATV Association. A trial period was mentioned as an option. Kannel explained that one board member was not available for tonight's meeting and also that this will not be acted on at this meeting. Kannel made a motion to table this until next month, 2nd by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. John Steele voiced opposition and disappointment with the lack of action on the issue. Kannel further explained parliamentary procedures on how the town makes decisions with the input of all citizens and voting by the elected Chairperson and Supervisors.

Disposing of obsolete election equipment:

Discussion was held on how/if the unused election equipment should be disposed of. Supv Foley offered to dispose of them properly. General agreement was that these have no monetary value. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to have Supv Foley dispose of them properly. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss permitting of fireworks:

Discussion was held on permitting of fireworks. Tom Genslak, Dick Rybicki and Kannel expressed that they did not see a need for a permitting process at this time.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/take action on proposed ATV Route
2. Discuss/take action on Plan Commission Member approvals

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Tom Genslak is organizing a Plan Commission meeting.

Note: Clerk Schoepp will send a letter formalizing Plan Commission appointments for proposed alternates to Kenny Hines and Joe Janisch if approved at the next meeting. It is also planned Duane Odalen, current alternate, will become a member.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 9th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry L. Johnson, Wilma Brunner, Donald Brunner, Philip Jakes, Tom Genslak, Ray Dohm, Steven L. Johnson, Scott Jones

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 4th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 12th meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported the following from the July 22, 2010 Plan Commission meeting. Tom Genslak acted as Chair. The commission is recommending Joe Janisch and Kenneth Hines as alternate, non-voting members. Duane Odalen (current alternate) is proposed as a voting member. CUP process and ATV use were both discussed.

The Plan Commission also met August 3rd, 2010 to take action on a recommendation on a CUP request from Ray Dohm for an accessory residence.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Supv Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported side hills are sprayed. The truck has hydraulic issues that the county has looked at; Peterson is following up with the problem before winter. 400th street has a water issue. Peterson requested a copy of last month's meeting minutes where the 430th street cost sharing was on the agenda and he will follow up with the county.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/take action on ATV Routes:

Kannel reported he has called other townships on the use of ATVs on town roads. From those discussions, Ron Kannel reported that Arby Linder stated that an ATV route will not happen in the Eau Galle- Rush River Sportsman's Club property. It was noted that that club has tax exempt status for preservation and conservation. Peterson suggested that ATV signs go on existing poles if the ATV use is allowed. Scott Jones stated his position is that no one wants problems, but they would like to use ATVs on the town roads.

Fischer read from an ATV manual about slowing to 10 mph close to homes, etc. Safety, especially by youth, is a concern of all. Kannel opened discussion on hours of operation. Schoepp asked if ATVs that operate on the roads have liability insurance; Jones stated that the state of Wisconsin has not required insurance as of this time. The use of UTVs (utility terrain vehicles e.g. gators) was also discussed. Schoepp stated her understanding is that statutes define ATVs and allow us to open the roads for ATVs at this time; UTV use on roads is a separate trial program in the state at this time. Peterson discussed the scenario of accidents in the right of way. Kannel stated that if the ordinance is adopted and associated trouble ensues, the roads can be closed to ATVs at any town board meeting.

Schoepp explained past practice is to notice and carry out two readings of an ordinance before it is adopted. Schoepp was requested to read the first reading of the ordinance and did so. Scott Jones questioned the wording on dead ends. Ray Dohm inquired about who is responsible for paying for the signs. It was discussed that the ATV club will supply the signs for the beginning and the end of the roads. Fischer talked about the problems with "donuts" in the roads. Motion made by Kannel to carry out first reading, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp read the proposed ordinance "Town of El Paso All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance".

Discuss/take action on updating policy/fees for Conditional Use Permit/Rezone process:

Schoepp presented a policy document which is basically a process summary of existing practices for a CUP or Rezone request. Now that the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, the Plan Commission will not be meeting as often and the initial \$300 fee can include one meeting (regular or special) of the Plan Commission. An additional meeting fee of \$225 will be required if an additional town meeting is needed due to a lack of information on the part of the requestor. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve use of the process presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Conditional Use Permit town recommendation for R. Dohm Accessory Residence:
Schoepp presented a CUP application received from Ray Dohm. Fischer stated the recommendation from the Plan Commission is to approve the CUP per the Plan Commission meeting on August 3, 2010. The Plan Commission judged that this is allowed in the primary ag zone per our Comprehensive Plan (two residences per forty acres). Motion made by Fischer, second by Foley to submit a Town Recommendation of “Approval” on the Town Recommendation Form. All in favor, motion carried. Kannel signed the form for Dohm.

Discuss/take action on Plan Commission Member approvals:

Fischer presented the following Plan Commission recommendations going forward:

Tom Genslak – Chairman
Dan Fischer – Secretary
Duane Odalen – Voting member
Tony Shafer – Voting member
Dick Rybicki – Voting member
Kenneth Hines – Alternate
Joe Janisch – Alternate

Terms of office and conformance to the April renewals per the statutes were discussed. Schoepp presented letters of “Appointment” for Hines and Janisch that could be used and they were signed. Motion made by Kannel, second by Foley to approve membership. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss 2010 Road Work including 465th Ave. alignment:

Schoepp reported that Loberg has mailed out the legal documents for the Karen Hines land donation allowing the road alignment on 465th. Karen has recently signed them and got them notarized and they are in the mail to Loberg

Peterson discussed gravel, etc. and pricing from vendors (Wiesers, county). Kannel made a motion to buy gravel from Wiesers, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp suggested cancelling one phone line to the town hall to eliminate the expense. We can just offer a fax line upon request. The board agreed with this suggested administrative action and Schoepp will proceed with it. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

The town was notified of a alleged problem with Mark Erb’s run off on the road by the Pierce County Dept of land management. Fischer said the run off was not from Erb’s driveway. Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/take action on 2nd reading of ATV ordinance
2. Discuss/take action on 2010 road work including 465th avenue
3. Discuss/take action on Town equipment/building insurance proposals

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Minutes for special meeting held August 12, 2010

The special meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairman Ronald Kannel. In attendance were Chairman Ronald Kannel and Supervisor Dan Fischer. Ray Dohm was also in attendance.

It was noted that the meeting had been posted at the Town Hall, Herald office and at Fischer Tractor Repair.

Ray Dohm presented his request for a "Conditional Use Permit" to allow him to remodel and enlarge his home. The "CUP" was necessitated because of the non conforming distance from house to the road. Motion to approve was made by Chairman Ron Kannel, 2nd by Supervisor Dan Fischer. All in favor, motion passed.

Road Report.

The "Max Sukowaty" bridge over Rush River is closed due to washouts etc. The flooding of August 11 has caused damage to the roadway. The bridge by Kenny Hines's is closed. It was washed out severely by the aforementioned flood, and has sustained some structural damage. There are trees stuck over and under the bridge. The Lost Creek bridges (5) fared much better. They will require cleaning and some fill work, but are not damaged like the Rush River bridges.

Motion to adjourn by Kannel, 2nd by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 12:22.

Submitted by
Dan Fischer

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 13th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Steven Johnson, Wilma Brunner, Donald Brunner, Steve Wickland, Linda Steele, John Steele, Lovie Peterson, Rob Peterson, Dorothy Armstrong, Chris Chard, Terry White, Brian Moran, Scott Jones, Kenny Hines, Larry Johnson

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 8th issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 9th meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 12th extra meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None to report.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck hydraulics will be worked on. He has been busy with flood cleanup. It has not been decided how to fix the bridge near Kenny Hines place at this time. The county is working on disaster relief funding for the flood. The 465th curve realignment work is done. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/take action on ATV Routes:

Fischer stated that he received a letter from Brian Fitch and Jennifer Brantwood. This letter vigorously opposes the use of ATVs on town roads due to safety, quality of life and respect issues. Fischer then read

from a WI Towns “Legal Opinions” publication on the use of Segways, Low-speed vehicles, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, golf carts, UTVs, etc. on town roads.

John Steele questioned the difference between a UTV and an ATV. Scott Jones mentioned “razors” being registered as ATVs.

A couple individuals questioned the opinion that ATVs create noise and other pollution. Scott Jones suggested a use tax for the roads for everyone.

Chris Chard stated he is opposed to the use of ATVs on town roads as a safety issue. His example was that many children play near the roads and the ATVs sometimes do not operate carefully.

Kannel asked for a show of hands on who was in favor of opening the roads to ATVs.

Linda Steele mentioned the ATV club patrol could be called for more enforcement. The consequences of violations were also discussed. Scott Jones mentioned that he and Larry Johnson are instructors and visit those they believe are offenders of ATV rules.

Donald Brunner mentioned the use of helmets. The speed limit for ATVs was also discussed. Linda Steele questioned whether all town roads will be included or if there are specific routes.

Kannel said the count of vocal people in favor of the use is presently greater than those voicing opposition.

Motion made by Kannel to carry out second reading of the proposed ordinance, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp read the ordinance “Town of El Paso All-Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance”.

Foley questioned the operating hours for standard time. Kannel stated that even though the ordinance is being adopted, the ATV use will not be legal until all signing and publishing is complete. Kannel confirmed with Scott Jones that the ATV club will supply the signs.

Kannel asked if there are speed limit signs specifically for ATVs and Scott Jones said they could get them. Exterior and interior signing was discussed. Peterson suggested the perimeter for signing. Dead end signs could display “no ATVs”.

Fischer made a motion to adopt the ordinance October 1st, noting that this is “probationary”, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp asked if the ATV club could work with residents that make special requests for ATV speed limit signs. Scott Jones said they could do that. Larry Johnson stated he thought a copy of the ordinance should be sent to the DNR.

Discuss/take action on Town Insurance:

Current policy is with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, agent Tom Jenkins. Payments to Rural Mutual in 2009 totaled \$7229 with an additional payment in July 2010 of \$283 due to the new grader value.

Steve Wickland of Big Rivers Insurance recently requested to present a proposal and Schoepp sent a listing of our current insurance needs to both Rural Mutual and Westland last month. Mr. Wickland presented a proposal to the board. \$7292 is the quote without the excess liability. \$7442 is the quote with the excess liability option. He mentioned that Worker's Comp Insurance is non-competitive and will be the same from any company.

Kannel questioned the insurance company rating. Big Rivers is an A+ company according to Mr. Wickland.

Kannel stated the board will consider the proposal and compare with Rural Mutual's numbers when they come in.

Discuss 2010 Road Work:

Peterson discussed possible options (state and county) for flood repair bridge funding and will follow up with the county.

Audit Bills

Schoepp reported the fax line has been unplugged for several weeks. This has caused no problems, so the (715) 273-4598 line will be cancelled and we will just offer incoming faxes upon request. The board agreed with this suggested administrative action and Schoepp will proceed with it. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of the \$45 Rural Mutual bill which we are holding on. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/take action on Town insurance
2. Discuss/take action on 2010 road work

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 11th at 7:30 p.m.
The 2011 Budget Planning meeting will be scheduled next month.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Brian Pieper, Larry Johnson, Bill Goveronski,
Marcia Goveronski

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 6, 2010 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 13, 2010 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the September 29, 2010 meeting. New Chairman Genslak took the oath of office as well as the commissioners. New members Janish and Hines were presented with copies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck hydraulic system has been repaired. He has turned in about \$18,000 for flood work which doesn't include the county amount. The county has put a traffic counter on the Rush River bridge on 465th Avenue to help determine what funds come from state or federal sources. Mowing has started. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Larry Johnson mentioned the use of UTVs on town roads.

Agenda Items

Discuss/take action on ATV Routes:

Kannel and Schoepp explained that the DNR has informed us that language in Section V of the proposed Ordinance 2010-01 is not legal per statutes. Schoepp explained that there is no allowance in statutes to restrict any route to residents only.

Specifically, Section V read as follows, which is not legal per statutes:

SECTION V - DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES

The following routes are designated all-terrain vehicle routes in the town:

All roads in the Town of El Paso excluding dead-ends and driveways. Dead-ends may be used only by town residents and only to access designated routes.

Schoepp read the revised Section V of the proposed ordinance to include all town roads in the Town of El Paso. Ordinance 2010-01 signed at the September 2010 meeting was not put in to effect (not published) due to legalities of Section V.

Kannel made a motion to adopt the ordinance, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Goveronski building permit(s):

Bill Goveronski has been constructing a pole shed without a permit and is subject to a penalty fee per Inspector Seipel. Bill Goveronski explained that they were not attempting to avoid permit fees; they initially did not realize they were lacking permits and just didn't get it done.

Schoepp stated the current building permit fee for a "detached structure" is \$150. He has stated he also plans to construct a barn. Schoepp further explained that Ordinance No. 2001-1 Amended 9-08, 2.b. states "The Building Permit fee for a building permit for work begun without a permit shall be double the regular permit fee." The \$150 fee was paid 10/6/2010 per Schoepp.

Fischer stated that the contractor should have been aware of permits and he should not have started work without the permits. Kannel asked for the supervisors' opinions regarding a penalty fee explaining that he is a neighbor to Goveronski and would prefer they offer opinions.

Fischer made a motion to rescind the penalty fee, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/take action on Town Insurance:

Current policy is with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, agent Tom Jenkins. Payments to Rural Mutual in 2009 totaled \$7229 with an additional payment in July 2010 of \$283 due to the new grader value.

At the September meeting, Steve Wickland of Big Rivers Insurance presented a proposal of \$7292 without the excess liability. \$7442 is the quote with the excess liability option. He mentioned that Worker's Comp Insurance is non-competitive and will be the same from any company.

The board examined the bill which came from Rural Mutual a couple weeks ago. Their cost is very close to the Big Rivers bid (approximately \$60 difference).

Foley made a motion to continue with the Rural Mutual Insurance carrier, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

Brian Pieper stated that the Rush River Trail Riders snowmobile club wants to get permission for parking at the town hall and any other considerations for an upcoming exhibition on Al Hines' property. He stated that the club has insurance for the event. He asked to have parking permission and any other considerations put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discuss/take action on 2010 Road Work:

Peterson is going to need a few blades and tires on the back of the truck in upcoming months. For 465th avenue, Peterson reported on quotes from Pierce County for surfacing:

465th Avenue 7/10ths of a mile Blacktop \$96,782

465th Avenue 7/10ths of a mile Shim coat \$58,094

Rush River bridge on 465th Ave. Blacktop \$6510

Rush River bridge on 465th Ave. Shim coat \$3906

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with the shim coat options above. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp reported that we do not need to purchase "Labor Law Posters" any longer as she has found the required posters available free as downloads from the various government agencies. Schoepp will refresh the posters on an annual basis. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Fischer reported on the recent Ellsworth Area Fire Department meeting. They want to maintain equipment without borrowing and pay down loans. The cost to the town will increase slightly next year. The village of Maiden Rock will no longer have a fire service so another fire service will be determined for that area in the future. They are building a new roof on the old school bus garage. Their "out the door" rates will go up next year.

Kannel reported that Mark Erb has contacted him as Erb does not understand the request from Mr. Kleinhans of Pierce County Department of Land Management. Kleinhans wants a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an uphill walking trail on private land. The concern of the county as we understand it is disturbance of ground too close to Rush River. There is nothing in our town's Comprehensive Plan that discusses or requires a CUP for a walking trail. Loberg has reviewed the issue and has contacted the Pierce County Department of Land Management. Kannel is going to further investigate and determine if it needs to be on the agenda next month.

Kannel reported that Paul Nielsen's CUP for what the county calls a "duplex" may be on the Pierce County Department of Land Management meeting agenda on October 20. Kannel asked Fischer if he could attend the meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/take action on request to use the Town Hall parking lot for upcoming Rush River Trail Riders snowmobile exhibition and any other considerations
2. Discuss/take action on 2010 road work
3. Discuss/take action on trail on Erb's property (tentative)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

The 2011 Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 27th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was posted at the Town Hall, Langer's Bar and the Pierce County Herald on October 22, 2010.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan the 2011 Budget:

The 2011 budget planning session was held. Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2010 budget and dollars spent to date by line item. The consensus was that the 2010 budget was realistic and the 2011 budget should be similar. Planning for 2011 included the following:

- 2011 Budget Total of \$487,626 which is a decrease from the 2010 Total of \$494,011
- Fire, Ambulance & Sanitary are now budgeted separately to support the new required Emergency Services reporting to the state
- Clerk \$6700
- Capital Improvements \$43,200 (grader)
- Highway \$233,500 (limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Long Term Debt \$0 (Town Government Center loan is paid)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing, Special Town Meeting & Nov. Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Mark Erb, Lisa Erb

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 27, 2010 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at the Town Hall, Langer's Bar and the Pierce County Herald on October 22, 2010.

Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 9, 2009 Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting which were approved at the December 14, 2009 meeting.

Discussion

The 2011 budget was presented by Schoepp as prepared at the October 27, 2010 Budget Planning meeting. At the board's request, Mary Foley surveyed surrounding towns on board salaries and presented survey results to the board. Fischer stated the survey illustrated we are a little low on both the treasurer and clerk salaries and suggested \$4500 for the treasurer position and \$7000 for the clerk position.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:40 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Special Town Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Mark Erb, Lisa Erb

Immediately following the November 8, 2010 Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice for the special town meeting was published in the October 27, 2010 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at the Town Hall, Langer's Bar and the Pierce County Herald on October 22, 2010.

Discussion/Actions

Kannel made a motion to set the annual salaries for the treasurer position to \$4500 and the clerk position to \$7000. Motion seconded by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried. The budget spreadsheet will be revised accordingly.

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the 2011 budget. All in favor, motion carried. The 2011 budget total is \$488,426 which is a decrease from 2010.

Motion by Kannel to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2011, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

November 2010 Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Mark Erb, Lisa Erb

Immediately following the November 8, 2010 Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice for the November meeting was published in the October 27, 2010 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at the Town Hall, Langer's Bar and the Pierce County Herald on October 22, 2010.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 11, 2010 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 27, 2010 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid check from the state. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he is ready for the snow with blades and tires. Shop lights have been fixed. He reported that the bridge on 570th has a 50.5 rating where a 50 and under rating is eligible for federal aid. 465th avenue has been shim coated and shouldered. Road construction is over for the season. Mowing is in progress.

Public Comments

Erbs stated they liked the shim coating on 465th and the road maintenance/mowing is also good.

Agenda Items

Discuss/take action on request to use the Town Hall parking lot for upcoming Rush River Trail Riders snowmobile exhibition and any other considerations:

Brian Pieper rescinded the request for this agenda item as it is no longer needed due to a change in plans.

Discuss/take action on trail on Erb's property:

At the last meeting, Kannel reported that Mark Erb had contacted him as Erb does not understand the request from Mr. Kleinhans of Pierce County Department of Land Management. The county wants a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an uphill walking trail on private land. The concern of the county as we understand it is disturbance of ground too close to Rush River. There is nothing in our town's Comprehensive Plan that discusses or requires a CUP for a walking trail. Loberg has reviewed the issue and has contacted the Pierce County Department of Land Management.

Lisa Erb started out by stating to the board that they were not avoiding permits and their interpretation of the rules is that they did not need a permit. They constructed the pathway in August 2010. The pathway starts at 410th street. Lisa Erb further stated that they did perform grading within 300 feet of Rush River. According to the Erbs, the slope does not go towards the waterway. Lisa Erb presented some photos. They explained that they created a berm with approximately 120 hay bales to prevent runoff. Additionally they used rapid-grow oats but they believe the turkeys ate the oats. They graded 0.13 acres.

They continued by explaining that after meeting with Kleinhans and their own attorney (Loberg), Erbs filled out an application for a CUP from the county. Kleinhans contacted them and said he believed the permit would not be granted by the county. Erbs said that the county suggested engineering guidance on the project.

Kannel asked Erbs if they have filled out a CUP application from the county. Kannel explained all the Town can do is fill out the Town Recommendation portion of the form.

Fischer discussed another example of how a trail was handled.

Kannel made a motion to approve the Town Recommendation portion of the CUP with comments "Supv Fischer and Patrolman Peterson have viewed the trail on multiple occasions. There has not been a problem with run-off to date". Motion seconded by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/take action on 2010 Road Work:

Salt/sand was discussed. No action was taken. Kannel reported that he received notice that the price for salt/sand from the county will decrease this winter.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer discussed a seminar that may be of interest to the Plan Commission to be held near Eau Claire. The suggestion was that other Plan Commission members possibly attend. The cost is \$35.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/take action on 2010 road work

Next Meeting Date

The next Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 8, 2010 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 18, 2010 Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting. Peterson mentioned that the bridge with the 50.5 rating discussed at the November meeting should have been identified as the 570th bridge. Schoepp will modify the minutes accordingly. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes as such. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck radiator has a minor leak. The grader worked well for snow removal after the major snowfall; 115 gallons of fuel were used in the snow removal. We passed our fire inspection. Equipment is in good working order. Snowplowing on 410th was discussed with Peterson and Treasurer Foley tasked to determine the best way to handle the billing. Genslak is now requesting individual bills be sent to the owners in that development. Schoepp read the paragraph from 11/9/2009 meeting minutes discussing the snowplowing on 410th.

Public Comments

Scott Jones is making maps for ATV use and he had some question on dead ends. Kannel clarified that the dead end roads are open as ATV routes.

Scott Schoepp complemented Larry Peterson on his snowplowing over the weekend. Kannel recognized it as a big job well done.

Agenda Items

Discuss/take action on setting 2011 caucus date:

The town caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 4, 2011 and not later than January 25, 2011. Foley made a motion to hold the 2011 town caucus on January 22, 2011 at 1 p.m., second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. None at this time

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 5, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald. A revised notice was posted at the Town Hall, Pierce County Herald and Fischer Tractor that added Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service compensation as a closed session agenda item.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including discussion on the Transportation Aid expected in January. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the shop center overhead door may need adjustment or weather stripping. He will look into getting it fixed. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Mary Foley was approached by Kenny Hines who asked her if the Town has considered offering the assessor contract to another assessor. Mary Foley's explanation was that the Town had advertised for bids late in 2009 and did not get any other proposals. Schoepp stated that our current assessor contract is \$5400 annually for 2010 – 2012.

Agenda Items

None

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Kannel requested Schoepp to send in registrations for the March 18, 2011 WTA District Meeting in Eau Claire for himself, Supv Foley and Supv Fischer.

Future Agenda Items

1. None at this time

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Town Caucus will be held Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Tax collection will be available Saturday morning, January 22, 2011 at the Town Hall.

Closed Session

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to convene to closed session to discuss Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service compensation. This is as authorized by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 14th, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 9, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 10, 2011 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including discussion on tax collections and the Transportation Aid received in January. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the shop center overhead door is fixed; cables were frayed. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Take action on Town Treasurer Exemption from Bond Resolution

Schoepp read the proposed Exemption from Bond Resolution for the Town Treasurer. The board in the past has approved the exemption bond annually. An alternate method of handling this is via a one time ordinance for that particular Treasurer. Treasurer Foley suggested signing the Exemption From Bond at this time. Motion by Foley to approve Treasurer's Exemption Bond and authorize Chair and Clerk to sign, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action on Gravel Purchase

Motion by Fischer to approve the gravel purchase from the county, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Schedule Road Tour date

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 14th, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 9, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 14, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Ron Foley discussed videos or online training subscriptions available through the WI Towns Association for a small fee with various topics (e.g. Land Use, Plan Commission, etc.). It is planned to put this on next month's agenda.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action on scheduling Road Tour date

Schoepp suggested discussion on the requirements of complying with the open meeting law when the entire town board tours the roads together. A couple case studies were mentioned and the matter was discussed. One suggestion was to check with the Towns Association on complying with the open meeting law if a majority of the board members intend to attend a road tour. A date of Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 10 a.m. is set for a road tour starting at the Town Hall.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds.
2. Approve reworked Building Permit.
3. WI Towns Association training subscription/materials

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Closed Session

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to convene to closed session at 8:35 to discuss Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service compensation. This is as authorized by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to return to open session at 8:47 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWN OF EL PASO

APR 6, 2011

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EL PASO MET AT 10:00 AM FOR THEIR ANNUAL ROAD TOUR.

MEMBERS PRESENT RON KANNBL, RON FOLEY DAN FISCHER AND PATROLMAN LARRY PETERSON.

THE MEETING HAD BEEN NOTICED BUT THERE WERE NO TOWN RESIDENTS PRESENT.

RON FOLEY DROVE HIS VEHICLE TO LOOK AT ~~VARIOUS~~ A NUMBER OF ROADS BRIDGES AND CULVERT PIPES THAT NEEDED ATTENTION.

THE ASSEMBLY STOPPED AT EL PASO BAR AND GRILL FOR LUNCH BEFORE RETURNING TO THE TOWN HALL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:10 PM

SUBMITTED BY
PATROLMAN
LARRY PETERSON

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting and April Meeting Minutes

April 12th, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Paul Nielsen, Scott Schoepp, Barry Hines, Bill Ray, Dale Hines, Brian Pieper, Lloyd Yanisch

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 6, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 13, 2010 Annual Meeting.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: 2010 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the 2010 Financial Report. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to receive the financial statement as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Lloyd Yanisch inquired about the current changes in progress regarding emergency services (fire/ambulance). Dan Fischer summarized changes in progress for emergency services including the current service situation in regard to the recent resignations.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Lloyd Yanisch, second by Paul Nielsen to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss 2011 Road Work

Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (2011 Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- 490th St. needs mill, widen and blacktop for 0.5 mile
- Blacktop 0.7 mile shim coated last year
- Replace bad pipes
- Seal coating may or may not happen this year

- Crack sealing, crushed rock, blade patching, hand patching, shoulder work, sign replacements, ditch mowing, brush cutting, spraying

Kannel stated these are the projects identified to date.

Take Action: Set 2012 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in April, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm per motion by Kannel, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:55 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

April 2011 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Paul Nielsen, Scott Schoepp, Barry Hines, Bill Ray, Dale Hines, Brian Pieper, Lloyd Yanisch

Immediately following the April 12, 2011 Annual Meeting, Kannel called the April Meeting to order.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 6, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald. A revision was posted April 7, 2011 at Langer's Bar, the Town Hall and the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 6, 2011 Road Tour meeting was posted at Langer's Bar, the Town Hall and the Pierce County Herald on April 1, 2011.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 6, 2011 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer stated that he has had some discussion with Genslak but no definite meeting dates are planned at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including omission of a transfer. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that roads took a beating this winter including the road closed signage. Peterson has updated the road closed signage. All equipment is in working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Chippewa Valley Energy presentation on possible installation of propane tanks in the Town (south of Town Hall)

Barry Hines, a representative from Chippewa Valley Energy, presented installation options. They are in the midst of purchasing land to stage tanks to enter the market in this area. Weight restrictions on town roads were discussed by Peterson. The land Chippewa Valley Energy is interested in at this time is accessed from State Highway 72 and has an existing access/driveway permit. They hope to stage jobs in this area as a satellite bulk storage facility. Kannel stated the process would proceed with contacting the county Land Management office before the Town gives a Town Recommendation. Kannel also stated the land is now in an agriculture zone so the rezone process will likely need to be pursued.

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented for the Board for opening with bids as follows:

RockWorks, Brian Pieper bid \$100 per mowing.

Paul Nielson bid \$94.50 per mowing.

Bill Ray bid \$74.50 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the low bid from Bill Ray. All in favor, motion carried.

Scott Schoepp expressed that the town should consider requiring proof of liability insurance from the mowing contractor.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

It was discussed that 465th Avenue will need the second shim coat this summer. Work will also be done on 490th and 430th Avenue. Peterson will proceed with road work as time and weather permits.

Discuss/Take Action: Approve reworked Building Permit

Schoepp presented a reworked building permit for approval. Inspector Seipel has reviewed it and given his approval. The content is basically the same with the following notable changes:

- The Building Permit and Remodeling Permit forms have been combined into one form.
- A page 2 now exists with directions and fee information.
- A “pdf” file will be available at a later date on the web for those that wish to use it.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve use of the new Building Permit form. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: WI Towns Association training subscription/materials

Foley discussed training materials available from WI Towns Association for \$100. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to purchase training subscription/materials. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will get the town signed up.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance to authorize clerk to pay bills that are due before Bill Audit

The ordinance titled “Alternative Claims Procedure” was discussed and the first reading was made by Schoepp. The second reading and adoption will be at the next meeting.

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kannel requested Schoepp to send Paul Hanson information on contesting his taxes.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License (Bartender) for Langer's Bar

Schoepp presented an Operator's License application from Dan'a Paulynn Bowen to work at Langer's Bar. The \$20 fee has been paid and the WI Circuit Courts searched. Schoepp reported no major infractions of the law. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will issue the license.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Included were revised Retail licenses for Langer's Bar and Vino in the Valley. These changes were editorial in nature only. The WI DOR stated that this must be done so that the Retail License name matches the Business Seller's Permit name identically in spelling and punctuation. The DOR communicated to Schoepp that the other two Retail licenses for alcohol are fine as is.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Approve a standard publication fee (\$15) to be included in Alcohol License Application Total Fee.
2. Discuss/Take Action: Adopt Ordinance 2011-01 Alternative Claims Procedure.
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 9, 2011 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2011 7:30 pm

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Barry Hines, Lloyd Yanisch, Paul Nielsen, Jerome
Hines, Don J. Hines, Jeff E. Hines, Bill Young

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Fischer, second
by Foley to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the meeting was published in the April 27, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald
and posted in four Town public places (Town Hall, Town Shop, Fischer Tractor Repair and
Langer's Bar). It was also posted in the Pierce County Herald office.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the BOR at 7:33 p.m. until June 15, 2011 at
which time the 2011 Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Barry Hines, Lloyd Yanisch, Paul Nielsen, Jerome
Hines, Don J. Hines, Jeff E. Hines, Bill Young

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called
the May Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the May 4, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 12, 2011 annual meeting. Motion by Foley, second by
Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 12, 2011 Town Board meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported that the Plan Commission met on April 28, 2011 to discuss a recommendation for the rezone and Conditional Use Permit requested by Chippewa Valley Energy for a proposed propane storage facility in the town. The Plan Commission recommended approval with stipulations as follows per the Plan Commission Minutes:

- No more than two 30,000 gallon storage tanks to be located at the facility
- No more than 40 small service tanks to be located at the facility
- Trees screening the facility from neighbor's view from home to be planted
- Paint maintenance and mowing to be done as needed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive Treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck radiator is leaking again. Patching potholes may proceed this week. Other equipment is in working order.

Public Comments

Jerome Hines questioned leaving funds in the money market account and suggested CDs as an alternative. The board members explained the need for flexibility and that we do not "build up" money for many years, i.e. we spend what we need for maintenance on an annual basis. The board appreciated the comment and will keep it in mind.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town recommendation on Rezone and Conditional Use Permit for Chippewa Valley Energy (for propane storage facility).

Dan Fischer reported that the Plan Commission recommended the town approve the rezone and CUP requested by Chippewa Valley Energy representative Barry Hines. Paul Nielson stated he feels the tanks should be put on the north side of the town building instead. Jerome Hines stated he thought the land was "marshy" on the south side of Hwy 72 and that was a concern. Kannel explained that Hwy 72 is the "industrial or commercial corridor" per our town's Comprehensive Plan. Barry Hines stated he agreed with the stipulations in the Plan Commission meeting minutes. Barry Hines added this is the first step in the staging process for the approximately three acre project. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the Rezone Town Recommendation with the stipulations per the Plan Commission meeting minutes. Fischer abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. All others in favor, motion carried. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the CUP Town Recommendation with the stipulations per the Plan Commission meeting minutes. Fischer abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. All others in favor, motion carried. The Town Recommendation form for the county

was signed. The stipulations presented by the Plan Commission were included on the Town Recommendation forms.

Discuss/Take Action: Adopt Ordinance 2011-01 Alternative Claims Procedure.

Schoepp performed the second reading of the Alternative Claims Procedure ordinance. Motion by Foley to adopt the ordinance, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried. The ordinance will be published by Schoepp in the Pierce County Herald.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work for 2011

Road work for 2011 was discussed. Peterson reported a proposed price of approximately \$10,000 for crack sealing 290th and the Town Hall parking lot from Asphalt Associates Inc. which was a lower price than from Pierce County. Fischer made a motion to proceed with having Asphalt Associates Inc. perform the crack sealing, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Approve a standard publication fee (\$15) to be included in Alcohol License Application Total Fee

Schoepp stated the motive was to streamline billing. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adopt a standard \$15 publication fees for the alcohol retail license application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Foley requested Schoepp send BOR information to Dick DeCosta. Fischer reported the Ellsworth Ambulance Service board for Ellsworth has recently elected him as chairperson. Regents Hospital is covering during employee transitions. The Ellsworth Ambulance Service is also pursuing an ambulance replacement.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco license applications
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road work
3. Closed Session pertaining to Ellsworth Ambulance Assoc.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 7:30 p.m.
Open Book will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
BOR will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 8, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 9, 2011 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported that the Plan Commission Chair has expressed that there is some displeasure with Steve Hine's scrap pile. The complaint could be forwarded to Pierce County Land Management. Fischer will relay that idea to the Plan Commission Chair.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including bridge aid from Pierce County, a MFL payment and a previously unpaid Fire payment also from Pierce County. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that truck repair work included taking the radiator out again and welding. Patching has been done. Milling is in progress. Crack sealing is complete. For the dead end on 290th going west Kraemer rock price is \$9.70/yard delivered to the road.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) for approval noting the fees have been paid and the applications notarized. The board reviewed these renewal applications for the following establishments for 7/1/2011 until 6/30/2012: El Paso Bar and Grill, Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, Langer's Bar and Vino in the Valley. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the four presented renewal establishment licenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented two Cigarette License Applications for approval. Langer's Bar has paid the fee but El Paso Bar and Grill has not paid the \$15 fee. El Paso Bar and Grill was invoiced right after the application was received without the fee payment. The board reviewed these applications for 7/1/2011 until 6/30/2012 for Langer's Bar and El Paso Bar and Grill. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the Cigarette License for Langer's Bar. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License upon receiving the fee payment. All in favor, motion carried. The unpaid application will be on the agenda next month.

Schoepp presented the Application for Temporary Retailer's License for El Paso Days. The fee of \$10 was not paid when the application was submitted. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to buy rock from Kraemer for 570th Avenue for \$9.70/yard delivered. All in favor, motion carried.

Foley noticed a street sign down which Peterson will repair.

Peterson reported that Pierce County will complete the finish coat on 465th Avenue.

Discuss/Take Action: Supervisory Boundary Resolution

Schoepp presented Resolution 2011-01 Supervisory Boundary Resolution which designates the entire Town of El Paso as Ward 1 and a part of Supervisory District No. 10. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adopt the resolution. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will send a copy to the Pierce County Clerk.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License
2. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days Temporary Retailer's License
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Open Book will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 2 – 4 p.m.
Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Closed Session

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to convene to closed session at 8:35 to discuss Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service compensation. This is as authorized by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Ben Ries

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 6, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Fire Dues and GTA. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he resolved issues with the mower and more blacktop patching was completed. The rock recently procured for 570th avenue is on the road.

Public Comments

Ben Ries inquired about road construction on 430th. The board explained that road rework will include strip down, breaker rock, widen and resurface throughout the summer. Ries also inquired about snow plowing. Kannel explained driveway snow removal is the responsibility of the owner, however, the Patrolman may be called upon as his time permits to wing back snow farther than normal plowing is able. Ries also asked about purchasing rock and general tax questions to which the board responded.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License

Schoepp presented a Cigarette License application from El Paso Bar and Grill which was also presented last month. El Paso Bar and Grill has not paid the \$15 fee. El Paso Bar and Grill was invoiced right after the application was received without the fee payment.

Kannel directed a final notice be sent to El Paso Bar and Grill for the \$15 Cigarette License fee. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to send a final notice to El Paso Bar and Grill for the Cigarette License fee. All in favor, motion carried. The unpaid application will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days Temporary Retailer's License

Schoepp presented the Application for Temporary Retailer's License for El Paso Days. The fee of \$10 was paid this month. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve the El Paso Days Temporary Retailer's License. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License

Schoepp presented an application for a new bartender of the name Robin Zignego for Langer's Bar. The Wisconsin Circuit Courts search turned up no major infractions of the law for Robin Zignego. The \$20 fee has been paid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the Operator's License. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Seal coating on 465th is an upcoming activity.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported that the settlement is finished with the past Emergency Services Ambulance employees. For replacements, they plan to hire three full time paramedics, one administrator and an EMT that will also do bookwork. They are using Western Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for HR and medical insurance needs.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Al Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 3, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 11, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including GTA and Lottery Credit. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order. Road project rock work is going well.

Public Comments

Al Hines presented a Holding Tank Agreement form from the county for the Rush River Trail Riders snowmobile clubhouse. The board discussed how the town will administratively handle holding tank agreements. The board agreed the chair or his/her designee can sign this form as need be in the presence of a notary. (This is similar to how we handle driveway permits.) Hines will follow up with Kannel.

Al Hines stated he would like to get on the agenda for a picnic license for the snowmobile club. Schoepp will mail Hines the Temporary Retailer's License application with an informational letter.

Kannel reported Erb contacted him about a court date on August 29 in regards to a county citation for trail run off.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License

Schoepp reported that the \$15 fee for the El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License application has recently been paid and that the license was issued on August 7, 2011.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

No further discussion.

First Reading: Ordinance 2011-02 Exemption from Treasurer's Bond

Schoepp presented and read an ordinance which allows exemption from Treasurer's bond. The alternative we have used in the past is to pass a resolution annually and submit it to the County Treasurer. The board agreed to have this as an agenda item for adoption at next month's meeting. Foley made a motion to proceed with the ordinance, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Inspector Seipel sent correspondence on a sample resolution to not support the requirement for electronic assessment records.

Future Agenda Items

1. Second Reading and Adoption: Ordinance 2011-02 Exemption from Treasurer's Bond
2. Discuss/Take Action: Town Grievance Procedure Resolution
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 7, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 8, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported that the Plan Commission met on August 31, 2011 per the agenda item for Larry Hines' CUP request and read the associated minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including August tax settlement. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order and he made another round with the mower. Also discussed was the theft of the grader batteries. Peterson reported that Ellsworth and Hartland towns have contacted him and have asked us to consider a joint purchase of a concrete saw. They have proposed a Stihl TS800 and suggested each town would have their own blade. The price would be approximately \$855 per town for the purchase. This will be on the agenda next month for consideration. Peterson also reported we need truck tires. Foley reported the increased size and type requirements for street signs may have been rescinded so we may not need to pursue it at this time.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town recommendation on Conditional Use Permit for Larry Hines' addition to dwelling

Fischer reported that the Plan Commission met on August 31, 2011 to discuss a CUP request from Larry Hines for an addition to his dwelling. Proposed is a room addition to the south side of his home that would be in the road right of way. The understanding is that the house currently is in the right of way. The Plan Commission recommended town approval.

Schoepp reported the \$300 town fee has been paid for the CUP. The requesting party was not in attendance and did not provide the board with the county Town Recommendation form. It will be left on the agenda for next month as a follow-up item.

Kannel made a motion to approve the Larry Hines' addition CUP Town Recommendation form (and Chair to sign if/when it is presented), second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Adopt Ordinance 2011-02 Exemption from Treasurer's Bond

Schoepp made the second reading of an ordinance which allows exemption from Treasurer's bond. The alternative we have used in the past is to pass a resolution annually and submit it to the County Treasurer. Foley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Grievance Procedure Resolution

Schoepp presented a Town Employee Grievance Procedure and associated Resolution 2011-02 in accordance with recommendations from the Wisconsin Towns Association. Kannel made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License

No action was taken as the application Schoepp sent was not returned to date. We will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service Contract

Fischer read through the joint powers agreement. We will now be hiring WWEMS (Western Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services). Fischer made a motion to have the Chair approve and sign the Joint Powers Agreement, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. The Town Chair signed the agreement.

Amendment #1 to Ambulance Agency Management Services Agreement was also presented regarding the five contracted employees at an annual cost of \$237,166 which is an increase of approximately \$30,000 per year from previous year(s) for two employees.

Fisher needs the town alternate to attend an ambulance meeting in the future and will make arrangements.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Costs of approximately \$58,000 for a finish coat on 465th were discussed. A shim coat on 490th St and 430th Ave was also discussed. We will proceed with these projects.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board including correspondence on an insurance claim due to theft of the grader batteries.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License
3. Discuss/Take Action: Shared purchase of concrete saw
4. Discuss: Hines CUP form

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 5, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order and truck back tires are here. He reported 465th has the finish coat on it and it is shouldered. 490th and 430th Avenue is shim coated and shouldering is yet to be done. Also reported, the bucket is bad (has been welded) on the front end loader and we may borrow one from the Town of Ellsworth if need be. The board discussed who is responsible for the guard rail work needed at Sukowatey's due to a truck hitting it. Peterson will pursue getting it repaired; presently it has a barricade with a flasher by it.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Follow-up on Town recommendation for Hines' CUP

Kannel reported that he did not meet with Larry Hines to sign the CUP Town Recommendation form which was an agenda item at the last meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License

No action was taken as the application Schoepp sent was not returned to date. We will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance

Current policy is with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, agent Tom Jenkins. Schoepp reported the payment to Rural Mutual in the fall of 2010 was approximately \$7960. The board reviewed the Rural Mutual proposal and bill for the upcoming year.

Kannel made a motion to continue with the Rural Mutual Insurance carrier, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Shared purchase of concrete saw

At the last meeting Peterson reported that Ellsworth and Hartland towns have contacted him and have asked us to consider a joint purchase of a concrete saw. They have proposed a Stihl TS800 and suggested each town would have their own blade. The price would be approximately \$855 per town for the purchase. No action was taken or is planned for the future on this agenda item.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License (Bartender)

Schoepp presented a paid Operator's License Application from Joseph William Lechner of Hager City, WI. Schoepp reported that no major infractions of the law were found for this individual. Schoepp further explained that he is applying to work for "Rush River Snowmobile Club" but that entity does not have an establishment permanent or temporary liquor license. Fischer made a motion to approve the Operator's License, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. The board agreed Schoepp is to inform Lechner that the Rush River Snowmobile Club does not have a license to serve at this time and he should ensure they do before working there as a bartender.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan for new signs

Kannel reported we need a plan by January 1, 2012 on what our methodology will be for sign upgrades regarding reflectivity. Fischer discussed one alternative for testing involves a person over sixty years of age observing the signs at night from a pickup or SUV. Replacement should be done by January 2015 per Kannel. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Road Work

Kannel discussed filling out form(s) for TRIP dollars. Foley made a motion to apply for TRIP money for 330th Street blacktopping, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License
2. Discuss/Take Action: Plan for New Road Signs

Next Meeting Date

The November meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. which will include the Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting.

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 19, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan the 2012 Budget:

The 2012 budget planning session was held. Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2011 budget and dollars spent to date by line item. The consensus was that the 2011 budget was realistic and the 2012 budget should be similar. Planning for 2012 included the following:

- 2012 Budget Total of \$488,426 which is the same as last year
- Capital Improvements \$43,266 (grader)
- Highway \$233,500 (limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Long Term Debt \$0 (Town Government Center loan is paid)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing

November 14th, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the November 2, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2012 proposed budget summary on October 30, 2011.

Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 8, 2010 Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting which were approved at the December 13, 2010 meeting.

Discussion

The 2012 budget was presented by Schoepp as prepared at the October 26, 2011 Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the 2011 budget was realistic and the budget total was kept the same as last year.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:39 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2011

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 14, 2011 Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 2, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2012 proposed budget summary on October 30, 2011.

Discussion/Actions

The 2012 budget total is \$488,426 which is the same as 2011 and also a decrease from 2010. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the 2012 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kannel to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2012, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2011

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 2, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2012 proposed budget summary on October 30, 2011.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 10, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 26, 2011 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including GTA. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he has the back tires on the truck and front tires are also needed. Shouldering is completed on 490th and 430th. TRIP form has been turned in. Peterson will look into a saw for cutting culverts, etc. The smashed guard rail has been fixed. Mowing is completed. Sand supply for the winter was discussed.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License

No action was taken as the applications Schoepp sent were not returned to date. We will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan for new road signs

Peterson reported on a plan for sign replacement that he has started. It will proceed as a work in progress.

Discuss/Take Action: Fees for delinquent bills

Kannel made a motion to charge 1% per month for overdue bills. Motion seconded by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Mower replacement

Kannel explained we are awaiting expected bids. No action taken.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License
2. Discuss/Take Action: Election inspector appointments
3. Discuss/Take Action: Mower replacement
4. Discuss/Take Action: Purchase of cutting saw

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 7, 2011 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp previously distributed the minutes from the November 14, 2011 Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and November Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Schoepp summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order and no parts are needed at this time.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Retailer's License

Schoepp presented the application for Temporary Retailer's License for Feb. 4 – 5, 2012 from the Rush River Trail Riders. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve the license. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Election inspector appointments

Kannel nominated the following individuals for appointment as election inspectors for the 2012 – 2013 term: Rhoda Foley, Ron Foley, Kay Berg, Norris Berg, Barb Klecker, Marsha Shafer, Terry Odalen and Pam Enger. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to appoint the nominated inspectors. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Mower replacement

Kannel presented proposals as follows:

- Diamond Mower bid \$16,313 for 15 foot mower with no trade.
- John Deere Mower bid \$16,900 for 15 footer with \$2500 trade-in allowance or \$18,000 for model Rhino with \$2500 trade-in allowance.
- Value Implement bid \$10,750 for a 15 footer or trade-in for \$10,400.

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to purchase the Value Implement mower and trade in ours for \$10,400. All in favor, motion carried. It was agreed Schoepp will pay this bill in 2011 if possible.

Discuss/Take Action: Purchase of cutting saw (14" blade)

Kannel presented three bids for a cutting saw as follows:

- John Deere Tractor Central bid \$995.
- Red Wing Implement bid \$995.
- Northside Power and Equipment of Woodville, WI bid a \$925 sale price which would be \$832.50 with the 10% municipal discount. They also priced out \$259 for a blacktop cutting blade and \$60 for a standard pack of blades.

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to purchase the cutting saw and blades from Northside Power and Equipment. All in favor, motion carried. It was agreed Schoepp will pay this bill in 2011 if possible.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Kannel to make extra payment of \$43,226.30 on grader, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer requested both he and Foley get signed up for the WI Towns Association Frac Sand Mining meeting which was full last month. Schoepp will send in the registration. Fischer reported the Ellsworth Area Ambulance director started work and they are in the process of hiring one more paramedic.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: none

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 5, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald, revised and posted December 8, 2012.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 11, 2012 Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and November Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer read the minutes from the November 19, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting. Duane Odalen would like to be removed from the Plan Commission. Schoepp will distribute a copy of the town's Plan Commission ordinance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the road project is complete, equipment is in good working order and blades are on order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Moratorium and ordinance on frac sand mining

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve a moratorium on frac sand mining activities in the town for a period not to exceed one year and proceed with producing an associated ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2013 caucus date

The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 1, 2013 and not later than January 29, 2013. Kannel made a motion to hold the 2013 town caucus on Saturday, January 26, 2012 at 1 p.m., second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Petition for 330th St. 100' North of 610th Ave. Bridge
Town share is \$12,775.05 of \$25,550.10 total cost estimate. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to fund repair/construction.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Petition for 430th Avenue 100' East of 450th Street Culvert
Town share is \$30,340.07 of \$60,680.14 total cost estimate. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to fund repair/construction.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on frac sand mining
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing

November 12th, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:31 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 31, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2013 proposed budget summary.

Discussion

The 2013 budget was presented by Schoepp as prepared at the October 24, 2012 Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the 2012 budget was realistic and the 2013 budget total was kept the same as last two years.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:37 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2012

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 12, 2012 Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 31, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2013 proposed budget summary.

Discussion/Actions

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to raise the clerk salary \$500. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2013 budget total is \$488,426 which is the same as last year. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the 2013 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kannel to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2013, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2012

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 12, 2012 Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 31, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2013 proposed budget summary.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 8, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 24, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes in Fischer's absence from the Plan Commission meeting held October 29, 2012. They are recommending a moratorium on frac sand mining in the town of El Paso for a period not to exceed one year

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the road project is near completion. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Proposed moratorium on frac sand mining

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to table the proposed moratorium until the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Blacktop project is completed for the year.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Set 2013 caucus date
2. Discuss/Take Action: Moratorium and ordinance on frac sand mining

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 17, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan the 2013 Budget:

The 2013 budget planning session was held. Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2012 budget and dollars spent to date by line item. The consensus was that the 2012 budget was realistic and the 2013 budget should be similar. Planning for 2013 included the following:

- 2013 Budget Total of \$488,426 which is the same as last two years
- Capital Improvements \$43,266 (grader)
- Highway \$233,500 (limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Long Term Debt \$0 (Town Government Center loan is paid)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 3, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 10, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

There was no meeting to report on. Fischer discussed frac sand mining and the possibility of a moratorium and a related ordinance. Fischer stated the Town of Ellsworth is using the services of an attorney to help with their ordinance. Fischer also mentioned that the Plan Commission needs another member.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the General Transportation Aid check forthcoming. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order. Work on 430th avenue is progressing. A black and white 30 mile per hour sign has put up on 400th St.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Assessor Contract

Schoepp presented a proposal received from Assessor Seipel. The proposal for 2013 – 2015 is for \$5000 per year. This is a decrease from the 2010 – 2012 rate of \$5400. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to acknowledge and sign the contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: Town Insurance request(s) for presentation

Schoepp presented a proposal received from Rural Mutual. The proposed cost is similar to last year. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to continue our insurance business with Rural Mutual. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

No additional discussion.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Proposed moratorium on frac sand mining
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 2012 immediately following the Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Scott Jones, Thomas Jenkins

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 5, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 13, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the August tax settlement. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order. Work on 430th avenue is progressing. Several "Road Closed" signs went missing this last weekend.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes
Schoepp read the revised sections of Ordinance No. 2010-01 Amendment Revision September 2012 to allow UTVs on ATV routes. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adopt the Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: Town Insurance request(s) for presentation

Rural Mutual representative Thomas Jenkins presented recommendations for town insurance. He suggested we consider the impact on our town if frac sand mining should become a reality in our town. He also mentioned if we have any lawsuits come our way, we should contact our insurance company as soon as possible, e.g. windmill controversies.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Peterson mentioned we may need routine purchases of tires and blades before winter.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay bills presented to the Board with the exception of the AT&T damage bill which Peterson will check on. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 8, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 9, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

No meetings were held. Fischer attended the Pierce County Land Management hearing for Erb's fill and grade work and it was approved at the county level.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order. On 430th, five foot pipe is installed; blacktop milling is taking place this week. New mower is working out well.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Applications (Hines, Brickner and Oricchio for Ellsworth Rod & Gun Club)

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported that the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicant Names: John J. Hines Jr., Randy Jerome Brickner, Casey Jo Oricchio

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve Operator's Licenses presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes

Larry Johnson suggested additional verbiage for Ordinance No. 2010-01 Amendment Revision September 2012 to allow UTVs on ATV routes. This was discussed and a reading of the revisions was made by Schoepp. The second reading and adoption is planned for the next meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

A white 30 mile per hour sign has been requested to replace a yellow 30 mile per hour sign on 400th Street. Peterson will follow up on the request.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Mary Foley will check on an unexplainable bill from Menards. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all other bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes
2. Discuss: Rural Mutual Insurance request for presentation
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 3, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days Operator's License Application(s)

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported that the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicant Names: Dale Edward Johnson, Lori Jane Johnson, Debbie Lynne Harmon, Arvid Leroy Harmon

Motion by Foley second by Fischer to approve Operator's Licenses presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application (Graetz for Ellsworth Rod & Gun)

Schoepp presented an Operator's License Application (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 for Troy Charles Graetz noting that the fee has been paid. Schoepp reported that the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if this applicant had any major infractions of the law and none were found. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the Operator's License for Graetz. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: First Reading of Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes

Ordinance No. 2010-01 Amendment Revision August 2012 to allow UTVs on ATV routes was discussed and the first reading of the revision was made by Schoepp. The second reading and adoption will be at the next meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Peterson stated there are several miles left to mow; washout repair is in progress. Mower is working well.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Board of Review

June 13th, 2012 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was published in the April 18, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places in the town.

Objections filed:

There were no objections filed.

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Adolph Johnson, Trudy Popenhagen, Tom Bachmeier, Larry Johnson at 8:20 PM

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 6, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 14, 2012 Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 14, 2012 Monthly Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the 330th St. bridge patching should be completed soon. Also, there was much debris removal after the recent heavy rain. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Resolution to allow Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation ("NSPW"), to construct a natural gas line and provide natural gas service in the town, from 390th St and Cty Rd CC, and going north to N4365 Cty Rd CC, Elmwood known as "Fetzer Farms"

Trudy Popenhagen, Xcel Energy, presented the request for natural gas service. Details discussed included:

- Three feet deep underground.
- Any customers along that route would also be able to purchase the service.
- An environmental impact would be presented to the Public Service Commission.
- Construction is proposed for this fall.
- There is no liability to the town.

Schoepp read the Resolution 2012-01. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adopt Resolution 2012-01, NSPW Natural Gas Service. All in favor, motion carried. The resolution will be published.

Discuss: Possible ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes

Schoepp stated that the Wisconsin law to allow this does not take effect until July 1 of this year. No ordinance language was provided in time to allow a draft ordinance to be prepared. When draft language is available, this will be on the agenda for action and this may be next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Farmland Preservation

This is a follow-up to the Farmland Preservation presentation by the county in March. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to table it. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented three Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) that were submitted before the mandatory 15 day waiting period before the board may take action on them. The fees have been paid and the applications notarized. The board reviewed these renewal applications for the following establishments for 7/1/2012 until 6/30/2013: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, Langer's Bar and Vino in the Valley. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the renewal establishment licenses for Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, Langer's Bar and Vino in the Valley. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented one Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Application (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) that was not submitted by the date to allow the mandatory 15 day waiting period before the board may take action on it. An extra reminder letter was sent before the due date. The fees have been paid and the application notarized, however an extra publishing fee will be incurred by the town as this application was not published with the other three which were combined into one ad; it was submitted to the Pierce County Herald after the others. The board reviewed this renewal application for El Paso Bar and Grill for 7/1/2012 until 6/30/2013. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the renewal establishment license for El Paso Bar and Grill. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented two Cigarette License Applications for approval; the fees have been paid. The board reviewed the applications for 7/1/2012 until 6/30/2013 for Langer's Bar and El Paso Bar and Grill. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to approve the Cigarette Licenses for Langer's Bar and El Paso Bar and Grill. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented the Application for Temporary Retailer's License for El Paso Days. The fee of \$10 has been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the license for El Paso Days. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applications include:

Langer's Bar:

Joseph D. Janisch, Ronald Richard Wilkens, Teresa Ann O'Connell, Susan Marie Taplin, Robin Jo Zignego, Jessica Lynn Kerg, Jane Elizabeth Langer

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Pamela Jean Hines, Scott Raymond Hanson

Vino in the Valley:

Michele Delores Foley, JeriLu Brenner, Terry Micheal Hove, Nathan S. Brenner

El Paso Bar and Grill:

Jane Marie White

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve Operator's Licenses presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Peterson stated patching and mowing are in progress.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Foley mentioned the Town Government Center signs may need maintenance and Peterson will follow-up.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: First Reading of Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes
2. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days Operator's License Application(s)
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Open Book will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting Minutes
May 14th, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the meeting was published in the April 18, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four Town public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the BOR at 7:33 p.m. until June 13, 2012 at which time the 2012 Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the May 9, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 10, 2012 Annual meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 10, 2012 Town Board meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including Lottery Credit, General Transportation Aid and Flood Damage Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the 330th St. bridge project is complete. Peterson will submit paperwork to the county for cost-sharing. The new mower and rock is here. A temporary easement to operate equipment on the property of Eldon Klecker was signed by Chairman Kannel to allow for culvert road construction work.

Foley reported he attended the county Land Management meeting on Farmland Preservation and several zoning related definition changes.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss: Possible ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes

Larry Johnson stated that the Governor has signed a law that municipalities may or may not allow UTVs on ATV routes. It is not currently in effect. Several rules were discussed including age to operate, occupancy, signage, etc. Schoepp inquired about language that would be needed before action is taken on any associated ordinance change.

Discuss/Take Action: Elmwood Fire Department pick-up purchase

Kannel reported that the Elmwood Fire Department wants to buy a pickup for \$25,000 to be paid for over three years. They have suggested the Town of El Paso borrow the money. Kannel discussed an alternate method of using the fire department's chicken feed fund raiser to pay for the pickup. Kannel made a motion to pay the Town's share of the pickup if another source of funding is secured, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Peterson discussed upcoming road work.

Audit Bills

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried. A safety concern was brought to the attention of the board that the mower contractor was blowing grass, etc. onto Highway 72 the day of the last election and it may have been a hazard. Schoepp was asked to send him a letter stating that practice is not acceptable.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance change to allow UTVs on ATV routes
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2012 7:30 p.m.
Open Book will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
BOR will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting and April Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 4, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 12, 2011 Annual Meeting.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: 2011 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the 2011 Financial Report. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to receive the financial statement as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Schoepp, second by Fischer to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss 2012 Road Work

Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (2012 Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- Bridge repair by Tom Birkel residence. An emergency repair proposal has been received from Mattison Contractors, Inc.
- 430th Avenue work including culvert work, shim coat, etc.
- Routine maintenance including hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, dust settler, riprap, brush cutting, and spraying.

Kannel stated these are the projects identified to date.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2013 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm per motion by Kannel, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:46 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

April 2012 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bill Ray

Immediately following the April 12, 2012 Annual Meeting, Kannel called the April Meeting to order.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 4, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 5, 2012 Road Tour meeting was published in the March 28, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 12, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 5, 2012 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including mention of a check of approximately \$23,000 from the state for flood damage which will be on the April bank statement. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that our new mower is not in yet from the dealer. Also, rock has not been delivered yet. Peterson mentioned that the bridge at Kenny Hines may be rated low enough to get on the list for federal aid in several years.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Rays Lawnmowing Service (Bill Ray) bid \$80 per mowing.

Hanson's Lawn Care (Daniel Hanson) bid \$72 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Hanson provided he supplies proof of insurance. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp stated that the town would require proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to have Mattison Contractors, Inc. install gabion baskets for wall retention emergency bridge repair on 330th St. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Farmland Preservation

No action taken.

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported that he may have a meeting conflict with the May town meeting due to an ambulance meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2012 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

10:00 AM
APR 5, 2012
EL PASO TOWN HALL

THE TOWN BOARD AND PATROLMAN MET AT THE TOWN HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT RON KANNEL, RON FOLEY, DAN FISCHER AND LARRY PETERSON.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS THE ANNUAL ROAD TOUR WHICH HAD BEEN NOTICED IN THE PC HERALD

RON KANNEL DROVE HIS VAN ALONG THE DESIGNATED ROUTE WITH SEVERAL STOPS TO LOOK AT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, BRIDGE REPAIR AND OTHER ROAD MAINTAINANCE ISSUES. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THE ASSEMBLY STOPPED AT EL PASO BAR AND GRILL FOR LUNCH BEFORE CONTINUING BACK TO THE TOWN HALL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED AT 1:00 PM.

SUBMITTED BY
PATROLMAN
LARRY PETERSON

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Genslak, Tony Shafer, Ken Hines, Andy Pichotta, Rod Webb, Dick Rybicki, Duane Odalen, Brad Roy, Galen Seipel

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 7, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 20, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported all equipment is in good working order. Peterson reported rock prices as follows: Kraemer's : \$7.95 per ton, Pierce County \$7.70 per ton. We will need approximately 1200 – 1500 ton.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

County Presentation on Farmland Preservation

Brad Roy presented a summary of Wisconsin's new Farmland Preservation program and what is needed from the town for this plan. The goal from the state is to preserve the prime ag areas. Towns are not required to adopt their own plans; the county is required to adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan. The county is requesting input on designations of prime ag areas. Fischer questioned if there is a minimum size and Roy explained there is not. Agriculture Enterprise Areas were discussed for which petitions must come from at least five eligible farm owners and encompass 1000 acres. There was discussion on if these lands need to be contiguous; it was explained other properties could be included besides the farm land. The Town may designate Farmland Preservation Areas which would allow farmers to petition to create an Agricultural Enterprise Area. The restrictions would come when land owners sign up for the program.

Andy Pichotta next went on to discuss Conditional Use Permits and Town Comprehensive Plans. He then discussed three new proposed conditional uses: 1) Agricultural Business Operations, 2) Nature Based Operations and 3) Resorts. Pichotta also discussed establishing policies on non-metallic mining operations. Kannel questioned what the county plans to do. Pichotta explained that the county does not have any plans and just wants the towns to know that we can set our own policies on mining operations.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Inspections

Motion by Kannel to have the county inspect bridges, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Schedule road tour date/time

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to schedule a meeting to tour the town roads on April 5 at 10 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Plan Commission member meeting pay for the Farmland Preservation presentation was also included. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Road Work
2. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Next Meeting Date

The Road Tour meeting will be held April 5, 2012 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2012 immediately following the 2012 Annual Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Larry Brenner, Julie Karlstad, Scott Schoepp, Sheryel Hanuman, Scott Reeverts

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 8, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted at the Town Hall.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 9, 2012 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Plan Commission minutes were read by Fischer later in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the February settlement payments. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

none

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for revised Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Vino in the Valley

Fischer reported the Plan Commission met on January 26, 2012 to review a proposed, revised Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for Vino in the Valley. Fischer read the associated meeting minutes.

Points discussed included:

- Days of Operation: Open on Thursday 5-10 PM, Friday 5-10 PM, Saturday noon – 10 PM, and Sunday noon – 6:00 PM. The number of days open would be increased from 75 to 88.
- Other: Build a charcoal grill and a bar.

The Plan Commission recommended the Town Recommendation to be “Approve” on the CUP with conditions: put up directional signs and attempt to slow traffic. Kannel asked about public complaints such as traffic and noise. Brenner stated that he is planning to communicate to car clubs to keep their speed down when traveling to Vino in the Valley. Brenner also stated he plans to put up directional signs. Brenner does not intend to host special events (e.g. weddings) if the Friday nights are approved. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to approve the Town Recommendation of the CUP. Fischer abstained from voting as a family member works for Vino in the Valley. Foley and Kannel voted in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for Hanuman Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Antique Shop at N5852 490th St.

Fischer reported the Plan Commission met on February 16, 2012 to review a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application submitted by Hanuman for a new antique shop at N5852 490th St. Fischer read the associated meeting minutes. Points discussed included:

- Days of Operation: Six days a week, 9 AM – 5 PM
- Other: Sales will include antiques and miscellaneous art and collectibles

The Plan Commission recommended the Town Recommendation to be “Approve” on the CUP with no additional conditions. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve the Town Recommendation of the CUP. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Bucket for the Loader

Foley reported working with the Town of Ellsworth on a used bucket purchase for \$2500. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the bucket purchase. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Kannel reported on a letter concerning bridge inspections from the county. Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. County presentation on Farmland Preservation
2. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge inspections
3. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Scott Schoepp, Larry Brenner, Julie Karlstad, Building Inspector Galen Seipel

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 4, 2012 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 12, 2011 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the radiator is leaking again on the truck; "Stop Leak" seems to have stopped the leak.

Public Comments

Larry Brenner stated he is considering working on a conditional use permit; he stated he wanted to "bounce a few things" off the board. He mentioned his concerns that Vino in the Valley's Saturday nights are too busy and he wants to take pressure off Saturday night. Brenner desires to build a permanent bar on the grounds to give the people that have to wait a nicer option for waiting. He also stated Vino in the Valley likely will stop offering to host private party events, e.g. weddings. Brenner would like to tone down Thursday night with a simpler menu. He would like to be open Friday nights. He inquired of the board if they had an opinion on changing those conditions. Kannel explained the board was not in a position to offer any recommendations as this is not on the agenda. Schoepp distributed the "Town of El Paso CUP/Rezone Process" document that outlines the process including the "Town Recommendation".

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Proposed Inspector Fees

The board reviewed proposed new, increased inspector fees for building and remodeling. Inspector Seipel stated that the proposed fees are similar to or lower than other town's inspector fees. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve the proposed inspector fees. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will update the town's Building Permit Application form.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Bucket for the Loader

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Genslak, Matt Anderson, Steve Wolfbauer,
Scott Schoepp, Melissa Ryden and daughter

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 4, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 11, 2013 Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and November Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the 270th street estimate has been turned in for TRIP funding. Work with the boom mower is completed. The new truck is waiting on hydraulics work. The radiator is acting up on the old truck. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: North 410th Street Extension

Tom Genslak pointed out the meeting date error in the letter invitation sent. Schoepp apologized for the error. Kannel explained that the town does not have responsibility for this road and fee for service items such as plowing, as time permits, are not covered by real estate tax bills. Kannel continued that the town needs to have that information documented in the meeting minutes, especially for clarification to the newer owners on North 410th Street Extension. Kannel also explained the construction requirements for a town road; currently this road is not up to those standards. Foley mentioned that payment for service needs to be timely. Genslak stated he would not mind an increase in the bill if costs so warrant it. Genslak also said the property owners own their half of the 410th Street Extension road and he has an easement to Highway 72. Mary Foley discussed what time of the year these bills should be sent out.

Discuss/Take Action: Assessment compliance

Kannel lead discussion on a letter from the WI DOR reminding the town that the statutes require that the assessed value of each major class of property must be within 10% of the full value at least once every five years. To stay in compliance, the town must meet the requirement in 2014. Schoepp presented a letter from Assessor Galen Seipel outlining his plan to guarantee meeting the requirements and stay in compliance. Motion by Kannel to inform the assessor to adjust the values per the assessor's plan to get us in compliance by 2014, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's license and Resolution on associated fees

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adopt Ordinance 2013-01. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adopt Resolution 2013-03. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Election inspector appointments

Kannel nominated the following individuals for appointment as election inspectors for the 2014 – 2015 term: Rhoda Foley, Dorie Dunham-Sweeney, Norris Berg, Denise Blaisdell, Pam Enger, Wendy Kannel, Barb Klecker, Daniel Olson, Marsha Shafer, Patrick Sweeney, and Terry Sweeney. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to appoint the nominated inspectors and increase the Chief Inspector pay to \$11 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Kevin Burgess Operator's License application

Schoepp presented the application for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fee has been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicant has had any major infractions of the law and none were found. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Rider's Club temporary malt beverage license application

Motion by Kannel to approve the license for Feb. 1, 2014, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Kannel reported he went to the TRIP meeting last week and the town will be receiving funds in 2015 for blacktopping (approximately \$22,000).

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay bills presented to the Board with the exception of the \$100,000 holdover due to the county highway department. Also the clerk is authorized to pay the new truck and associated equipment bills of approximately \$78,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer stated he received a call from the Pierce County Land Management office inquiring about West's kennel operation. Mary Foley stated conditions of his CUP require that he keeps his kennel license current.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: none

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing

November 11th, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Chairman Ron Kannel

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Gary Ingli

Fischer called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. He asked for nomination for chair for tonight's meetings due to Kannel's absence. Foley nominated Fischer, second by Schoepp. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the hearing was published in the November 6, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2014 proposed budget summary.

Discussion

The 2014 budget was presented as prepared at the October 30, 2013 Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the 2013 budget was realistic and the 2014 budget total was kept the same as last several years.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 11th, 2013

Board Members Present: Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Chairman Ron Kannel

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Gary Ingli

Immediately following the November 11, 2013 Budget Hearing, Fischer called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 6, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2014 proposed budget summary.

Discussion/Actions

The 2014 budget total is \$488,426 which is the same as the last several years. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the 2014 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Foley to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2014, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 11th, 2013

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Chairman Ron Kannel

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Gary Ingli

Immediately following the November 11, 2013 Special Town Meeting, Fischer called the November Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 6, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2014 proposed budget summary.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 14, 2013 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 30, 2013 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the mowing is done. The new truck is in Menomonie being prepared for delivery. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Gary Ingli asked about voter ID and the state dismissing requirements for land telephone lines in the rural areas. Schoepp explained that the state legislature has had numerous election bills the last couple years and more may or may not be forthcoming. This has created much confusion and extra work. It is expected a driver's license would be a valid photo ID.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's license and Resolution on associated fees

Motion by Foley to table this item, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: North 410th Street

Adequacy of the fees and a contract for snow removal, sanding, mowing, etc. was discussed. Bills were sent out for the previous season in June and two of the four checks were not received by the town until October. Foley suggested an agreement/contract be sent to the owners. Discussion was that this is done on a fee for service basis and the town does not have responsibility for this road. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to send a letter to the 410th Street Extension property owners informing them of next month's agenda item pertaining to maintenance of 410th Street Extension which is a private road. Mary Foley offered to compile the list of landowners and work with the clerk on this item.

Discuss/Take Action: Backhoe tire replacement

A backhoe tire replacement estimate of \$3140 was presented from Peterson. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to purchase the tires in the upcoming months. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Resolution in Opposition to SB 349 Relating to Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adopt Resolution 2013-04. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Admin and Delivery Fee

Admin Fee on sales (e.g. crushed rock) was discussed. We are charging 4.5% Admin Fee which is the same as the county. Foley discussed a cap on the Admin Fee. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to cap the Admin Fee at \$75. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Peterson is expecting an estimate soon from the county on 270th Street work for the TRIP application. Peterson plans to turn in the application before November 27th.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of \$100,000 from the \$184,095.08 job from the Pierce County Highway bill. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board including a letter on assessment compliance from the state.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: North 410th Street Extension
2. Discuss/Take Action: Assessment compliance
3. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's license and Resolution on associated fees
4. Discuss/Take Action: Appoint election inspectors
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 9, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan the 2014 Budget:

The 2014 budget planning session was held. Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2013 budget and dollars spent to date by line item. The consensus was that the 2013 budget was realistic and the 2014 budget should be similar. Schoepp explained the 2013 dollars spent to date for Highway include a large 2012 payment to the Pierce County Highway Department and were actually part of the 2012 budget although the check was cashed in January 2013. Planning for 2014 included the following:

- 2014 Budget Total of \$488,426 which is the same as last several years
- Capital Improvements \$43,226 (grader payment)
- Highway \$233,500 (limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Long Term Debt \$0 (Town Government Center loan is paid)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 9, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 9, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Truck delivery is expected later this month. 330th St. project is completed. Truck had a wheel seal leaking and repair has been done. Drill has been received and is functional.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Nonmetallic Mine Operator's License Ordinance and Resolution on associated fees

No action. This will be on next month's agenda.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance

Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance. Motion by Kannel to accept the policy proposal, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

Kannel discussed possible projects for the TRIP funds that a town is eligible for periodically. Kannel asked Peterson to work on an application to be submitted next month.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board including a letter from the Pierce County Sheriff's office on rifle gun/deer hunting.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses and Resolution on associated fees
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Catherine R. Munkittrick, Tom Jenkins

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 4, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 12, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Equipment is in good working order. One lane of overlay blacktop has been done. Truck delivery is progressing.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses/Comprehensive Plan

Attorney Catherine R. Munkittrick discussed a number of suggestions for the ordinance. She discussed how an interested party would need a CUP from the county before any license would be issued from the town. Attorney Munkittrick next discussed the town's Comprehensive Plan and stated that there are many sections that do not add any particular planning information. She discussed that the town's Comprehensive Plan would likely be considered as advisory information in regards to the mine operator's license ordinance. She stated the town could adopt the ordinance without modifying the Comprehensive Plan. This will again be on the agenda next month.

Discuss: Town Insurance

Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual presented a proposal for town insurance. Jenkins suggested we ask for documentation of worker's compensation coverage on any subcontractor's Certificate of Liability Insurance we obtain.

Discuss/Take Action: Ellsworth Fire Association Resolution on note re-finance

Ellsworth Fire Services Association submitted a resolution on a note re-finance. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the resolution as Resolution 2013-02. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Drill purchase

Kannel discussed a drill purchase. The board agreed Kannel and Peterson will arrange for the purchase. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase a drill. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Computer/Software purchase

The payroll and accounting software known as "Our Town" used by the Clerk is no longer supported by the vendor. Schoepp reported a survey throughout the county of clerks showed a strong preference in the use of QuickBooks Pro software product. The existing clerk laptop was purchased late in 2007 and is in need of replacement. Pricing by OfficeMax was presented.

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to purchase the computer/software. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

Peterson discussed that we need to apply for bids for materials for the TRIP project. Motion by Kannel to have Pierce County apply for bids for materials for the TRIP project, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 7, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald. A revision was posted August 8, 2013 to add two operator license applications.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 8, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid and Shared Revenue. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Equipment is in good working order. For the TRIP blacktop project, excess dirt was removed from the 330th St. bridge.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses

Schoepp mentioned she responded to an e-mail today from the attorney for general information.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

No additional discussion

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License applications from Kylie Taplin and Bruce Zignego, Sr.

Schoepp presented two Operator's License Applications for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicants have had any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the applications. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss: town insurance
2. Discuss/Take Action: drill purchase
3. Discuss/Take Action: computer and software purchase
4. Discuss/Take Action: ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
5. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 3, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 10, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes noting the clerk correction of the withdrawal of the renewal alcohol license for Langer's Bar. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that mowing is almost complete. Overlay blacktop on 430th Ave./490th St. is planned for the second week in August. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses

None

Discuss/Take Action: Truck replacement

Kannel reported we ordered the truck through Western Star and the Indianhead Truck box price will be \$48,000. Motion by Kannel to purchase the box from Indianhead Truck, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

No additional discussion

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented with the exception of the Western Wisconsin Ag Supply bill. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Brenner

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 5, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 13, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including a check received for bridge aid. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that Nortrax has put new hardware on top of grader under warranty. The backhoe was also worked on. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Larry Brenner discussed that July 4th falls on a Thursday this year and he wants to put on a fireworks display at Vino in the Valley with Kenny Hines. Brenner said Hines has an appropriate license for fireworks displays. Kannel said the Town does not issue fireworks permits at this time. Fischer stated that the CUP needs to be reviewed and no fireworks should be discharged after the time, if specified, in the CUP.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Moratorium Ordinance for Nonmetallic Mining

Schoepp presented a moratorium ordinance for nonmetallic mining from the Wisconsin Towns Association as requested by Kannel. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adopt Ordinance 2013-03. Roll call vote: Fischer in favor, Foley in favor, Kannel in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses, attorney fees

There was a discussion on the source file for the Comprehensive Plan. Schoepp stated a scanned pdf was made by OfficeMax last year from Fischer's copy as she did not have another source file and citizens were requesting copies. The plan may need retyping if revisions are called for in the future. Schoepp suggested references may be listed instead of included as part of the plan in any future revisions. Foley discussed meeting with attorney Catherine R. Munkittrick of Rodli, Beskar, Krueger & Pletcher. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the legal fees of \$165 per hour for working on the nonmetallic mine operator's license ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented three Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) that were submitted before the mandatory 15 day waiting period before the board may take action on them. Applications are for the following establishments for 7/1/2013 until 6/30/2014: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented a renewal Cigarette License Application from El Paso Bar and Grill for 7/1/2013 until 6/30/2014.

Schoepp presented an Original Alcohol Beverage License Application (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor) from Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the time period of approval until 6/30/2014. An original Application for Cigarette and Tobacco Products License application was also submitted for that period. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Schoepp presented two Applications for Temporary Retailer's License for 2013 El Paso Days, one from "Adolph's Log Cabin" and another from "El Paso Community Club".

Schoepp presented one Operator's License Application (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicant:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Janelle Katherine Lacy

The fees for the aforementioned applications have been paid and the forms filled out and notarized as expected. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's License applications presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Hall/Shop telephone rate plan

Schoepp contacted AT&T to inquire about cost savings. AT&T removed the taxes retroactive twelve months (\$198.66). A savings analysis by AT&T (\$25.16 per month projected savings) was presented to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to sign up for the Centrex telephone plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Possible truck replacement

Peterson discussed truck prices (without box):

Menomonie Kenworth truck price is \$98,988 with \$40,000 for trade-in.

Boyer Ford Western Star truck price is \$105,919 with \$76,000 trade-in.

Kenworth did not offer an extended warranty; Western Star had a \$6000 extended warranty included.

Truck delivery is typically 60 to 70 days; add-on equipment is an additional 60 to 70 days to get mounted.

Motion by Foley to purchase Western Star truck, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

No additional discussion

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of a fertilizer bill from Western Wisconsin Ag Supply which was sent to us by mistake. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: Truck replacement
3. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Open Book will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Doug Bettinger, Nick Kraemer

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the May 8, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 16, 2013 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported that the Plan Commission met May 8, 2013 and the minutes were read.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly treasurer's report was presented by Mary Foley. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported the truck is running ok at this time. Storm cleanup continues. Peterson reported all other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Brad Johnson

Schoepp presented an Operator's License Application (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if this candidate has any major infractions of the law and none were found. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses

Regarding recent comments on the ordinance, Fischer stated that he thought some comments by Schoepp were petty and some were not. He also stated he thought the ordinance should go to an attorney for review. Fischer also stated he felt the timing of the clerk's comments stunk and he does not have time or computer resources to work on it any further. Discussion followed on the timing of ordinance comments and adoption.

Doug Bettinger and Nick Kraemer representing The Kraemer Company attended the meeting and requested the latest copy of the ordinance draft. Bettinger stated they were interested in learning the points of focus put into the ordinance by our town. Kannel asked how many times a year they crush and the answer they stated was approximately once every three years. Nick Kraemer discussed exemptions for existing mining as long as conditions do not change; exemptions on the existing mine are their main concern.

Kannel said he could make telephone calls to inquire on attorney services. Motion by Kannel to send this ordinance to an attorney for review, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Possible truck replacement

Peterson discussed tentative truck prices from Wisconsin Kenworth. Motion by Kannel to table further truck discussion until next month, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

No additional discussion

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Mary Foley reported on communications with the county on West's kennel CUP and that the county has requested West get his license up to date.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
2. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
3. Discuss/Take Action: Possible truck replacement
4. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Open Book will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

BOR will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to convene to closed session at 8:56 to discuss Patrolman compensation. This is pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to return to open session at 9:00 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Kannel, second to Foley to authorize a \$500 bonus for Patrolman Peterson on his next paycheck or in his retirement savings account, his choice. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bob Kannel, Bill Ray

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 10, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 10, 2012 Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: 2012 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the 2012 Financial Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive the financial statement as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Bob Kannel, second by Bill Ray to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss 2013 Road Work

Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (2013 Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- 330 St. from Co. Rd. G to 650th Ave. repair and upgrade
- 490 St. and 430 Ave. finish coat of blacktop
- 400 St. has a water issue and is a work in progress
- Routine maintenance including blade patch, seal coat, crushed rock, rip rap, hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, brush cutting, spraying, etc.

Kannel stated these are the projects identified to date.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2014 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm per motion by Kannel, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:46 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2013 Immediately following Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bob Kannel, Bill Ray

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 10, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 10, 2013 Road Tour meeting was published in the April 3, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 11, 2013 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Peterson read the minutes from the April 10, 2013 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the radiator is back in the truck. Possible truck replacement was discussed. Appraisal of our truck was also mentioned.

Public Comments

Bob Kannel stated that he felt the town should give consideration to a truck replacement fairly soon due to the heavy use and the town's need for a very reliable truck. Bill Ray stated it takes several months to get a sale finalized so we should start now to be prepared for next fall/winter.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Bill Ray bid \$70 per mowing.

Hanson's Lawn Care (Daniel Hanson) bid \$75 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Bill Ray. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp stated that the town would require proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License applications by Matthew Langer, Bailee Huber and Billie Huppert

Schoepp presented the three Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's Licenses) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2014 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if these Operator candidates have any major infractions of the law and none were found. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve the applications. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses

Previously outstanding items on ordinance 2013-01 were discussed including setbacks, fees and an application form. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

No further discussion.

Discuss/Take Action: Hazard Mitigation Plan from county

Schoepp read Resolution 2013-01 as prepared by the county. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adopt Resolution 2013-01, Adopting the Pierce County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. All in favor, motion carried. The resolution will be published or posted.

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Board of Review will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of the Nortrax bill. Peterson will check on the Nortrax bill and Schoepp will pay the bill when questions are resolved. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: Possible truck replacement

3. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work
4. Convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Patrolman compensation. Return to open session and take action on closed session item if necessary.

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELPASO MET AT 10:00 AM ON APR. 10, 2013 FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD TOUR,

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN RON HANUEL SUPERVISORS DAN FISCHER AND RON FOLEY. AND PATROLMAN LARRY PETERSON.

RON FOLEY DROVE, ~~AND~~ SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WERE LOOKED AT INCLUDE A WATER ISSUE ON 400 STR, SOME PATCHING AREAS ON 465 AVE AND 450 AVE, BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON 290 STR NEAR HWY 72 AND A SEAL COATING PROJECT ON 570 AVE.

WE STOPPED AT ELPASO BAR & GRILL FOR LUNCH AND THEN CONTINUED TO THE SHOP FOR FINAL DISCUSSION, NO ACTION TAKEN THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 12:40 PM

SUBMITTED BY
PATROLMAN
LARRY PETERSON

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others Present: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 6, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 11, 2013 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported he has started researching application forms for the nonmetallic mine operator's licenses. Kannel discussed considerations for existing crushing operations.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly treasurer's report was presented as submitted by Mary Foley. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported the truck radiator is leaking and he will follow up. Peterson reported all other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Terms In Response to Election Law Changes
Schoepp presented ordinance 2013-02 Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Terms In Response to Election Law Changes. This is an administrative action and will be adopted upon first reading. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adopt ordinance 2013-02. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses

Outstanding items on ordinance 2013-01 include setbacks, fees and an application form. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Road weight limits

Kannel discussed the road weight limits in the town. 80,000 pounds is the limit for Class B. If the town desires a limit below 80,000 pounds we would need to rework our ordinance. Enforcement was also discussed. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road work

No additional discussion

Discuss/Take Action: Schedule road tour date/time

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to schedule a meeting to tour the town roads on April 10, 2013 at 10 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work
3. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
4. Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License applications by Matthew Langer, Bailee Huber and Billie Huppert

Next Meeting Date

The Road Tour meeting will be held April 10, 2013 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2013 immediately following the 2013 Annual Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 6, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 14, 2013 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses including many property tax collection deposits. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he will be using more salt in an attempt to remove ice from the roads. Truck replacement was mentioned. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Discussion and possible first reading of Nonmetallic Mine Operator's License Ordinances

Schoepp distributed a draft Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures which will be referenced in the new ordinance. Outstanding items on the ordinance include setbacks, fees and an application form. Further discussion on the ordinance was tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Pierce County Highway Department inspected the Bridge on 330th which was targeted for repair using TRIP money. It currently has 18” of gravel on top of it. The recommendation was that the structure is adequate for this lesser traveled road and just needs blacktopping.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board including the radio license renewal.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator’s licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Set date for road tour

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 9, 2013 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 10, 2012 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer read the minutes from the December 17, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that blades came in and some crushed blacktop may be available at a price similar to crushed rock. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Temporary Retailer's License for Rush River Trail Rider's Inc. (fermented malt beverages)

Motion by Fischer to approve Rush River Trail Rider's temporary license for Feb. 2 & 3, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Discussion and possible first reading of Nonmetallic Mine Operator's License Ordinance

Fischer led discussion on the ordinance. The board agreed to work on a Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures for 2013 for all town fees as referenced in the new ordinance. First reading was accomplished by board review. It is expected an attorney review may be warranted at a later date.

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

none

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported that Ellsworth Area Ambulance is still in the process of acquiring a director. Also, River Falls Ambulance is now being called by the Prescott area that Ellsworth Area Ambulance previously served. This affects the Ellsworth Area Ambulance service revenue.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Discussion and possible second reading of ordinance on nonmetallic mine operator's licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The town caucus will be held Saturday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 3, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and November Meeting. A change on who made a motion was so noted and corrected. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

No Plan Commission meetings.

Fischer reported on the Ellsworth Area Ambulance service and reported that a recent audit looks good.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported the truck Check Engine light came on today. The county informed Peterson that the bridge on 465th Ave at Kenny Hines will be posted as 40 ton per the state. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance 2014-01 Implements of Husbandry Law

Kannel discussed the various options the town has in regards to the new Implements of Husbandry Law. Additional discussion was that the county has chosen to adopt "Option E Opt-In for Category B – IOHs Pursuant to Sec. 348.15 (9)(f)2.a to follow the Table of Statutory Weight Limits under Sec. 348.15-(3)(g)." Motion by Fischer to adopt Option E, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator License application from Kevin Burgess

Schoepp presented the application noting the fee is paid and no major infractions of the law were found when searching the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Rider's Club temporary malt beverage license application

Motion by Fischer to approve the license for Jan. 31, 2015, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2015 caucus date

Motion by Kannel to schedule the caucus on January 24, 2015 at 1 p.m., second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer to pay bills presented, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing

November 10th, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: None

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the November 5, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2015 proposed budget summary on October 25, 2014.

Discussion

The 2015 budget was presented as prepared at the Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the 2014 budget was realistic. The budget total has been the same since 2011.

Fischer discussed raising the Plan Commission pay.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2014

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: None

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 10, 2014 Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 5, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2015 proposed budget summary.

Discussion/Actions

The 2015 budget total is \$488,426. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the 2015 budget and net salaries per the Budget Planning meeting. This includes Plan Commission per diem pay of: Member \$35, Chair \$60 and Secretary \$70. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Foley to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2015, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2014

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: None

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 10, 2014 Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the November 5, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 13, 2014 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 22, 2014 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the Nov. 5, 2014 meeting. It is the opinion of the Plan Commission that the existing zoning classifications are adequate. Also, it is the consensus of the Commission that the scenic waterways consisting of Rush River, Lost Creek, Cave Creek, & Brush Creek should be protected from mining.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. One unpaid bill for the 410th St. Extension work and two unpaid snow plow bills were submitted to the County Treasurer's office for collection via addition to their taxes. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the road work for the year is complete and a little mowing is left. Equipment, including the truck, is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Resolution 2014-01 Elmwood Area Fire Department Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement

Motion by Fischer to adopt the resolution, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance 2014-01 Implements of Husbandry Law

Kannel discussed the various options the town has in regards to the new Implements of Husbandry Law. Additional discussion was that the county has chosen to adopt “Option E Opt-In for Category B – IOHs Pursuant to Sec. 348.15 (9)(f)2.a to follow the Table of Statutory Weight Limits under Sec. 348.15-(3)(g).” This will be on next month’s agenda.

Discuss/Take Action: Door Work

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to procure door work services from Twin City Hardware for \$789.72. All in favor, motion carried. Door work will include a new lock on the clerk office door, repair of the west entrance door and rework of exterior door locks. Schoepp will make a register for issuing keys.

Discuss/Take Action: Building inspection fees for 2015 & 2016

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept the fee schedule proposed by Galen Seipel. Schoepp will update the Building Permit Application form. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Fischer discussed how the recent Plan Commission meeting addressed the attorney’s concerns and questions. Schoepp will send the recent Plan Commission minutes to the attorney for incorporation. No board action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

none

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Ordinance 2014-01 Implements of Husbandry Law
2. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
3. Discuss/Take Action: Set 2015 caucus date

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Chairman Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 8, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan the 2015 Budget:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2014 budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar. Planning included the following:

- 2015 Budget Total of \$488,426 (same since 2011)
- Examined the latest officer salary survey coordinated by the Town of Gilman and discussed appropriate salaries after the next town officer election:
Chair \$4250
Supv \$3000
Treas \$4750
Clerk \$8500
- Capital Improvements \$43,226 (grader payment)
- Public Works \$278,147 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson, Catherine Munkittrick

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 8, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 8, 2014 monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. One resident has not paid to date for the 410th St. Extension road work. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Culvert work is done and road work is progressing. Parts are on order for the truck. Some signs have been found out of place. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Larry Johnson stated that the club wants to make a portion of county road BB allowable to his club [ATV] traffic. Kannel stated that since it is a county road, it would not be the town's decision.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Request to use the Town Hall for 4-H

Motion by Fischer to approve the 4-H use contingent on good behavior, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Catherine Munkittrick suggested a statement of reference to county documents in areas such as demographics instead of just leaving it out. She asked for specific concerns, e.g. land use. Kannel stated his understanding is that the highway 72 corridor was the intended or preferred area for possible future commercial and industrial use. She mentioned future roads may also be helpful to address if we can think of anything. She thought we should consider including or referencing maps from the county. She did state the plan is just a guide and not an ordinance. She stated we need to have at least one but better two public hearings before adopting this, one by the Plan Commission and one by the Town Board. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)

Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance. Motion by Kannel to accept the policy proposal, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Door work

Tabled until next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator License application from Laura Jean Lecheler

Schoepp presented the application noting the fee is paid and no major infractions of the law were found when searching the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel to pay all bills presented with the exception of the bill from the Pierce County Highway Department associated with the Robey fire, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Building inspection fees for 2015 & 2016
3. Discuss/Take Action: Door work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Jenkins, Melissa Achenbach

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 3, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. A revision was posted on September 6, 2014 in three places for the addition of an operator's license application.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 11, 2014 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the August tax settlement. Schoepp explained the Ziegler CAT bill and the two service fees. Schoepp has requested Ziegler to waive the second service fee of \$91.59. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck may need additional work. Work on 270th street will start next week. Larry left Ann Wood a note about permission for brush removal on the corner. She has authorized brush removal now and in the future.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Request to use Town Hall for 4-H

Melissa Achenbach discussed her request to use the town hall for 4-H. Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual stated that there is no insurance issue with using the hall for 4-H unless we are charging rent. All individuals using the hall under that circumstance would be covered. Melissa Achenbach stated that this is a new 4-H club with eight families interested and she would like to have two meetings here on Thursday, September 18 and Thursday, October 2. Then they would request future meeting dates if they still desired to use the hall. She stated she would take responsibility for the hall and no animals would be brought into the hall. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to allow 4-H meetings on a trial basis. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp suggested that a checklist of expectations for the kids might be helpful, e.g. HVAC, clean-up, door locked, chairs back in place, etc.

Discuss: Town Insurance

Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual presented a proposal for town insurance.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Fischer stated that he went through the plan and wrote responses next to each of the attorney's comments. Fischer also discussed the definition of a duplex used in the plan and if a quadplex, etc. should be allowed. Also, he stated that we need to add wording that we will use the county definitions. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to take the plan to the attorney to incorporate markups. All in favor, motion carried. Foley offered to drop it off.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application from Laura Lecheler

No action. Application was not received.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

none

Discuss/Take Action: Door Work

Schoepp mentioned this was put on the agenda for several reasons: lock needed for clerk door when election machine setup, side door handle falls off and possible election audit recommendations on doors. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to follow-up on door work. All in favor, motion carried. This will be on next month's agenda.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application from Kristine Smetana

Schoepp presented the application noting the \$20 fee has been paid. Also Schoepp reported that the WI Circuit Court Access records have been searched and no major infractions of the law were found. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Door Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

The budget planning meeting will be held October 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Board of Review

August 20, 2014 5:00 pm

BOR Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

BOR Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was published in the May 7, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places in the town.

Objections filed:

There were no objections presented.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:00 p.m. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 6, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 14, 2014 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the August 6, 2014 meeting discussing zoning, etc. and the Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid and Shared Revenue. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck needs to go back in for maintenance. Culvert work is upcoming. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Fischer presented the marked up plan and stated the Pierce County zoning definitions will be used as references. Fischer mentioned that the attorney could give us an opinion on whether we would need a public hearing before adoption of these changes or if action would suffice. Foley suggested we answer most of the questions the attorney asked us and Fischer agreed to do that.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to hire Asphalts and Associates for crack sealing per bid \$4595. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp explained that the Assessment Roll is a challenge to validate thoroughly because the clerk does not have enough information and the paper process doesn't highlight changes. Also, Schoepp reported discovering the town's total acres is 163.25 less than the 2013 roll and reported it. Pierce County and Seipel are investigating and trying to resolve the acreage discrepancy. The board chair and supervisors discussed that the valuation process is per the assessor.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss: Town Insurance
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Open Book will be Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

BOR will be Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 9, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 9, 2014 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the June 25, 2014 meeting. The Plan Commission suggested sending the abbreviated version of the Plan to the board. Fischer discussed a rezone procedure. The Plan Commission may meet again to discuss this rezone procedure including soil types, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck will be in for maintenance this week. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

No action. This will be on next month's agenda.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership

At a previous meeting, the following people were suggested as new Plan Commission members: Donald Hines, Dave Bull, Patrick Traynor, Andy Woessner and Dennis Schneider. At the June meeting Donald Hines and Andy Woessner were appointed. No action this meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented two applications for a Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages from El Paso Community Club and Adolph's Log Cabin for El Paso Days.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2016. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicants:

Vino in the Valley:

Mary Jo Gardas

Diana Marie Lange

El Paso Days:

Dale Edward Johnson

Lori Jane Johnson

Arvid Leroy Harmon

Debbie Lynne Harmon

The fees for the aforementioned applications have been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the applications presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel stated we will not get TRIP funds for roads until 2015.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Genslak

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 4, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 12, 2014 monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported on road rock work completed and that the truck may still need maintenance. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Mary Foley reported that she received a note from Catherine Folkerth. Folkerth's note expressed that she had communicated several times to Peterson that she wanted only the driveway plowed and not to have it widened but she claims Larry plowed too much. She further said a dying elm and shrub were "taken out". She asked to whom to submit a claim for damages. Mary Foley went on to report that the driveway is about as wide as a small car. Peterson explained that use of our plowing equipment widens a driveway of that nature. Kannel stated that problems such as this are why some towns do not do private driveway plowing. Mary Foley will consider sending a courtesy note to her as a follow-up.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Mary Foley copied the draft plan received from the attorney for board review. Kannel discussed taking another night to review the Comprehensive Plan or trying to do it a board meeting. Kannel stated his opinion that this plan should mainly address our plan for growth and statistics can be removed. Genslak discussed his opinion that the plan could be much shorter by removing extra, outdated information and that only goals, objectives and action plans should be included. Genslak said the Plan Commission could do a review of the attorney's marked up copy. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to have the Plan Commission do an initial review of the attorney draft by next month and submit comments to the board. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership

At a previous meeting, the following people were suggested as new Plan Commission members: Donald Hines, Dave Bull, Patrick Traynor, Andy Woessner and Dennis Schneider. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to appoint Donald Hines and Andy Woessner at this time. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2014 until 6/30/2015 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2016 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if the applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicants:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Bradley Keith Johnson

John J. Hines, Jr.

El Paso Bar and Grill:

Jane Marie White

Langers Bar:

Kylie Jo Taplin

Dillon Forrest Morgan

Bruce Roger Zignego, Sr.

Susan Marie Taplin

Teresa Ann O'Connell

Brenda Kaye Fredrickson

Nola Marie Estes
Anthony Raymond Vodnik

Vino in the Valley:

Patrick M. Dougherty
Nathan Scott Brenner
Riley Franklin Williams
Pamela Jean Hines
Mary Jo Gardas (no training)
Diana Marie Lange (no training)

The fees for the aforementioned applications have been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the applications presented with the exception of Mary Jo Gardas and Diana Marie Lange. The board does not think a provisional type license should be issued. The rejected applications will be reconsidered next month if returned with notation of completed training. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: LP gas/tank purchase

The board discussed a pre-buy contract. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pre-buy \$5000 LP from Pierce Pepin Propane Services. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Peterson discussed Kraemer's offer of a key for rock on an as-needed basis.

Kannel discussed a bridge project for culvert work and rock on 270th Street including prices from Pierce County. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to petition for cost sharing on the 270th Street project. All in favor, motion carried. Three bridge petitions to Pierce County were signed with the following amounts: \$16,550.00, \$15,950.00 and \$14,318.62.

Foley mentioned crack filling and Peterson discussed possibilities. Peterson will follow-up.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership
3. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Operator's license applications
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2014 7:30 pm

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bill Parks, Jay and Michelle Helmueller

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the May 7, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until August 20, 2014 at which time the 2014 Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried. Open Book will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by BOR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bill Parks, Jay and Michelle Helmueller

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 7, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Town Board meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the back tires are on the tractor/backhoe. Truck may need some minor maintenance.

Public Comments

Bill Parks introduced himself as a candidate for Pierce County sheriff and discussed his interest in being a "constitutional sheriff". He asked for signatures for his petition to run for office.

Jay Helmueller stated they have questions on building permits. Along with a housing structure, they want to put up additional items including a chicken coop, greenhouse, and a storage box/shipping container for mounting an off-grid solar panels. Kannel and Fischer discussed the county requirement that anything built above grade has to be inspected. Helmueller asked what the building inspector was going to inspect and inquired on qualifications to do so. Helmueller stated that he did understand the 200 square feet requirement for structures per the town ordinance.

Agenda Items

Discuss: Comprehensive Plan rework

Schoepp reported that attorney Munkittrick is in the process of reworking the plan to remove unnecessary verbiage, etc.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership

At the last meeting, the following individuals were suggested as new Plan Commission members: Donald Hines, Dave Bull, Patrick Traynor, Andy Woessner and Dennis Schneider. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No discussion/action.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board with the exception of the Ziegler CAT bill. All in favor, motion carried. Peterson discussed the Ziegler CAT bill for the rental boom mower damage. Schoepp will submit it to insurance with the information on the shared use with the Town of Salem and the condition of the equipment when received.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fisher mentioned LP gas which will be a future agenda item.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership
3. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
4. Discuss/Take Action: LP gas/tank purchase
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn meeting at 8:47 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2014 Immediately following Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Scott Schoepp, Patrick Traynor

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 9, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 9, 2014 Road Tour meeting was published in the March 26, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Peterson read the minutes from the April 9, 2014 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer read minutes from the April 1, 2014 Plan Commission meeting at which they recommended approval of the Traynor rezone request, suggested five names for possible membership and requested a computer and software to use in rewriting the Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the tire work is about complete. Peterson requested a proof of insurance for the new truck and Schoepp agreed to provide that.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Patrick Traynor rezone request – Residential to Light Industrial

Patrick Traynor is requesting to rezone land from Residential to Light Industrial. His intention is to repair the existing garage at W4270 County Road G and use the premises to assemble small parts. The Plan Commission recommendation is to approve. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve the Town Recommendation. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Rockworks bid \$100 per mowing.

Ray's Lawn mowing Service bid \$95 per mowing.

Scott Schoepp suggested planting trees to reduce mowing. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Ray's Lawn mowing Service. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will assure the town has proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: LP Tank/Pre-buy purchase

At the March meeting, Fischer reported that the Pierce-Pepin proposal is \$1560 plus tax for a tank and also that Chippewa Valley does not sell tanks but would fill. This agenda item was tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No further discussion.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership

Fischer reported the following suggested new members for the chair's consideration: Donald Hines, Dave Bull, Patrick Traynor, Andy Woessner and Dennis Schneider. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Kannel stated his opinion is that we should have an attorney rework the plan and exclude the unnecessary, outdated information. Attorney Catherine Munkittrick was mentioned as preferable as she is already familiar with our plan. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to procure legal services to rework the Comprehensive Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will be at the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Seipel proposed Board of Review to be held Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kannel will check with Seipel on an earlier Board of Review date if possible.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
3. Set board of review date

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Scott Schoepp, Patrick Traynor

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 9, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: 2013 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the 2013 Financial Report. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to receive the financial statement as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Scott Schoepp, second by Patrick Traynor to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss 2014 Road Work

Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (2014 Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- 270th St. culvert and other repair work
- Sealcoat 570th Ave.
- Blacktop finish coat 330th St., 270th St. Shim coat
- Routine maintenance including blade patch, seal coat, crushed rock, rip rap, hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, brush cutting, spraying, etc.

Kannel stated these are some potential projects identified to date.

Set 2015 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm per motion by Kannel, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:48 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

APR. 9 2014
10:00 AM

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EL PASO
MET FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD TOUR.
MEMBERS PRESENT WERE RON KANNEL
RON FOLEY, DAN FISCHER AND LARRY PETERSON
RON FOLEY DROVE HIS VEHICLE.
THE ASSEMBLY LEFT THE TOWN HALL
AT 10:05 AM AND LOOKED AT ~~VARIOUS~~
MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT NEED TO
BE ADDRESSED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION
SEASON, SOME OF THE PROJECTS INCLUDE
PATCHING, BLACKTOPPING, RIP RAP, DITCH
CLEANING, CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND
THE 270 STR REGRADING PROJECT.
THE ASSEMBLY STOPPED AT EL PASO BAR
& GRILL FOR LUNCH AT 12:10 PM AND
RETURNED TO THE TOWN HALL AT 1:05 PM.
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

SUBMITTED BY
PATROLMAN
LARRY PETERSON

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others Present: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Patrick Traynor

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 5, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the March 4, 2014 Plan Commission meeting; the rezone request from Donald L. Hines was approved and new membership was discussed. Hines intends to build a new house.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly treasurer's report was presented as submitted by Mary Foley. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported the tires are on order for the backhoe and all other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Patrick Traynor presented paperwork to the board stating that he wants to rezone land from Residential to Light Industrial. The process for doing so was discussed.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Donald J. Hines Rezone request – Primary Ag to General Rural

Donald J. Hines (485th Ave.) is interested in rezoning land from Primary Ag to General Rural. The Plan Commission recommendation is to approve. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve the Town Recommendation. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: LP Tank/Pre-buy purchase

Fischer reported that the Pierce-Pepin proposal is \$1560 plus tax for a tank. Chippewa Valley does not sell tanks but would fill. This agenda item was tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership

Fischer reported the Plan Commission is working on a list of possible new members. No action taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Schedule road tour date/time

A meeting was scheduled to tour the town roads on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Discuss/Take Action: 2014 Road work

No additional discussion

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Patrick Traynor rezone request from Residential to Light Industrial
2. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
3. Discuss/Take Action: LP Tank/Pre-buy purchase
4. Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The Road Tour meeting will be held April 9, 2014 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting will be held the third Tuesday in April, April 15, 2014 immediately following the 2014 Annual Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Donald J. Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 5, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported receiving an email from Tom Genslak on planning a meeting on Plan Commission membership. Appointments to the Plan Commission and term lengths were mentioned.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including many tax payments. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the new truck is running well and looks good. Other equipment is in good working order. Tires are forthcoming for the backhoe.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Donald J. Hines Rezone request – Primary Ag to General Rural

Donald J. Hines (485th Ave.) is interested in rezoning land from Primary Ag to General Rural. He has submitted his application to the town for Plan Commission consideration. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

none

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay the bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Donald J. Hines Rezone request – Primary Ag to General Rural
2. Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission membership
3. Discuss/Take Action: Schedule road tour date/time
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Don J. Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 8, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally a revision to add an Operator's License application was posted on January 10, 2014.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 9, 2013 Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck we ordered has been received. Also, we had a damage claim on the hood of the boom mower. Other equipment is in good working order. Mary Foley presented a draft letter for the 410th Street Extension residents on their road work bill. Kannel is checking on stencils for the new truck.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Donald Hines Rezone request – Primary Ag to General Rural

Donald J. Hines (485th Ave.) is interested in rezoning land from Primary Ag to General Rural. Schoepp will mail the Town of El Paso CUP/Rezone Process to Mr. Hines. Kannel explained the process in general. No action was taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application from Dillon Morgan

Schoepp presented the application noting the \$20 fee has been paid. Also Schoepp reported that the WI Circuit Court Access records have been searched and no major infractions of the law were found. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay the bills presented as account balances are confirmed by the Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Donald Hines Rezone request – Primary Ag to General Rural
2. Discuss/Take Action: 2014 Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 9, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 9, 2015 Budget Hearing, Special Meeting and November Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the last Plan Commission meeting. It was noted that the meeting date needs correction on the minutes to be October 28, 2015.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that plow blades are on the way. Also, we will work on getting a new telephone/answering machine. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

Fischer discussed the section on base watershed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to leave the plan as it currently is so we can move forward. The board all expressed thanks to the Plan Commission for their work. Fischer reported Genslak would like the names of current and past Plan Commission members as a supplemental handout with the plan. Fischer suggests having a public hearing on January 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. and will follow up.

Discuss/Take Action: Appoint election inspectors

Kannel nominated the following individuals for appointment as election inspectors for the next two-year term: Rhoda Foley, Dorie Dunham-Sweeney, Tom Birkel, Kathy Birkel, Norris Berg, Denise Blaisdell, Pam Enger, Barb Klecker, Daniel Olson, Marsha Shafer, and Terry Sweeney. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to appoint the nominated inspectors. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Rider's Club temporary malt beverage license application
Motion by Fischer to approve the license for Feb. 6 - 7, 2016, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel to pay bills presented, second by Fischer with the exception of the Bauer Built statement which Peterson is checking on. It may be paid after Peterson verifies the amount due. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Kannel stated the Closed Session noticed was not necessary.

Open Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to authorize the following compensation items for Patrolman Peterson starting in 2016:

- Hourly wage will be \$23.60. This is a 1.5% increase. This will be addressed annually.
- Overtime will remain as is, that is, 1.5x for hours over 40 per week where the 40 hours may include holiday hours.
- The year-end longevity bonus will be continued for 2016. This may be addressed annually. Employees completing five, ten and fifteen years of service shall respectively receive one percent, two percent and three percent of their regular hour wages as an annual, year-end bonus. This is based on employee's anniversary date and prorated accordingly.
- Holidays (as currently defined by Pierce County) are paid at expected normal working hours for the day.
- Sick Time will remain as is, that is, 96 hours of paid sick time allotted per year which does not carry over to the next year.
- Vacation Time will remain as is. Annual hours (do not carry over to the next year):
96 hours for < 8 years service.
120 hours starting year employee has 8 years service.
160 hours starting year employee has 15 years service.
- Other compensation items (i.e. retirement contribution) will remain as is.

All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Budget Public Hearing

November 9th, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 28, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2015 proposed budget summary on October 23, 2015.

Discussion

The 2016 budget was presented as prepared at the Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the current budget is realistic. The budget total has been the same since 2011.

Schoepp reported receiving an email from Fischer stating he supported the proposed budget.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2015

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 9, 2015 Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 28, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2015 proposed budget summary on October 23, 2015.

Discussion/Actions

The 2016 budget total is \$488,426. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the budget per the Budget Planning meeting.

Motion by Kannel to adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2016, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2015

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the November 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 28, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with the 2015 proposed budget summary on October 23, 2015. On November 6, 2015 a revision was posted adding the agenda item for the Operator's License application.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer will report on this at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that mowing is complete. The hydraulic and AC on the tractor need work. We need a new telephone with answering machine which Peterson will check on. Blades are on order. Peterson also discussed new front truck tires.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Tracy Allen

The application was presented noting fees have been paid and no major infractions of the law were located on the WI Circuit Courts website. Motion by Kannel to approve, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented the monthly bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board including correspondence from Elmwood Fire Department.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption
2. Discuss/Take Action: Appoint Election Inspectors
3. Closed session on Patrolman compensation

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Dan Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. as Chairman Kannel had not arrived yet.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 7, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan next year's budget:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2015 budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar. Planning included the following:

- 2016 Budget Total of \$488,426 (same since 2011)
- Capital Outlay \$40,000 Bridge Fund Reserve
- Public Works \$334,826 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tom Jenkins

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 7, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 14, 2015 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported the Plan Commission may meet again before a hearing on the revised Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Hydraulic system on tractor has an issue. Mowing is half complete. Other equipment is in good working order, except the truck "check engine" light is on.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

No action taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)

Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance. Motion by Fischer to accept the policy proposal and include glass and cyber coverage, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Motion by Kannel to pay for the blacktop on 270th Street and apply TRIP dollars, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Funding

Kannel discussed 465th bridge funding and the possibility of a bridge fund for construction in 2019. Kannel explained an ordinance would be needed to create a bridge fund for three years. The understanding at this time is that we must cover 20% of the \$700,000 bridge funding when it is built and the county contributes 10% after the work is done. The dollars can be reserved in our savings account. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to move forward with an ordinance next month to target \$40,000 per year for three years as a bridge fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley to pay all bills presented, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer communicated that he attended the Ellsworth Fire Department meeting where they discussed the building addition for about a million dollars. This will raise El Paso's share \$492 per year.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption
2. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Funding ordinance adoption
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley

Board Members Absent: Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 9, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Mary Foley read the minutes from the August 10, 2015 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that blacktop and shoulder work are complete on 270th St. and 330th St. Equipment is in good working order. The Town Hall parking lot has been sealed and striped so we are in compliance.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework and possible adoption

Fischer discussed a public hearing date. Schoepp has provided copies of the plan and posted the draft to the web. No action taken.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

None

Discuss/Take Action: Inspector/Assessor Contract

The board opened and discussed a proposal letter from Seipel to extend the current Inspector/Assessor contract. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the continuation proposal of \$5000 annually for 2016, 2017 and 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: Election machine

A meeting/training session was arranged and held last month with several Election Inspectors and the vendor of our election machine (Command Central). This meeting was to discuss problems we have experienced with the machine and the possibility for machine replacement. Per correspondence from Chief Inspector Rhoda Foley, they received helpful tips, stylus for the touch screen and a replacement printer. We plan to continue using our Edge machine for another year and assess the status of the equipment with each use.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application from Kate Krall

The application was presented noting fees have been paid and no major infractions of the law were located on the WI Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer to approve, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Bills were presented to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills with the exceptions that the Kraemer and Nortrax bills are subject to verification by Peterson. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework and possible adoption
2. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge funding

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The budget planning meeting will be held October 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 5, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 13, 2015 monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid and Shared Revenue. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported on dust settler application. The truck AC is only partly working. Rush River bridge application has been submitted. Chippewa Valley switched out the propane tank. The grader has a sensor that is not working.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss: Vino in the Valley application to the county for a replacement Conditional Use Permit of type "Nature Based Operation"

Fischer discussed Brenner's possible CUP change. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Formatting and typographical corrections have been made by Schoepp. Fischer will consider a date for a public hearing. Schoepp will post the draft on the web and have ten copies printed.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Blacktopping on 270th is planned for this week. Seal coating and crack filling proposal was received from Anderson Sealcoating, Spring Valley. Asphalt and Associates did not provide a proposal. Motion by Fischer to accept the bid from Anderson Sealcoating, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework and possible adoption
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Inspector/Assessor contract

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Board of Review

July 15th, 2015 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel, Curt Dumermuth

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was properly published in the May 6, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places.

Objections filed:

This case is of:	Curtis Dumermuth
The property owner/objector resides at:	W4236 Cty Rd G, Ellsworth, WI 54011
The address for the property in question is:	554274 55063 548362 547523 05-26N-16W NE SW 11.980 acres
The tax key # for this property is:	008-01017-0400
This property has been classified for assessment purposes as:	4.180 Residential 7.800 Undeveloped
The 2015 value in the assessment role is:	Land \$25900 Improvements Total assessment \$25900
All persons, including Assessor, providing testimony were sworn in.	
Discussion by objector:	<p>Objection form states “Incorrect classification – this is not a residential property”. Dumermuth presented a couple maps and photos of the property. He discussed how he felt much of it is flood plain and is undeveloped. He said the County Zoning Office opinion was that there may or may not be a buildable lot. Dumermuth is of the opinion that it is not buildable property.</p> <p>Carrs are also part owners in this land. Dumermuth stated he paid a large amount for a piece of the land (0.4 acre for \$12,000).</p> <p>Kannel asked Dumermuth to put a dollar value on the undeveloped land. Curt said they have no intention of selling it. Fischer said we must deal with today’s facts instead of intentions.</p> <p>Dumermuth wrote \$8450 on the Objection form as his opinion of the taxable value (#5).</p>

<p>Discussion by Assessor:</p>	<p>The tax lister combined several properties together that are on the Rush River side of the road.</p> <p>There has been agreement at Open Book for the following acreage changes: Residential 4.18 acres to 3.7 acres Undeveloped 7.8 acres to 6.7 acres</p> <p>Purchased 0.4 acres for \$12,000. Sold 0.1 acres for \$2500.</p> <p>Examples: Plummer purchased a similar piece - 60 acres for \$298,000 in 2012 including a couple acres for a building.</p> <p>Seipel thinks it is worth \$4800 per acre for the 3.7 acres (\$17,800).</p> <p>Seipel explained that the tax rate is not tied to the type (e.g. residential); it is tied to the value.</p>
<p>Discussion by Board:</p>	<p>The taxable values by the objector and the assessor are actually very close.</p>
<p>Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to assess \$17,800 for residential and \$5100 for the undeveloped. Roll Call Vote: Kannel Yes Fischer Yes Foley Yes Schoepp Yes Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Objector was informed they may contact the Department of Revenue if not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Review.</p>	

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:02 p.m. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Clerk Note: BOR Minutes do not require board approval. Clerk to file only.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Don Woessner, Brian Hayes

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 8, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 8, 2015 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported on the July 2, 2015 meeting. The Plan Commission suggested sending the version of the Plan to the board along with some markups.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that truck AC is a problem. Other equipment is in good working order. A dusty road complaint was mentioned. Patching work will start next week.

Public Comments

Don Woessner and Brian Hayes presented an application for a holding tank on 450th for a pole barn. The board signed it.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

All suggestions from the Plan Commission and board members will be incorporated by the clerk and delivered for review. Fischer stated he wanted to look into possible changes to the maps.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented an application for a Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages from El Paso Community Club for El Paso Days.

The fee for the application has been paid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Peterson is working with Chad Johnson from Pierce County for the repair paperwork on the 465th Avenue bridge over Rush River.

Blacktop proposals from the county and Monarch were discussed as part of the road project.

Discuss/Take Action: Accessibility Audit from state for elections

Schoepp reported accessible pathway needs to be free of breaks or edges where the difference in height is over 1/2". Also, the accessible parking space needs to meet van-accessible standards and have appropriate signage properly marked on the ground. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to include this work with seal coating of the parking lot this summer. All other items have been addressed.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

Kannel discussed purchasing a tank as well as tank and propane prices. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to buy a tank for \$1090. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase the gas from the lowest price supplier (\$0.99 from Chippewa Valley vs. \$1.14 from Pierce Pepin). All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Next Meeting Date

BOR will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 3, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 11, 2015 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported on routine work completed and that the truck check engine light is off. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Fischer discussed that one of the maps included in the draft is not up to date. The board discussed the state of the plan received from the attorney. It was suggested that Mary Foley ask Pierce County Land Management about map generation. Kannel suggested a Plan Commission meeting be called. Schoepp offered to get paper copies of the draft plan sent to each Plan Commission and board member via mail.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

The board discussed a pre-buy contract. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to authorize Kannel to negotiate a lower pre-buy price up to \$3000 total from Pierce Pepin Propane Services. All in favor, motion carried. Note \$5000 was the pre-buy amount last year.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2015 until 6/30/2016 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Schoepp presented an Operator's License Application from Gary Allen Regenscheid noting the WI Circuit Courts website search did not find any major infractions of the law.

The fees for the applications have been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the Renewal applications presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to approve the Operator's License application presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Peterson discussed pot holes.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills. All in favor, motion carried. It was so noted that Larry Peterson completed 20 years of commendable service on May 15, 2015.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Operator's license applications including temporary for El Paso Days
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Accessibility Audit from state for elections

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

BOR will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2015 7:30 pm

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:32 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the May 6, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until July 15, 2015 at which time the 2015 Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried. Open Book will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by BOR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 6, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 21, 2015 Town Board meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid and Bridge Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Kannel reported that he understands that attorney Munkittrick is planning to send the revised plan soon.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Audit Bills

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
3. Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 21th, 2015 Immediately following Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bob Kannel, Larry Brenner

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 15, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 6, 2015 Road Tour meeting was published in the April 1, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Peterson read the minutes from the April 6, 2015 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he checked on rock prices, delivered:

Pierce County \$7.75/ton

Kraemer \$7.55/ton

Peterson reported checking with Chad Johnson of Pierce County about bridge work. Johnson informed him that bridge paperwork is forthcoming and the jobs will be prioritized in the county. Check engine light is still on in the truck. Peterson is attending a safety meeting this next week.

Public Comments

Larry Brenner explained his plans for a solar electric structure. Kannel explained the requirement for building permits and that inspections are done by Inspector Seipel.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Outdoor Lawn Management (Jeff Traynor) bid \$75 per mowing.

Ray's Lawn mowing Service bid \$95 per mowing.

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the bid from Traynor's Outdoor Lawn Management. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will assure the town has proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

No action. Kannel plans to telephone the attorney.

Discuss/Take Action: Add examples to Building Permit Application form

Schoepp presented proposed revisions (examples) to include wind turbines and solar panels per discussion with the Town Building Inspector. Motion by Fischer to approve the form revision, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will be at the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. As Seipel proposed, Board of Review will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be the same day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Virginia Morgan

Schoepp presented the application noting fees are paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the WI Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer to approve, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 11, 2015 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bob Kannel, Larry Brenner

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 15, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: 2014 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the 2014 Financial Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive the financial statement as presented.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Bob Kannel, second by Larry Brenner to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Discuss 2015 Road Work

Peterson distributed a list of possible projects for the year (Roadwork Schedule) which included, but is not limited to:

- Construction 270 St
- Blacktop 330 St
- Patch (600 Ave, 450 St, 410 St, 350 St, 570 Ave)
- Rip Rap (400 St, 465 Ave, 350 St)
- Crushed Rock (455 Ave, 480 Ave, 410 St)
- Routine maintenance including hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, dust settler, brush control etc.

Kannel stated these are some potential projects identified to date.

Set 2016 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 19, 2016 at 7:30.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:51 pm.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Clerk note: Posted within 30 days of meeting

TOWN OF ELPASO

APR. 6, 2015

THE ANNUAL ROAD TOUR FOR THE TOWN OF ELPASO WHICH HAD BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED TOOK PLACE AT 10:00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN RON KANNEL, BOARD MEMBERS RON FOLEY AND DAN FISCHER AND PATROLMAN LARRY PETERSON.

RON FOLEY DROVE HIS VEHICLE ALONG THE POSTED ROUTE WHICH TOOK US TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP TO LOOK AT ROAD ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED.

PROJECTS INCLUDING BLACKTOPPING, PATCHING SHOULDERING, RIP RAPING, DITCHING AND BRUSH REMOVAL WERE LOOKED AT. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THE ASSEMBLY STOPPED AT ELPASO BAR AND GRILL FOR LUNCH AND RETURNED TO THE ELPASO TOWN HALL AT 1:15 PM.

SUBMITTED BY

PATROLMAN

Larry Peterson

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley

Others Present: Don J. Hines, Bob Huebel

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 4, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

The monthly treasurer's report was presented as submitted by Mary Foley. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

none

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Request for Certified Survey Map review/approval (Huebel lot at N5995 Co. Rd. BB, Ellsworth, WI)

No action needed. Bob Huebel presented the house map which is now surveyed for a lot size of 2 acres excluding right-of-way.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Kannel reported he has talked to the attorney and we are awaiting a mailing from her.

Discuss/Take Action: Public Participation Procedures for Adopting and/or Amending the Town Comprehensive Plan

Schoepp presented procedures as recommended by Attorney Munkittrick. Motion by Fischer to adopt, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Lecretia Panzer

Schoepp presented the application noting fees are paid and no major infractions of the law were located on the WI Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer to approve, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Schedule road tour date/time

A meeting was scheduled to tour the town roads on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework
2. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Next Meeting Date

The Road Tour meeting will be held April 6, 2015 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting will be held the third Tuesday in April, April 21, 2015 immediately following the 2015 Annual Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 4, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported on the bridge posting (near Kenny Hines house) with the state and county. The truck Check Engine light is on. Other equipment is in good working order. Peterson thanked the board for the compensation increase.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Discussed that the attorney is finalizing wording the document and sent a draft of "Element 8 on Land Use". Also discussed the required "Public Participation Procedures". Kannel is going to contact the attorney on the next steps. Fischer reported that we could use another member on the Plan Commission. No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay the bills with the exception of the second key shipment. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported on an Ellsworth Area Fire Department meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. *Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework*

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso

Caucus Minutes

January 24th, 2015 1:00 p.m.

The notice for the caucus was published in the December 24, 2014 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in the clerk's office.

Town Chairman Ron Kannel called the caucus to order at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Bob Kannel, second by Craig Ingli to nominate Scott Schoepp to chair the caucus. Kannel asked to close nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Chair

Nomination was made by Bob Kannel, second by Ron Foley to nominate Ron Kannel for Chairman. The caucus chairperson asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chairperson announced nominations closed.

Supervisor 1

Nomination was made by Lynn Fischer, second by Craig Ingli to nominate Dan Fischer for Supervisor 1. The caucus chairperson asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chairperson announced nominations closed.

Supervisor 2

Nomination was made by Dan Fischer, second by Tony Shafer to nominate Ron Foley for Supervisor 2. The caucus chairperson asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chairperson announced nominations closed.

Treasurer

Nomination was made by Ron Kannel, second by Dan Fischer to nominate Mary Foley for Treasurer. The caucus chairperson asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chairperson announced nominations closed.

Clerk

Nomination was made by Ron Foley, second by Ron Kannel to nominate Melanie Schoepp for Clerk. The caucus chairperson asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chairperson announced nominations closed.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION AT CAUCUS documents were distributed by Schoepp to the candidates. Schoepp requested candidates to submit CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION STATEMENT and DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY forms before leaving.

Motion by Ron Kannel, second by Craig Ingli to close caucus at 1:07 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes by Clerk Schoepp. Board approval of minutes is not required.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 7, 2015 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the truck Check Engine light is on. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Mary Foley recently received a call from Mary Jo Bjork reporting Mary Jo had dogs in her yard. She was wondering if the Robeys had licensed their dogs and Mary said they had not. Mary Foley delivered license application forms to the Robeys.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Request from Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service to use the hall for education

Fischer explained the request. Ellsworth, Elmwood, Maiden Rock, Lund and Spring Valley are looking for a place for EMT school for several months, at least twice a week. There would be a minimum of five students. Kannel will check on the status of the door lock rework previously approved as that is a related issue. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework

Discussed that the attorney is finalizing wording the document. No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. *Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework*

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The town caucus will be held Saturday, January 24 at 1 p.m.

Closed Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to convene to closed session at 8:35 to discuss Patrolman compensation. This is pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to return to open session at 8:54 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Kannel, second to Fischer to authorize the following compensation items for Patrolman Peterson starting in 2015:

- Hourly wage will be \$23.25. This will be addressed annually.
- Overtime will remain as is, that is, 1.5x for hours over 40 per week where the 40 hours may include holiday hours.
- The year-end longevity bonus will be continued for 2015. This may be addressed annually. Employees completing five, ten and fifteen years of service shall respectively receive one percent, two percent and three percent of their regular hour wages as an annual, year-end bonus. This is based on employee's anniversary date and prorated accordingly.
- Holidays (as currently defined by Pierce County) are paid at expected normal working hours for the day.
- Sick Time will remain as is, that is, 96 hours of paid sick time allotted per year which does not carry over to the next year.
- Vacation Time will remain as is. Annual hours (do not carry over to the next year):
96 hours for < 8 years service.
120 hours starting year employee has 8 years service.
160 hours starting year employee has 15 years service.
- Other compensation items (i.e. retirement contribution) will remain as is.

All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Jacy Robey

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the December 7, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Budget Public Hearing, Special Town meeting and monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the November 14, 2016 Hearing and Plan Commission Minutes as previously distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue from the state. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he finished mowing and we need to order blades. Equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Supervisor Foley reported he attended the recent Pierce County Land Management meeting and Brenner's CUP change was approved at the county level.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Jeff and Jodi Robey, W4731 COUNTY RD G, Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley presented the application and accompanying inspection documentation to the board for review. Treasurer Foley discussed relevant issues in the past including reports of the Robey dogs being off their owner's property and also that the dogs did not have individual licenses until recently. Treasurer Foley read a letter dated today (December 12, 2016) from Mary Jo Bjork which highlighted some of the issues she states are problems with the Robey dog ownership. Comments included:

- The dogs inappropriately chase wildlife.
- The dogs are sometimes loose off the owner's property.
- The dogs run loose on occasion and chase bikers, runners and walkers on the road.
- One of the dogs recently bit a human.
- She fears the dogs when walking to her own mailbox.
- She fears for her grandchildren playing outside if the dogs should come over.
- The dogs sometimes cry all evening when chained up outside.
- The Bjork family is exceedingly annoyed by the barking dogs.

- A suggestion is to revise the town's Animal Control ordinance to give more consideration to agreement from neighbors living across the road, for instance, from a kennel applicant.
- She did not feel the Pierce County Sheriff's Department were effective at dealing with the noise concerns.

Jacy Roby, daughter of Jeff and Jodi Roby, was in attendance and responded that the five coon hounds are used for coon hunting year around. Jacy stated the other three dogs belong to her and they will likely move with her soon when she finds an apartment. Jacy stated the coon hounds do not whine all night.

Treasurer Foley then reported on a note from Chuck and Joan Foley which summarized that they do not object to a kennel license as long as the dogs stay on the Robey property.

Treasurer Foley discussed several unsuccessful attempts to obtain licenses applications for the dogs starting as early as 2007.

Kannel stated the dogs must be kept under control. Supervisor Foley also discussed the problems with the noise and if the town issues a license, the noise and off-leash problems must be addressed.

The ordinance provision was discussed that "All dog kennels shall be insulated to serve as noise abatement. All dogs shall be confined to indoors at night in individual pens. During daylight hours, dogs may be let out into individual fenced areas known as "runs"." Robey stated the dogs are quiet at night unless there is some disturbance. Supervisor Foley gave the example that traffic in and out of Chuck Foley's property would start the dogs barking. Jacy did not deny that. Jacy also stated that Mary Jo Bjork has called the police many times to report things like burning complaints against the Robeys.

Kannel stated at best this would be a probationary kennel license. Treasurer Foley stated she felt that after the bite incident, no other nuisance problems could or should be tolerated and the private kennel license rescinded accordingly. An issue was brought up that the property owners were not in attendance to hear these concerns. Fischer stated he thought a six month probationary license might be acceptable.

Treasurer Foley asked if the dogs stay in their dog houses outside at night and Jacy Robey confirmed that.

Motion by Fischer to grant a probationary, six-month, private kennel license and revisit the situation in six months to reassess the noise and running-at-large problems, etc., second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried. Treasurer Foley will issue kennel licenses approved by the board after the fees are collected.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI
Tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Dan and Becky Olson, W4037 650TH AVE, Beldenville, WI

The Olsons were not in attendance. Treasurer Foley reported that she has had no problems with licensing their dogs in the past. Treasurer Foley presented the application and accompanying inspection documentation to the board for review and discussed the cooperative professionalism of Dr. Terri Rinke in agreeing to perform these inspections. Motion by Kannel to approve, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Proposed new Building Inspector fees

Motion by Kannel to approve Galen Seipel's building inspector fees starting in 2017, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Snowmobile Club Temporary Liquor License Application for February 4, 2017

Motion by Fischer to approve the application, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2017 caucus date

Motion by Kannel to schedule the caucus for January 21, 2017 at 1 p.m., second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Kannel stated the Closed Session noticed was not necessary.

Open Session

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to increase Patrolman Peterson's 2017 hourly wage to \$23.95 (1.5%) noting Peterson plans to retire before year end. Also, all other Patrolman compensation and benefits will remain the same next year according to the this year's Town of El Paso Schedule of Compensation and Benefits with the exception of the longevity bonus which will be discontinued. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2016

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Tony Shafer, Larry Brenner, Gina Klecker,
Bruce Opp, Leona Opp, Diane Jennings, Barb Klecker, James Jennings,
Gary Ingli, Priscilla Olson, Roger Jilk, Ed Hanson, Jim Belz, Julie Belz,
Fred Schmidt, Claudia Schmidt, Rita Strauss, Matt LaFond, Barry Hines,
Brian Webster, Kim Webster, Tom Jilk, Barbara Norquist, Shirley Newhart,
Bill Newhart, Ron Webster, Karen Webster, others

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 26, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with next year's proposed budget summary on October 27, 2016.

Discussion

The 2017 budget was presented by Schoepp as prepared at the Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the current budget is realistic. The budget total has been the same since 2011.

Suggestions were that the Plan Commission Secretary compensation should increase to \$100 per Plan Commission meeting. Also, the Town Board Chair salary should increase to \$5000 annually. Motions to that effect to be included in the Town Meeting.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Special Town Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2016

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: As in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 26, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Discussion/Actions

The 2017 budget total is \$488,426.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to increase Town Chair salary to \$5000 effective next term and to increase Plan Commission Secretary per diem to \$100 per meeting effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kannel to accept the budget presented and adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2017, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2016

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, some as in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 26, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Minutes were read earlier in the evening at the Plan Commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that 410th avenue work is complete. The truck is running well and the tractor issues have been resolved. There are 15 miles left to mow.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Larry Brenner's application is to change the CUP type from "Farm & Home Based Business" to "Nature-Based Operations".

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the CUP application with conditions:

- Maximum number of employees should not exceed 50.
- Lights out time should apply to the new combined CUP.
- All other conditions on the existing CUPs should remain in effect.

Fischer recused himself. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2016

Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Rita Strauss's application is to build and operate a retreat center (e.g. wedding party barn) at W4462 430th Avenue, Ellsworth, WI.

Kannel said we have a problem in regards to the status of the site plan. Strauss responded that now the county wants the town to approve the site plan. Kannel said that in the interest of public safety he did not feel there was an adequate plan presented. Kannel stated options are to either basically start over on the CUP process with a better site plan or else we can go forward with this and likely deny it at the town level.

Strauss stated that she had discussed this with the county and after going through the plan with an excavator that she would like to withdraw the application at this time.

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Unlicensed dogs

Treasurer Mary Foley reported on a dog bite in the town and that we subsequently learned that this residence has eight unlicensed dogs. She sent a letter to them via registered mail which was not picked up so the sheriff's department delivered it. Mary now has licenses for these dogs but the number falls in the private kennel category for dog licensing. Mary discussed the new inspection requirements and said Dr. Rinke has agreed to do these initial inspections. Mary has established an application form for a kennel license including an inspection checklist. An inspector would use our ordinance and have access to rabies certificate information from the town. Rinke suggested a fee of \$100 payable to her. The application including inspection documentation would require board approval. Several citizens are in the process of applying for this private kennel license.

Also, a draft letter will go out with the tax statement to remind people that we do have an animal control ordinance and inspection requirements were recently added. Mary Foley discussed penalties for not following the ordinance and how we could emphasize them.

Mary Foley is also sending a letter due to some dog nuisance complaints to a property owner in El Paso. Tony Shafer asked if puppies count towards the number and the ordinance was explained.

Additionally, Mary Foley is planning to send form letters to several owners that need to license their dogs in accordance with the ordinance including one on 410th Street Extension.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

None

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented with the exception of the Monarch bill until Larry Peterson has confirmed payment path and to drop the Eagle fee from the Command Central bill. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2016

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Treasurer Foley reported that the Kipp Hinz bankruptcy will not result in any payment to the town and that rock bill is outstanding at this time.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Jeff and Jodie Robey
2. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynn Dover
3. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Dan and Becky Olson
4. Discuss/Take Action: Proposed new Building Inspector fees
5. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Snowmobile Club Temporary Liquor License Application for February 4, 2017
6. Discuss/Take Action: 2017 Compensation and Benefits for Patrolman Peterson
7. Discuss/Take Action: Set 2017 caucus date

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Public Hearing for Brenner CUP application Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

Members Present: Plan Commission Chair Ron Kannel, Member Ron Foley, Member Dan Fischer, Member Tony Shafer, Secretary Melanie Schoepp

Members Absent: none

Others: Larry Peterson, Larry Brenner, Gina Klecker, Bruce Opp, Leona Opp, Diane Jennings, Barb Klecker, James Jennings, Gary Ingli, Priscilla Olson, Roger Jilk, Ed Hanson, Jim Belz, Julie Belz, Fred Schmidt, Claudia Schmidt, Rita Strauss, Matt LaFond, Barry Hines, Brian Webster, Kim Webster, Tom Jilk, Barbara Norquist, Shirley Newhart, Bill Newhart, Ron Webster, Karen Webster, others

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 26, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Discussion

Kannel welcomed everyone to our public hearing. He opened the hearing by explaining the purpose is to discuss Larry Brenner's Conditional Use Permit application for Vino in the Valley to change the CUP type from "Farm and Home Based Business" to "Nature-Based Operations". Brenner discussed that the county wants his business to be operating in compliance with his permits.

Larry Brenner verified he has no plans to change his business model. He felt that the county did not have a good CUP type for his business when his business started and now this new type is being proposed. Brenner does not want the number of employees to be limited as in the existing CUP.

Kannel asked if there were other questions for Brenner. Foley said that the lights out time should be on both of his existing CUPs and now it looks like it is just on one of them. Kannel asked Brenner to add that on the new CUP application.

Kannel talked about the number of employees and if we should put a maximum on that. Brenner said they are using approximately 25 employees on some evenings. Fischer asked about the part-time employees and how they count towards the number of employees. Shafer noted that the number of employees on the current conditional use permit is being exceeded. Kannel stated he would like to put a number on the limit of employees the business can have. Brenner stated he would like to have a maximum of 50 employees if he has to put a number on it. Brenner also stated he is ok with all the conditions on the existing CUPs except for the number of employees.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Plan Commission Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

Members Present: Plan Commission Chair Ron Kannel, Member Ron Foley, Member Dan Fischer, Member Tony Shafer, Secretary Melanie Schoepp

Members Absent: none

Others: Same as preceding Public Hearing

Immediately following the Public Hearing, Kannel called the Plan Commission meeting to order.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 26, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 1, 2016 Plan Commission meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission recommendation to the Town Board for county issued Conditional Use Permit proposing CUP type change for Vino in the Valley.

Suggested conditions:

- Maximum number of employees should not exceed 50.
- Lights out time should apply to the new combined CUP.
- All other conditions on the existing CUPs should remain in effect.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to conduct a roll call vote to recommend to approve or deny the Town Recommendation. Roll call vote:

Kannel: Approve

Fischer: Recuse

Foley: Approve

Shafer: Approve

Schoepp: Recuse

Three votes to approve. Motion to recommend to approve carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 7:34 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent:

Others: none

Ron Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 5, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan next year's budget including Patrolman's Compensation and Benefits:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the 2016 budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar. Planning included the following:

- 2017 Budget Total of \$488,426 (same since 2011)
- Capital Outlay \$40,000 Bridge Fund Reserve
- Public Works \$334,826 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Pierce County proposed 1.25% increase for some county workers. The board discussed an increase for the Patrolman. Other Patrolman compensation and benefits is expected to remain the same as previous years.

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Bruce Opp, Bryce Sherwin, Baily Sherwin, Gina Klecker, Priscilla Olson, Tom Jilk, Tom Jenkins, Tony Shafer, Fred Schmidt, Claudia Schmidt, Tiffany Meyer, Barbara Norquist, Shirley Newhart, William Newhart, Leona Opp, Diane Jennings, Barry Hines, Rita Strauss, Matt LaFond, Barb Klecker, Max E. Klecker, Larry Brenner, Ron Webster, Karen Webster, Jim Belz, Julie Belz, Patti Dougherty, Rick Dougherty, Denton Achenbach, Melissa Achenbach, Pam Enger

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the October 5, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that 410th Avenue work is in progress and 450th Avenue overlay is complete. Also, Brenner took his Vno signs down the day after the last meeting. Truck work is complete and the check engine light is off. There was a minor issue with the tractor. Other equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Tiffany Meyer from the Ellsworth Public Library presented information about Pierce County ACT 150 Funding as well as increasing the "reimbursement rate" to 85%. She stated it would not affect our town tax base. For example, for a \$100,000 house it would be amount to approximately a one dollar increase in taxes. Fischer asked about usage and Meyer confirmed there are 285 library card holders in the Town of El Paso. It was so noted that the Town of El Paso uses the library quite heavily.

Agenda Items

Discuss: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Larry Brenner's application is to change the CUP type from "Farm & Home Based Business" to "Nature-Based Operations". Owner has designated "No plans to change business model."

The CUP application was discussed. There is an understanding that Pierce County Land Management directed Brenner some time ago to apply for a change in the type of his Conditional Use Permit (CUP) so that Vino in the Valley is in compliance. The thought is that Pierce County has a CUP type that fits better for his business.

Brenner stated that the county thought "Farm & Home Based Business" was the best type to use when he started his Vino in the Valley business. He said that the county is suggesting using the "Nature-Based Operations" type at this time and combining his two CUPs into one. Fischer mentioned the permit should list the proper number of employees. Brenner said he now has to have more than eight employees on some nights. Fischer asked about the conditions. Brenner said he wants to continue doing business as he currently is. Schoepp explained the CUP types per Pierce County Code. A letter from Sharon Hills was read which outlined a number of concerns including the following: a negative impact on the natural environment, inappropriate CUP types, public traffic safety issues, excessive noise and road damage. The letter also discussed opposition to the illegal use of town signs for posting Vino signs. The Hills letter also discussed a repeated request for a reduced speed limit sign on 400th Street. Fischer responded that it should be noted that the town does not have the authority to lower the speed limit without a traffic study. Fischer also stated the 30 MPH sign in the Town of Salem is illegal. Peterson mentioned our commitment to maintain our roads properly in order to receive transportation aid funds from the state. Brenner added that he had misunderstood direction from Kannel about the sign posting and apologized again about posting the Vino signs on Town posts.

The board stated a Public Hearing/Plan Commission meeting will be scheduled and noticed for November 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. for the Vino CUP application. This will also be on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting.

Discuss: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Rita Strauss's application is to build and operate a retreat center (e.g. wedding party barn) at W4462 430th Avenue, Ellsworth, WI. Rita Strauss addressed the board by stating she is living on 430th and has lived there for a couple years. Her intention is to build a pole barn structure to host wedding events from May through October. She said she has a plan to be respectful and not disrupt the community. The planned capacity is 300 people for a 60' x 80' building, open with curtains. Restrooms would be a separate building at a later date. She is planning satellites and wash stations for the first year. The pavilion would be open to the gravel road. Fischer inquired about music until midnight and thought that was going to be a problem. Fischer said he talked to the Wisconsin Towns Association attorney about noise and was under the impression that 10 p.m. may be a more acceptable cutoff time. Kannel asked about the old barn and she said the barn will not pass commercial use. Fischer questioned if "Retreat Centers" was the correct CUP type for this. Kannel talked about caterers providing alcohol with no cash bar. Mary Foley asked about state approval for the structure due to it being a commercial structure.

Barb Klecker discussed a number of concerns as follows:

- Will a possible chapel turn this into a religious entity and eventually have it taken off the tax roll? Strauss said no, that is not going to happen.
- Dumping waste water is a concern without a proper sewer system.
- The springs that feed into those areas were mentioned as well as wetland concerns.
- The Lost Creek watershed should be protected. That is in accordance with the town's Comprehensive Plan.
- Siting this business structure in Agriculture zoning is not acceptable.
- The roads are not designed for the number of people that could come to these parties.
- Parking lot drainage in this wetland area could be a problem.

Leona Fischer Opp, who stated she owns woods adjoining the property, also discussed a number of concerns as follows:

- She does not feel the event center fits with the town's comprehensive plan. It does not minimize the negative impacts on landowners. Therefore, she opposes the CUP application.
- The quiet community would be greatly disrupted by this size facility.
- The possible 100 – 400 people that could attend would make this a very sizeable facility.
- Conflicts with agriculture activities (dust, manure, odor, animals, etc.) are likely which could lead to liability issues.
- Highly concentrated traffic would be a safety concern.
- Operating hours and music would be totally unreasonable and intolerable to neighbors.
- The type of event is unrestricted.
- Waste disposal in this area is likely not acceptable.
- A kitchen facility may be needed.
- Erosion and runoff are an environmental concern.
- Alcohol and associated problems and licensing is a potential problem.
- Fireworks and loud noises should not be allowed.
- Property values of nearby homes will be negatively impacted.
- Could this property be reclassified as a "church" to avoid other restrictions?
- The site could be sold separate from where Rita Strauss lives and the CUP transferred. This could lead to lack of owner supervision.
- "Retreat Center" is a strange classification for this wedding-event center.
- Uses must be restricted to exclude housing, loud noise, late operating hours, cooking facilities, retail sales, overnight parking and camping. Waste water treatment requirements should be specified.
- Rita Strauss recently purchased this land and she must have been aware of the Primary Agriculture zoning. This is NOT an appropriate use for this land.

Denton Achenbach mentioned that the DNR should be consulted about water runoff due to the parking, etc.

Shirley Jilk discussed her concern about bringing a business into the area that might cause conflicts with existing activities, e.g. hunting. William Newhart said his biggest concern was public safety, especially on the roads.

Pam Enger mentioned she would like to get her own letter about this CUP application.

Fred Schmidt questioned if such a facility would change house appraisal values and if they would be able to sell their house.

Tom Jilk stated he is opposed to the facility as he doesn't want people disturbing the peace and quiet at his place. He is concerned with all the noise and traffic.

Kannel asked Rita Strauss if she understood the concerns of the community. Kannel explained we will have another meeting and this was a discussion item only for this meeting given the amount of time available to communicate. Kannel also went on to say that midnight for a closing hour is going to be a problem with many folks. Schoepp explained the timing on the receipt of the application and the courtesy letters that were sent to adjoining landowners. Schoepp also explained that the Town of El Paso uses the Pierce County Herald as the primary forum for official notices.

It was explained that the town can only offer a recommendation to the county and the county is the entity which approves and issues these CUPs. Public comments will also be welcome during the county approval process. Kannel stated that a public hearing and plan commission meeting for the Strauss application will be held November 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. This will also be on the agenda for the next town board meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)

Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance similar to previous years. Tom Jenkins explained that if someone parked a tractor here, for example, without our permission and someone climbed on it and damages occurred, the town could be liable. Kannel asked if it is ok for spray and seed helicopters to land in the town parking lot. Tom said we should get a certificate of insurance from them to make sure they are insured. Motion by Foley to accept the policy proposal, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Vino in the Valley signs mounted on town traffic sign posts.

Brenner had requested this item be on the agenda again. It was on the agenda last month. No further discussion or action.

Discuss/Take Action: Letter of concern to large farms/businesses regarding excessive vehicle speeds

A draft letter was reviewed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to mail the letter. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Storage in town hall parking lot

The board discussed concerns with items (e.g. campers, gates, etc.) that are not owned by the town being stored in the town hall parking lot. Larry Peterson volunteered to inform any people that want to leave items at the government center for any length of time to provide a certificate of insurance upon recommendation of our insurance agent and also first obtain board approval. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to require a certificate of insurance and town board approval before any storage of items by the public at the town government center. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
None.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract from Chippewa Valley Energy was received. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase 2000 gallons at 86 cents. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Dan Fischer reported on an ambulance meeting. The office manager job may be cut back for budgeting purposes.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Larry Brenner's application is to change the CUP type from "Farm & Home Based Business" to "Nature-Based Operations".
2. Discuss/Take Action: Town Recommendation for county issued Conditional Use Permit. Rita Strauss's application is to build and operate a retreat center (e.g. wedding party barn) at W4462 430th Avenue, Ellsworth, WI.
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Eric Soley, Dennis Schneider, Raymond Schneider, Linda Hines, Jeff Hines, Larry Brenner, Roxanne Larson, Brenda Helgeson, Jerry Stein, Gail Ingli, Lana Ingli, Rob Tapp, Bill Schramm, Sheri Schramm

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the September 7, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 8, 2016 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. She stated that outstanding bills after next month will be added to the tax roll statements. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that 410th Avenue is almost ready to grade and the silt fence has been removed. The truck will need some work possibly on the particulate filter before winter. Also reported is that the backhoe window has a crack in it. Other equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Kannel starting out by welcoming those in attendance and explaining the purpose of the public comments section of the meeting. He explained that action cannot be taken on items that are not on the agenda.

Dennis Schneider stated that a group was there for a road work concern. Dennis Schneider, Ray Schneider, Eric Soley, Rod Tapp, Jeff Hines and Linda Hines were there to request 570th Avenue - the road that travels west off of 290th street - be graded, rocked and blacktopped. Kannel explained that road work is investigated each year at the annual April road tour meeting. Plans are made at subsequent meetings. Linda Hines explained a concern that they had tried to get this work done in the past via a petition. Kannel responded that the board has tried very hard to meet the most pressing concerns first within budget constraints. Also, he stated no petition is necessary. Fischer stated that this road has been on the radar for some time and this request will certainly be considered.

Jerry Stein stated that a group was in attendance regarding a speed concern on 450th avenue. Bill and Sheri Schramm (of Wilson, WI), Brenda Helgeson, Gail Ingli, Lana Ingli and Roxanne Larson were also in attendance regarding the speed concern. Jerry Stein presented a letter from Connie Mann. The letter from Connie Mann was read which discussed her concerns about the speeding. Larry Brenner of Vino in

the Valley restaurant stated he has called his vendors and asked them to slow down. Larry Brenner also said he could do some Facebook and website chat asking his customers to please slow down. Kannel explained there is a process to address this as it is a town road intended for vehicular traffic. He also mentioned the Wisconsin Right to Farm law which includes farm machinery and vehicular activity. Kannel went on to explain that the town must have a traffic study performed in order to pursue any speed limit change. He explained that the bridge that is out is the responsibility of another town. Kannel stated a traffic study at this time would not reflect the Vino in the Valley traffic as that business is winding down for the season. Also, we would have to work with Pierce County to enforce it. Kannel explained that the most the town could reduce the limit to is 45 MPH without some special DOT approval.

Roxanne Larson stated her safety concerns including that the semi traffic is traveling at excessive speeds. Fischer discussed an idea about one-way traffic. Linda Hines asked if the board could write a letter to the owners of the area businesses to request their drivers slow down and be more careful. Roxanne Larson said she has talked to the police and received advisement from Mike Waltz that Pierce County was going to put a counter out to try to record vehicle use counts. She also mentioned safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists and that Richardson's semis continue to drive at excessive speeds in her opinion.

Larry Peterson said the 30 MPH sign in the Town of Salem is likely not authorized. Roxanne Larson discussed that "Children at Play" and "School Bus" signs are needed in Pierce County. Kannel stated the line of site distance is generally considered when determining the need for these signs. "Children at Play" signs were discussed that were stolen a number of times. Craig and Beth Ingli personally bought "Children at Play" signs twice and they were stolen both times.

Kannel closed discussion by directing the group to submit a letter in writing stating that they would like the limit lowered and a traffic study performed if they would like this pursued. Kannel said we can consider contacting the farms but we cannot take action at this meeting.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Vino in the Valley signs mounted on town traffic sign posts.

Kannel discussed advisement from the Wisconsin Towns Association that the Vino signs are not legally posted. Kannel stated that Larry Brenner did not follow his direction that signs cannot be mounted on stop signs and mounted the Vino signs anyway. Larry Brenner said he did not understand Kannel's direction to not mount anything on the town stop signs and apologized. Kannel directed Brenner to take them down or Larry Peterson will do it and charge Brenner \$60 per hour.

Kannel discussed the Vino in the Valley Conditional Use Permit being out of compliance due to too many employees, etc. It was questioned how many employees are allowed at a time (16 or 6). There is an understanding that Pierce County Land Management directed Brenner some time ago to apply for a change in the type of his Conditional Use Permit (CUP) so that Vino in the Valley is in compliance. The thought is that Pierce County has a CUP type that fits better for his business. The town board would like the Conditional Use Permit straightened out so conditions are not questionable.

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to direct Larry Peterson to take down the Vino signs next Wednesday morning and bill at \$60 per hour if they are not down. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Local Roads Improvement Program Asphalt Project

Kannel explained the project and associated funding. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the proposal from Monarch Paving Company via Pierce County for hot mix asphalt. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Plan Commission

Kannel discussed the plan to streamline Plan Commission meetings by holding Plan Commission meetings at 7 p.m. preceding regular board meetings and utilize board members for the commission to conform to statute commission term limits. Kannel appointed the following to the Plan Commission effective at this time: himself, Ron Foley, Dan Fischer and Melanie Schoepp. Schoepp was asked to perform the Secretary role for the Plan Commission. Additionally, Tony Shafer will be included as a citizen member. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve the appointments. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: The town is accepting bids for town hall cleaning: 2 hours, once a month. Please mark outer envelope "bid".

The board reviewed one bid as follows:

\$40 bid from Caroline Kannel per cleaning.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Caroline Kannel. Kannel recused himself. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework

New inspection requirements were discussed and the draft was reviewed. Motion by Fischer to adopt the amended ordinance, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will publish a summary.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract from Chippewa Valley Energy was received. Kannel suggested he telephone Chippewa Valley Energy for a better understanding and include it on the agenda next month. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Peterson discussed that 290th Street and 450th Avenue asphalt project is ready to proceed. Also, the estimate to shim coat 410th avenue is \$72,000 (Co Rd CC to 290th Street). Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with the shim coat. All in favor, motion carried.

Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. A bill will be sent to Monarch Paving for reimbursement of the latest solid waste bill as well as \$100 in electricity. Monarch Paving is the contractor the state used for the Highway 72 work and the town allowed them to use the parking lot at the town hall for their temporary project center of operations. Payment of the fire on the Xcel pole which Xcel has refused was discussed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Dan Fischer stated he will be attending the Village of Ellsworth meeting tomorrow evening on behalf of the town and the Ellsworth Ambulance Association. The Village does not intend to increase the budget in that area for the coming year.

Schoepp reported a complaint and also a question about campers and machinery stored at the town hall parking lot.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
4. Discuss: Patrolman Compensation and Benefits (at Budget Planning meeting)
5. Discuss/Take Action: Letter of concern to large farms/businesses regarding excessive vehicle speeds
6. Discuss/Take Action: Storage in town hall parking lot

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 10, 2016.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Michelle Burg

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the August 3, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 11, 2016 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including GTA and Shared Revenue income. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the water crossing road repairs are proceeding. The backhoe needed welding and the county was able to do that with a quick turnaround. Other equipment is in good order. Peterson mentioned the gate is open on Stu West's property.

Public Comments

Michelle Burg introduced herself to the board and discussed her qualifications for Pierce County Treasurer.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract has not been received yet. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission and associated ordinance rework to latest state statutes

The revised ordinance was presented per Wisconsin Towns Association guidance to allow more flexibility so we can conform to current membership term requirements in state statutes. Text was added to the ordinance on fees for the CUP/Rezone process per the Town's Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures. Additionally, a new "Town of El Paso Schedule of Compensation and Benefits" was presented that can be used as a reference instead of embedding per diems, etc. into ordinances. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adopt the ordinance amendment. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework

Inspection requirements were discussed and the draft was read. No action. This will be on the agenda next month after further review and work on the document.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel stated 290th St. and 450th Ave. overlays are to be completed. In other road work business, Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve the state/municipal agreement for proceeding with the bridge project work for the 465th Avenue Rush River bridge. This will kick off the project with the state. Schoepp will mail three copies to the state and retain one copy.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. A bill will be sent to Monarch Paving for reimbursement of the current solid waste bill as well as electricity which will be handled next month. Monarch is the contractor the state is using for the Highway 72 work and the town has allowed them to use the parking lot at the town hall for their temporary project center of operations. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
2. Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: The town is accepting bids for town hall cleaning: 2 hours, once monthly. Please mark outer envelope "bid".
5. Set date for Budget Planning Meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2016.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the July 6, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

No meeting. Fischer stated he delivered information to Rita Strauss on a CUP for a party barn.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Treasurer Foley communicated a correction to the May 2016 Treasurer Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the 410th project is proceeding and the rock is on. Equipment is in good order. Storm damage was minimal but there was much to clean up.

Public Comments

None.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's license applications (Kevin Burgess, Rebecca Robey, others)

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2018 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if each applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicants:

Kevin Burgess

Rebecca Robey

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the applications. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days temporary liquor license

Schoepp presented the application for August 19, 2016 through August 21, 2016 noting the \$10 fee has been paid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract has not been received yet. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework

Schoepp discussed a conversation with the Boyer/Anderson kennel owner; the understanding is that they have not been inspected since they opened. Treasurer Foley checked with Diamond-Aire Kennels; the owner said she also had not been inspected. Foley discussed that Veterinary Inspection courses exist. She also noted that the Town of Gilman animal ordinance has different requirements than ours for private and commercial kennels. Most towns in our area have ordinances similar to ours. Treasurer Foley stated she would like inspections to be part of the licensing process. No Action. Further research will be conducted on how to proceed at the town level.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission and associated ordinance rework to latest state statutes

At the board's request, Schoepp researched the statute changes since the town's Plan Commission ordinance was adopted. A revised ordinance was drafted for review using guidance from the Wisconsin Towns Association. This will be on the agenda next month for adoption. A suggestion is to add text to the ordinance on fees for the CUP/Rezone process per the Town's Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
2. Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework
3. Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission and associated ordinance rework to latest state statutes
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 8, 2016.

BOR will be held July 13, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. Open Book is the same day from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Dale Johnson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the June 8, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meetings. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including liquor license fees received. Mary Foley stated that the 410th St. Extension has been billed for road maintenance for the past year. Also, the reversal on Stu West's "Official Payment" via credit card is on this month's bank statement. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that most of the 410th project is proceeding and equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

None.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Dale Johnson presented four Operator's License Applications, particularly for El Paso Days. Kannel made the motion, second by Foley to approve the licenses contingent upon the clerk satisfactorily completing the background checks.

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2016 until 6/30/2017 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2018 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate if each applicant has any major infractions of the law and none were found.

Applicants:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Abbie Flynn
John J. Hines, Jr.
Bradley K. Johnson
Jason Lacy

El Paso Bar and Grill:

none

Langers Bar:

Nola Estes
Brenda Fredrickson
Pamela Hines
Kylie Morgan
Virginia Morgan
Teresa O'Connell
Lacretia Panzer
Susan Taplin
Bruce Zignego

Vino in the Valley:

Riley Bowman
Nathan Brenner
Patrick Dougherty
Dylan Ford
Mary Gardas
Julie Karlstad
Tascha Kinney
Diana Lange
Jeremy Leccia
Kristin McHattie
Debra Ottman (pending complete application)
Mary Traynor
Christine Ryan
Riley Williams

The fees for the aforementioned applications have been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the applications presented by the clerk with the exception of the Debra Ottman license which the clerk may issue if returned with confirmation of alcohol awareness training. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract has not been received yet. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel discussed bid notices for any roadwork over \$25,000. Pierce County's proposal for 410th Ave. work is about \$200,000 for culvert and associated work, e.g., corrosion control. Patching was also discussed. Motion by Kannel to proceed with the county regrade for 410th Ave. possibly doing the shim coat this fall as funds allow. Finish coat may come a year later as funds allow. Second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Kannel and Peterson explained that the county still has approximately \$22,000 in targeted funds available for El Paso road work from state TRIP funds. A proposal is to use the funds for 450th Ave. and 290th St. overlays. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with the overlays. Kannel recused himself. All others in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance review

Supervisor Foley discussed if the Town of El Paso should have commercial kennels in the town. The board discussed that more research is needed on inspectors and what other towns in the state are doing regarding inspections, etc. in their ordinances. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission

Mary Foley mentioned the current request that came in from Rita Strauss for a party barn. Kannel stated that we should table this and research our options given state statutes.

Complete: Wisconsin Towns Association survey on roads, tax levy, services, etc.

Schoepp has started the requested survey. A suggestion was made to invoke an El Paso Paperwork Reduction Act which would void information requests that may be considered duplicate. No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Dan Fischer stated he will call Rita Strauss on a possible CUP for a party barn.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Operator's Licenses (Burgess, others)
2. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days temporary liquor license
3. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
4. Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance rework
5. Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission
6. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2016.

BOR will be held July 13, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. Open Book is the same day from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adjourn

Peterson informed the board of his current intentions to retire in a year or so, sometime after the next snow season. He has graciously offered to help train in a replacement. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 9, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Sue Gerdes, Scott Freier, Dave Pantzlaff

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the May 4, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four town public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until July 13, 2016 at which time the Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried. Open Book will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by BOR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Sue Gerdes, Scott Freier, Dave Pantzlaff

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 4, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 19, 2016 Town Board meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including GTA and a reversed transaction from Stu West. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 9, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order. Most of the trees are out on 410th for the road project. Peterson inquired if the 410th St. Extension annual road work has been billed. Treasurer Foley will follow-up.

Public Comments

Dave Pantzlaff, PE of Ayres Associates, a structural engineering firm from Eau Claire, discussed possible bridge work. He discussed the SMA which is the state municipal agreement that we can expect from the DOT. Ayres Associates would like to receive one of the three letters we send out for possible selection as the engineering vendor when we kickoff the 465th Rush River bridge repair project. He discussed the process for our bridge repair project which qualifies for this program via an SMA. Kannel inquired on how the board would get involved in the choice of design options. Pantzlaff mentioned \$90,000 as an approximation of town costs.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Valley Springs Motorcycle Club proposal (Conditional Use Permit) to stage a dual sport motorcycle ride throughout the county including the Town of El Paso (both on and off road)

The draft CUP was presented. The current plan is to go through El Paso in the afternoon of July 16 using town roads. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to signify approval for the Town Recommendation. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Peterson discussed repair work in progress including patching and possible overlays by the county highway department.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer read a letter that he wrote about his service on the Plan Commission and that he is now resigning from the Plan Commission.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
2. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Animal Control Ordinance review
5. Discuss/Take Action: Town Board member on the Plan Commission

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 13, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 13, 2016 Road Tour meeting was published in the April 6, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Peterson read the minutes from the April 13, 2016 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported Inspector Galen Seipel is checking on a possible party barn in the town.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that he worked on 410th removing fence and trees. Equipment is in good working order and the truck check engine light is on.

Public Comments

Mary Foley reported that Stu West recently submitted payment for his kennel license via the internet. Kannel discussed contact from Pierce County regarding the kennel.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Outdoor Lawn Management (Jeff Traynor) bid \$85 per mowing.

Rockworks Landscaping bid \$90 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Traynor's Outdoor Lawn Management. All in favor, motion carried. The board discussed that any increase in charges due to "huge" fuel price increases would first need board approval. Schoepp will assure the town has proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work
none

Set meeting date for Board of Review

Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will be at the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Review will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be the same day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Election equipment purchase

Clerk Schoepp explained this was put on the agenda to discuss options. We have experienced problems with a couple different printers on the Edge machine, most recently at the last election. It is old technology. Both our machines are near the end of their expected life and considered “legacy machines” at this point. (According to Command Central our existing Edge and Eagle were purchased in 2008.) Schoepp requested Command Central supply us an extra Edge printer through year end to keep at the Town Hall and they agreed to do that free of charge. Schoepp also requested a county-wide demo of new machines available. A new machine with training, etc. will be around \$9000 and may be requested for the 2017 budget. No board motion needed.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Valley Springs Motorcycle Club proposal (Conditional Use Permit) to stage a dual sport motorcycle ride throughout the county including the Town of El Paso (both on and off road)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 9, 2016 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Scott Freier

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 13, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 21, 2015 Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

Scott Freier spoke representing the Valley Springs Motorcycle Club's first planned dual sport ride event with camping at the Gas-Lite on July 16th. Approximately 200 participants would use legal, road licensed motorcycles – most with off-road tires also. The plan is to establish a 120 – 140 mile loop ride that is both on and off road, e.g. road and snowmobile trails. In El Paso, they may go through the Rush River Eau Galle Sportsman's Club land and the Ellsworth Rod and Gun land. It is an American Motorcycle Association sponsored event that is a way to bring people outside the community in to the community. This is to be a one day event for 2016 and the route is not established yet. The county's expectations are that each town sign a Town Recommendation form as part of the county CUP process. As this does not involve building or zoning, it will not go through the Plan Commission. This will be noticed for the next town meeting (May 9th at 7:30 p.m.). The board's expectations are that the club present the completed CUP form along with the planned route to facilitate a town recommendation.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Approve 2015 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the Financial Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive the financial statement as presented.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Mary Foley, second by Melanie Schoepp to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Town of El Paso Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Discuss: Road Work

Peterson distributed a Roadwork Schedule listing possible projects for the year which included, but is not limited to:

- Construction: 410 Ave from Co Rd CC to 290 Str
- Blade Patch: 290 Str, 350 Str, 450 Ave
- Rip Rap: 465 Ave
- Crushed Rock: 455 Ave, 480 Ave, 410 Str, 450 Str
- Routine maintenance including hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, dust settler, brush control, etc.

Kannel stated these are some potential projects identified to date.

Set 2017 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:51 pm.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Clerk note: Minutes placed on town website and 1 physical posting within 30 days of meeting.

APR 13, 2016
ROAD TOUR

THE TOWN BOARD AND PATROL MAN MET
AT 10 AM ON WED APR 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT RON FOLEY RON KANNEZ
DAN FISCHER AND LARRY PETERSON

RON FOLEY DROVE HIS VEHICLE.

WE TOURED THE TOWNSHIP AND LOOKED
AT DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE ISSUES
INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION PATCHING
SIGNS, AND RIP RAP PROJECTS NO ACTION TAKEN

WE ARRIVED AT EL PASO BARS GRILL
AT 1200 PM FOR LUNCH.

WE RETURNED TO TOWN HALL AT
12:45 PM

SUBMITTED BY
PATROL MAN
Larry Peterson

Town of El Paso

Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley

Others Present:

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 9, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer read minutes from the February 17, 2016 Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly treasurer's report was presented as submitted by Treasurer Foley. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

none

Public Comments

Fischer reported that the Ellsworth Fire Department opened bids for a new fire hall and are working through that process after rejecting all the first-round bids.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp will send notice to the newspaper, the county and surrounding towns.

Schedule road tour date/time

A meeting was scheduled to tour the town roads on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action for April meeting: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
2. Road Work

Next Meeting Date

The Road Tour meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10 a.m.

The April meeting will be held the third Tuesday in April, April 19, 2016 immediately following the 2016 Annual Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 3, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan revision will be Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption

No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported the Ellsworth Ambulance Service had a good year. Ellsworth Area Fire Association financial balances were discussed by Fischer including indebtedness. Also, Fischer reported that the fire hall addition bid process will start soon and a generator for Ellsworth area shared emergency service's use may be procured.

Future Agenda Items

1. *Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption*

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Johnson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 6, 2016 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 14, 2015 Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes after correction the election term years. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

Fischer reported the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan revision will be Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that blades are here and we have a complete spare set. Schoepp will look for a telephone/answering machine. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Larry Johnson stated he talked to Jeremy Brookshaw about ATV signage and presented a possible revision to the associated ordinance.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption
No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. *Discuss/Take Action: Comprehensive Plan rework/adoption*

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Casey Black

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the December 6, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that he is hanging lights in the shop. Equipment is in good working order. Schoepp suggested that existing invoices for the year be sent out as reasonable and not carried forward to 2018.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Review Rush River bridge design statement of qualification submittals and select five vendors for request for proposal phase

Casey Black of SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was in attendance and discussed the Rush River bridge project. Sensitivity, flooding, debris, piers, height, public funding, profile, company experience, federal regulations, etc. were mentioned.

Eleven vendors were solicited for submittals. Submittals for review were received from:

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
- AECOM
- AYRES
- COOPER ENGINEERING
- SEH
- FAA Consulting Engineers
- Mead and Hunt
- CORRE

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to select the following five vendors for the request for proposal phase:

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
- AECOM
- AYRES
- COOPER ENGINEERING
- SEH

All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket

No action. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacement

No action. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Election Inspectors for 2018 - 2019

Kannel nominated the following individuals for appointment as election inspectors for the next two-year term: Rhoda Foley, Dorie Dunham-Sweeney, Tom Birkel, Kathy Birkel, Norris Berg, Denise Blaisdell, Pam Enger, Sherri Heise, Barb Klecker, Joanne Matteson, Daniel Olson, Marsha Shafer, and Patrick Sweeney. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to appoint the nominated inspectors with pay rates of \$9 per hour for inspectors and \$11 for chief inspectors. Rates had been the same since 2014. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Election equipment purchase agreement for 2018

The purchase agreement and Q&A documents were reviewed. Motion by Foley to sign the agreement, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented with the exception of a \$24.87 bill from WI DOT which Schoepp will check on. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp reported that she contacted Baldwin Light Stream about expanding their internet service into our town. They did reply with a telephone message that they are not interested at this time as their "plate is full" and they were not certain the grant dollars would work out.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket
3. Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacements
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is planned for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Kannel stated the Closed Session was not necessary.

Road Maintainer retirement plan options discussed included the Wisconsin Retirement System and a private firm that Wally Hines already utilizes. According to email communications with Wisconsin's Department of Employee Trust Funds we are too late to join for 2018 contributions. Hines stated he is planning to further investigate options. Retirement contribution will be on next month's agenda.

Discussion was held and tabled on allowing the Road Maintainer to carry over some hours of vacation to the following year.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to authorize the following changes to the existing Road Maintainer's compensation and benefits:

- \$21.50 per hour starting in 2018
- Larry Peterson is retained as hourly only at \$23.95 per hour on an as needed basis.

All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Manny Cardenas, Tammy Cardenas, Kevin
Webster, Melissa Ryden, Valori Trantanella

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the October 25, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with next year's proposed budget summary on October 25, 2017.

Discussion

The 2018 budget was presented by Schoepp as prepared at the Budget Planning meeting. The consensus was that the current budget with a minimal increase is realistic. The budget total had been the same since 2011.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Special Town Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: As in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 25, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Discussion/Actions

The 2018 Local Levy is \$340,617 which is a 0.7% increase. The budget total has not had an increase since 2011.

Motion by Foley to accept the budget presented and adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2018, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Same as in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 25, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 9, 2017 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 25, 2017 budget meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that they are finding rocks dumped in ditches. Equipment is in good working order. Road rating sheets are ready to mail to the state. Preparation for winter is in progress.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Valori Trantanella was in attendance. Treasurer Foley presented the application to the board noting fees have been paid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the license. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 13th, 2017

Discuss/Take Action: 410th Street Extension road maintenance

Kannel discussed that this is a private road and asked those affected residents in attendance if they have made other arrangements for this work. Kannel again explained that the road is not built to town standards. Treasurer Foley discussed the \$100 annual invoice per owner for this road maintenance which included plowing, sanding, mowing and grading. This fee has been the same for at least eight years. Kannel stated this will never become a town road as is and explained we have a new maintenance situation with the retirement of Peterson and rising road maintenance costs. One resident (Kevin Webster) mentioned he could possibly do any needed grading. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to bill out \$200 annually for each 410th Street Extension resident for snowplowing and sanding, to be paid by the 1st of January for that upcoming year. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket

No action. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacements

No action. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Temporary Alcohol Retailer's License application from Rush River Trail Riders Snowmobile Club for February 3, 2018

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket
2. Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacements
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Election Inspectors for 2018 - 2019
5. Closed Session for 2018 Compensation and Benefits for Road Maintainer
6. Discuss/Take Action: 2018 Compensation and Benefits for Road Maintainer

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Budget Planning Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others:

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 18, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan next year's budget including Road Maintainer's Compensation and Benefits:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the previous year's budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar with a slight increase for rising costs. The budget total has not increased since 2011. Planning included the following:

- Local Levy of \$340,617 which is a 0.7% increase.
- Capital Outlay \$40,000 Bridge Fund Reserve
- Capital Outlay \$7500 Election Equipment (estimate only as unknown group negotiation and Pierce County possible contribution)
- Public Works \$336,000 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Pierce County proposed 1.25% increase for some county workers. The board discussed Road Maintainer compensation and benefits.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Scott Schoepp, Max E. Klecker, Jerry
Steien, Tom Jenkins, Brenda Helgeson, Gail Ingli, John Trantanella

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 4, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried. It was mentioned that the check from Son-Bow farms was for road repair.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that the shop lights are in and discussed several hundred dollars in rebates. Work for the month included patching; Larry Peterson assisted with the patching. Equipment is in good working order. Hines discussed a grapple bucket for moving dead trees, etc. Nortrax offered a quote around \$4300. This mounts on the backhoe front. Also, Hines met with a "Focus on Energy" representative on bulb replacements.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

*Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435
410th St., Ellsworth, WI*

John Trantanella attended and said he did not bring the kennel application. He stated they could accommodate the ordinance requirement for keeping the dogs inside at night. Kannel inquired about fees and Treasurer Foley said that the individual dog fees are yet to be paid. Kannel stated this needs to be addressed very soon and furthermore we have waited long enough on this one. Kannel asked and Mr. Trantanella confirmed that he has eight dogs. Scott Schoepp inquired about the distances on the fencing and requested seeing the layout map for that. Scott Schoepp also emphasized wanting to maintain a friendly neighbor relationship with the Trantanellas. Trantanella said they are not changing the footprint on the fencing. Scott Schoepp discussed that there are good weeks and bad weeks concerning the amount of nuisance barking coming from the kennel. Scott Schoepp mentioned that critter movement in the area prompts the barking and suggested possible screening. Kannel asked if Trantanella could bring in the application this evening; that was not agreed to. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: 410th Street Extension road maintenance

Kannel discussed that this is a private road. John Trantanella was in attendance. Treasurer Foley discussed the \$100 invoice per owner for this road maintenance. This fee has been the same for at least eight years. Kannel stated this will never become a town road as is and explained we have a new maintenance situation with the retirement of Peterson and rising road maintenance costs. Fischer stated the current charge does not cover what is being done. Fischer reiterated that the road is not built to town standards. Kannel said the town will always help in emergency situations and further explained that the road is the private owners' responsibility. Fischer suggested that if another courtesy letter is sent, then it should state that the town may no longer provide this service in which case the owners should consider other means. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)

Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance similar to previous years. Motion by Kannel to accept the policy proposal, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried. Jenkins clarified we could rent the town hall to residents, but selling alcohol would be an issue. Requiring a certificate of insurance would also be a consideration.

Discuss/Take Action: Second reading of Town Speed Limits ordinance (for 450th Avenue)

Schoepp read the ordinance. Kannel discussed signage and is waiting for more information from Pierce County. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adopt the ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Mower replacement

Price quotes from Tractor Central and Value Implement were reviewed. Kannel negotiated a lower price with John Deere (Tractor Central) at \$9500 with trade-in. Motion by Kannel to purchase the mower from Tractor Central, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Dumpster for town shop (accepting proposals)

A proposal was reviewed from P.I.G. Schoepp stated Waste Management did not respond to a proposal request. Motion by Fischer to begin service with P.I.G. for the two yard dumpster for \$47 a month after the Advanced Disposal dumpster is removed, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Kannel discussed TRIP and road ratings of under six.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2017

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI
2. Discuss/Take Action: 410th Street Extension road maintenance
3. Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket
4. Discuss/Take Action: “Focus on Energy” bulb replacements
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Planning meeting will be rescheduled and re-noticed for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Scott Schoepp, Roxanne Larson, Jerry Stein,
Dan Harrington

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the September 6, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the August tax settlement. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on backhoe tire replacement. He presented bids from Tractor Central and Value Implement on a mower. Kannel said we could put it on the agenda next month. Equipment is in good working order. Mowing is in progress.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Shop Lighting

Dan Harrington presented a bid for LED shop lighting from the Retrofit Companies. Our shop is considered low on the lighting scale. These fixtures come with a five year warranty. This is just a fixture replacement. Hines mentioned he price-checked these fixtures and found the same price from another supplier. Different wattage fixtures were compared. The rebates available from Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services and Focus on Energy were discussed. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to purchase the 18,000LM fixtures. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: First reading of Town Speed Limits ordinance (for 450th Avenue)

Schoepp read a draft of the ordinance. Kannel discussed including all of 450th Avenue for the reduced speed. Kannel will further research posting of signs at intersections.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley discussed that the inspection did take place and she has the \$50 private kennel fee on hold. She is awaiting the application. The nine dogs still need their individual licenses. Scott Schoepp mentioned he is interested in fence layout if they were considering a change to the fencing. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Outstanding building permit fees

Schoepp reported that Seipel forwarded a check for the Capatske project. Also Seipel decided to drop the additional payment request from Larry Brenner of Vino in the Valley.

Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

The budget planning meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. A complaint was discussed about unauthorized signs on town stop signs allegedly posted by Nick Waltz (W3526 450th Avenue). It was suggested Schoepp draft a form letter to send out for these unauthorized sign complaints.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011
2. Discuss/Take Action: 410th Street Extension road maintenance
3. Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)
4. Discuss/Take Action: Town Speed Limit ordinance – second reading
5. Discuss/Take Action: Mower replacement
6. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
7. Discuss: Road Maintainer Compensation and Benefits (at Budget Planning meeting)

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, October 9, 2017.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Larry Peterson, Scott Schoepp, Roxanne
Larson, Jerry Stein, Max Klecker, Chad Johnson, Pam Enger, Warren Enger

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the August 9, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including General Transportation Aid and Shared Revenue. Also noted was that Dover is current on all dog fees now. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that 570th blacktop project is complete. Mowing is in progress. Hines mentioned tire bald spots on the backhoe that will need replacement. The town shop toilet sprung a leak and he mentioned options. Other equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs

Chad Johnson discussed the results of the traffic study performed by Pierce County Highway Department on 450th Avenue. Speed and traffic count studies as well as driveway site distance timing were included in the study. They determined speed alone would not dictate a lower speed limit however driveway site distance timing resulted in a recommendation to lower the speed limit to 45 mph. Johnson offered that Pierce County could provide assistance for specific sign placement. Signs for the reduced zones were discussed. Roxanne Larson asked if she could personally put up signs. Johnson stated "Children at Play" signs could no longer be used. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to move forward on the posting of 450th Ave. per the traffic study. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will research an ordinance.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley stated that she again sent a letter and followed up with a telephone call. John Trantanella left a message on August 9, 2017 that he had contacted an inspector. Treasurer Foley validated that Rinke was contacted for the inspection. John Trantanella then left another message that an inspection is set up for August 22, 2017. Scott Schoepp complemented Treasurer Foley on her diligent efforts to date on many town issues. General consensus was that the letter to the DA should be considered if this is not resolved at the next meeting per past practice. Numerous comments included the fact that these dogs have not been licensed for many years and how to handle that. Also, past complaints of excessive barking were mentioned.

Discuss/Take Action: Request from Joe Plummer for road upgrade

At the last meeting, Joe Plummer, who lives on the end of 480th Avenue, presented this offer:

- Fund half of the asphalt portion of the cost if 480th Avenue was blacktopped
- Zero percent interest for a loan to the town to fund the remainder
- Grading would be the town's responsibility.
- For the proposed blacktopping, three-tenths of a mile is in the Town of El Paso.
- The Town of Ellsworth is adjoining and they are responsible for the remainder of the road under consideration.

It was mentioned that a bid to do this work may be over one hundred thousand. Kannel stated the town feels favorably about this but we are waiting to hear further from Joe Plummer and the Town of Ellsworth. This likely would not happen until 2018. Clerk Schoepp suggested the Wisconsin Towns Association be consulted.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Outstanding building permit fees

Schoepp reported that these fees have not been received and also that she had requested Seipel send them second notices. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

Payment was made per the motion at the last meeting. No further action.

Discuss/Take Action: Election machine upgrades

A demo of new election machines was held at the courthouse for all Pierce County towns by vendor ES&S. Schoepp and Birkels attended. The system consists of the ExpressVote unit (ADA compliant as required by the state of Wisconsin) and the DS200 tabulator. The estimated costs are \$3500 and \$5750 respectively with reasonable plans (<\$200 annually for O&M). It is heavily used across the U.S. by major cities like NYC and was used for about 60% of the voters in Wisconsin in recent elections. St. Croix County has went with this system and reportedly like it very much. Command Central confirmed last year that our existing units have reached the end of their life cycle phase. The Eagle will no longer be programmed for use after 2018. Schoepp recommends purchasing the new machines if and when Pierce County comes to an agreement noting Pierce County is the ballot "provider" for the towns. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to budget for voting machines in 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: County Emergency Management survey

The survey was passed around. No further action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Clerk Schoepp has requested Galen Seipel to send second notices to the two individuals with outstanding building permit fees. Kannel requested Schoepp to send a certified letter to Advanced Disposal ending any contract effective September 30, 2017.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011
2. Discuss/Take Action: Town Speed Limit ordinance – first reading
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Shop Lighting
5. Discuss/Take Action: Outstanding building permit fees
6. Date for Budget Planning meeting

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, September 11, 2017.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was published in the April 26, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places.

Objections filed:

Larry Brenner arrived around 6:15 p.m. and the board explained that since he did not file an Objection verbally or in writing, in advance, that a formal Objection cannot be made. However, the board was happy to have a discussion with him. Kannel directed that the parties be sworn in and that was done. Brenner feels his property should be devalued due to the temporary access problem with the bridge being out. Seipel explained that an income approach could be taken to argue for a lower value, but that would take multiple years to prove. Foley stated that it is basically a business loss, not a property loss. Brenner reiterated in an irate manner that his opinion is the bridge being out may have lowered the value of his house and property. Brenner provided negative feedback on the Salem bridge being out and also on the Pierce County Highway Department's involvement with a temporary replacement bridge.

Curt Dumermuth arrived at 6:56 p.m. and he also had not filed an Objection verbally or in writing but the board agreed to hear him speak. He said he and the assessor do not agree on the valuations. He feels his values are too high compared to a neighbor. He said he did not file an Objection because he does not agree with the assessor. Kannel explained that it is Dumermuth's responsibility to identify which parcel he is comparing this to.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:12 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Clerk Note: BOR Minutes do not require board approval. Clerk to file only.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Gail Ingli, Jerry Stein,
Roxanne Larson, Brenda Helgeson, Larry Brenner, Joe Plummer, others

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the July 5, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that 570th is ready for blacktop and about a day of mowing is left. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs

Kannel explained that Chad Johnson of Pierce County has not completed the 450th Avenue traffic study. Tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: Request from Joe Plummer for road upgrade

Joe Plummer, who lives on the end of 480th Avenue, presented his offer to possibly, with his neighbors, pay for half of the asphalt portion of the cost if 480th Avenue was blacktopped. He would also offer zero percent interest for a loan to the town to fund the remainder. He further explained that in his proposal, grading would be the town's responsibility. For the proposed blacktopping, three-tenths of a mile is in the Town of El Paso. The Town of Ellsworth is adjoining and they are responsible for the remainder of the road under consideration. This will be on next month's agenda. Treasurer Foley suggested a written proposal be presented.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley stated that she sent another letter after the last meeting. She also spoke with John Trantanella last evening. He said he would attempt to get the inspection scheduled soon. Treasurer Foley stated she informed Mr. Trantanella that the matter would be turned over to the District Attorney if they did not complete the application and inspection this month.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 County Rd G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley presented the application including an inspection report. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Unauthorized signs on town stop signs

Complaints about unauthorized signs (e.g. realtor signs) were discussed. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to have Hines remove such unauthorized signs whenever they are encountered in the town. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Work

Kannel discussed that the federal and state government funding is stalled and this may likely delay our Rush River bridge project another year at least. We can remove this from future agendas until we learn more.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

The board consensus was to purchase 2000 gallons. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to purchase 2000 gallons and Kannel will attempt to get a lower price than \$1.05 on the proposal. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Broadband expansion grant application

Schoepp stated that she contacted several potential partners for the broadband expansion grants including Bevcomm, Spring Valley Telecom and AT&T. AT&T responded but they were not interested in the partnership. They only offered to run a dedicated line to the town hall, at our expense, that we could disperse. Schoepp stated she sent a communication to Representative Vinehout that these type of grant processes are unworkable.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Clerk Schoepp will ask Galen Seipel to send second notices to the two individuals with outstanding building permit fees.

A communication was received from the Ellsworth Public Library on posting a "little free library" at the Town Hall after calling Digger's Hotline. There is no expense to the town. The board agreed that it would be ok and Wally will act as a contact person for the mounting.

Jerry Stein mentioned the traffic study device placement and VINO in the Valley traffic. Roxanne Larson mentioned lowered speed limit signs on historic or rustic roads.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011
2. Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, August 14, 2017.

BOR will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 5 – 7 p.m. with Open Book from 2 – 4 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Scott Schoepp,
Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the June 7, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 8, 2017 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Peterson reported that the existing white speed limits signs (lower than 55 mph) have been taken down. Work this month included flood cleanup activities. A suggestion for the next budget cycle is that the mower may need replacement. Pierce County has performed the requested traffic study and picked up the counter. Peterson mentioned that one day had 175 cars counted and another day had 200 cars. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs
Tabled.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Trantanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley stated that she sent a reminder letter after the last meeting and has not received any reply. The plan is to send her another letter.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 County Rd G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley stated that Dover telephoned her and asked about who could perform an inspection. Treasurer Foley has not heard anything since that call. The plan is to send her another letter.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Pierce County sent a proposal for work on 570th. We have not received a rock or hauling estimate from Kraemer. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to proceed with the project. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge Work

No paperwork has been received.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2017 until 6/30/2018 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Schoepp presented an application for a Temporary Class "B" license for El Paso Days on August 18 – 20, 2017.

The fees have been paid with the exception of the Cigarette License Application from El Paso Bar and Grill. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve the applications with the exception of the El Paso Bar and Grill Cigarette License which is contingent upon the fee being paid. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. It was clarified that past practice was to include two regular hours on the Patrolman's timecard to account for monthly meetings. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp discussed the recent memo from the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding a Broadband Expansion Grant Program and also her attempts to contact providers that may want to partner with us. AT&T expressed interest. Schoepp will proceed with attempting to submit the application by the late June due date but no action will be taken.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011
2. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 County Rd G, Elmwood, WI
3. Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs
4. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge work
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
6. Discuss/Take Action: Broadband expansion grant application

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, July 10, 2017.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 8, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Jerry Steien,
Roxanne Larson, Brenda Helgeson, Gail Ingli, Perry Wozniak, Larry
Brenner, Bill Schramm, Sheri Schramm

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the April 26, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four town public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until July 19, 2017 at which time the Assessment Role will be available. All in favor, motion carried. Open Book will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. followed by BOR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Jerry Steien,
Roxanne Larson, Brenda Helgeson, Gail Ingli, Perry Wozniak, Larry Brenner,
Bill Schramm, Sheri Schramm

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 3, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Town Board meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 8, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that equipment is in good working order and we are awaiting rock from Kraemer. Blades for the mower were received. Wally Hines started today as the new town road maintainer.

Public Comments

Kannel discussed his recent discussions regarding speed concerns on 450th Avenue. He said he has recently spoken with Fetzer Farms and they intend to put up orange signs when hauling. He also said he spoke with St. Croix County and they did not know if their 45 mph signs were legally posted. Kannel said the road tour meeting included examination of the driveway site distances and the board felt they were adequate. Also Kannel said he discussed the speed concerns with Sheriff Hove and she said Pierce County does not have enough patrolmen to monitor any more than they already do. Jerry Steien asked about a 35 mph sign down by Fischer's property and who put it up. Fischer explained that there was a time when the state was much more lenient and the town could post signs without any study or approval. Fischer further stated that the town board does not have the authority it once had. Jerry Steien mentioned ATV speed limits also. Kannel stated any illegal signs in the town should be removed. Bill Schramm said he feels people would slow down if they noticed a speed limit sign. The board reiterated that their hesitance in funding a traffic study was in part that they have no guarantees and really don't know if it will change anything or if it would satisfy the individuals' concerns.

Larry Brenner discussed what he referred to as a "joke" in bridge repair processes. He said he is working on a plan for this year's suggested route to Vino in the Valley.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to fund a traffic study on 450th Avenue. All in favor, motion carried. Kannel again asked people to call the police if they witness speeding. Jerry Steien requested the study be done as soon as possible and Kannel agreed to do that. In other road work discussion, Kannel also mentioned submitting paperwork for TRIP dollars.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI

Treasurer Foley stated that she has received nine rabies vaccinations and a \$50 fee. Treasurer Foley telephoned Tratanellas and asked them to complete the inspection within 30 days. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley stated she spoke with Dover and Dover hopes to complete the inspection within 30 days. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement

Kannel reported that Wally Hines has accepted the Road Maintenance position offer. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to set compensation and benefits as follows. Starting pay rate will be \$21.00 per hour, retirement contribution will begin at a later date and all other compensation and benefits will be the same as the current Patrolman position. Wally stated he has access to health insurance through another means. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 8, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Bridge replacement

Kannel discussed filing the paperwork for 570th Avenue for future work. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to file that paperwork. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Robert Loberg

Schoepp presented the application noting the fee has been paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Court website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported the Ellsworth Area Ambulance is running below budget. They have reworked some of the rates and raised them roughly ten percent.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs
2. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI
3. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 County Rd G, Elmwood, WI
4. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
5. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge work
6. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 8:46 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Thomas R. Boguszewski, Denny Schneider, Ray
Schneider

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 12, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 12, 2017 Road Tour meeting was published in the March 29, 2017 issue of the
Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 15, 2017 meeting was posted April 13, 2017.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to
accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Peterson read the minutes from the April 12, 2017 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by
Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Foley read the minutes from the April 15, 2017 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley
to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to
receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that it has been too wet to start patching so he has been burning brush. Equipment is in
good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs

Roxanne Larson arranged a letter to be signed by residents of 450th Avenue that requests a traffic survey be done in order to address their speed concerns. This letter was presented to the board. A suggested time and date was not specified. Kannel stated that the one blind driveway on that road (Ingli's) has an appropriate sign. Kannel then continued to report on recent informational gathering on handling speed limits. Kannel stated he has again recently spoken with the factory farmers and they reiterated that they are committed to keeping speeds down. Kannel also reported he recently discussed this with attorneys at the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting and they are not recommending we pursue a speed limit change. The consensus was that the board was not ready to approve spending the dollars for a traffic study at this time. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to table this at this time. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley stated she spoke with Dr. Rinke and learned that there have been several inspection appointments that have been cancelled. The next step would be to send a follow-up formal notice letter regarding the inspection. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Outdoor Lawn Management (Jeff Traynor) bid \$85 per mowing.

Rockworks Landscaping bid \$90 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Outdoor Lawn Management. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will assure the town has proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss: AECON engineering firm introduction regarding Rush River bridge project

Thomas R. Boguszewski, PE from AECOM gave introductory remarks about the services of his company and interest in the 465th Avenue Rush River Bridge repair project. Mr. Boguszewski stated he has managed about sixty similar projects. Kannel stated he wants the board to have some involvement in the design decisions so the resultant construction has no surprises. Peterson mentioned the trash plugging problems in that area.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work/Gravel purchase

Peterson distributed a Roadwork Schedule listing possible projects for the year which included, but is not limited to:

- Construction: 570 AVE from 290 STR West 1 mile strip dirt back, widen, add rock and blacktop
- Patch: 450 AVE, 350 STR, 290 STR, 400 STR
- Rip Rap: 465 AVE Lost Creek slab, 350 STR Brush Creek, 410 AVE Chimney Rock Bridge, 450 STR slabs
- Seal Coat: 430 AVE (2 miles), 490 STR (half mile)
- Crushed Rock: 455 AVE, 480 AVE, 410 STR, 450 STR
- Routine maintenance including hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, dust settler, brush control, clean ditches, etc.

Kannel stated these are some potential projects identified to date.

Discussion continued with input from Dennis Schneider on blacktopping 570th Avenue - the road that travels west off of 290th street.

Peterson reported on a 1200 yard rock order to Kraemer. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase gravel from Kraemer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement

Kannel discussed the status of the hiring process. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to offer the position to Wally Hines. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Applications from Paul Johnson and Matthew Feuerhelm

Schoepp presented the applications noting the fees have been paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Court website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the applications. All in favor, motion carried.

Set date/time for Open Book and Board of Review

Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will be at the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Review will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be the same day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Valori Tratanella, PO Box 72, N5435 410th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011
2. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI
3. Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement
4. Discuss/Take Action: Bridge replacement
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 8, 2017 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Annual Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Thomas R. Boguszewski

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 12, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Approve 2016 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the Financial Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive the financial statement as presented.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Mary Foley, second by Melanie Schoepp to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Set 2018 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:50 pm.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Clerk note: Minutes placed on town website and 1 physical posting within 30 days of meeting.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer

Board Members Absent: Treasurer, Clerk

Others:

Kannel called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

The notice for the meeting was posted on April 13, 2017.

Agenda Items

Motion and roll call vote to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conducting interviews for the road maintenance position.

Motion by KANNEL, second by Foley to convene into closed session.

Roll call vote:

Kannel:

Yes

Fischer:

Yes

Foley:

Yes

Motion carried. Interviews followed.

Motion and roll call vote to return to open session and adjourn.

Motion by KANNEL, second by Fischer to return to open session and adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Kannel:

Yes

Fischer:

Yes

Foley:

Yes

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APR 12, 2017

10:00 AM

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EL PASO MET AT 10:00 AM FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD TOUR

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CHAIR RON KANNER SUPERVISORS RON FOLEY AND DAN FISCHER AND PATROLMAN LARRY PETERSON.

RON FOLEY DROVE HIS VEHICLE ALONG THE PUBLISHED ROUTE TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL ROAD PROJECTS FOR THE UP COMING CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND REGRADE, CULVERT SIGN REPLACEMENT, BRUSHING, PATCHING AND ALL ITEMS RELATED TO HIGHWAY MAINTAINANCE.

THE ASSEMBLY STOPPED AT EL PASO BAR FOR LUNCH AND RETURNED TO THE TOWN HALL AT 1:30 PM.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

SUBMITTED BY
PATROLMAN
LARRY PETERSON

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Roxanne Larson, Jerry Steien, Gail Ingli, Lana Ingli, Brenda Helgeson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 8, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald. A revision was posted March 9, 2017 to add an Operator's License application to the agenda.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Schoepp summarized routine income and expenses as prepared by Treasurer Foley. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the freezing and thawing is tough on roads so upcoming road work is expected. Equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Posting additional speed limit signs

Kannel welcomed the attendees and discussed the various options explored for speed limits. He explained we must use the state guidelines and the most we can reduce the speed to in that location would be 45 MPH and it would require a traffic/engineering study. Kannel said accidents are also sometimes a consideration for special postings. Kannel checked with the sheriff's department on serious accidents on 450th Ave. and none were recorded. Additionally, the Sheriff's department mentioned to Kannel that we should not post the reduced speed if it cannot be enforced. Fischer mentioned an accident he had with a deer on 450th Ave. Kannel also reported that he has consulted with the county highway department for advisement. At this time the county does not recommend reducing the speed and they would charge approximately \$3000 to conduct a traffic/engineering study. Other driving hazards were discussed.

Jerry Steien presented a letter from neighbors for the board regarding their speed concerns. He feels that the nature of drivers is go slightly over the speed limit so he felt it would be effective to post a lower speed. Blind driveways were also discussed. Roxanne Larson stated she felt that any reduced speed sign might help. Brenda Helgeson said she has clocked manure trucks going 65 mph and she thought it was a Son-Bow truck. Kannel suggested calling in complaints to the sheriff's department if one notices that.

Speed signs in St. Croix County were also discussed. Roxanne Larson thought bicycle events should not use 450th Ave. and also mentioned she feels the traffic has doubled since they moved there. Larry Peterson stated that traffic has doubled on all the roads. Fisher mentioned that the Salem bridge may be getting repaired sooner rather than later, which may alleviate some traffic.

Brenda Helgeson talked about being preventive vs. responsive to problems. Kannel stated this will be a topic of discussion on the upcoming road tour. Kannel said he needs a request in writing for a traffic study. Attendees indicated they would draft such a letter. Peterson mentioned a few details on how a traffic study might work. Fischer suggested the requesters should also state when they would prefer the traffic study be conducted.

Kannel stated he does not feel the roads are a good place for pedestrians, children, and walkers. Kannel closed discussion by saying this will be further considered during the road tour.

Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement

Kannel discussed the status of the Patrolman replacement position. This will be on next month's agenda. The board agreed to have the ad run in the Pierce County Herald and Shopper newspapers one more time. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to approve funding an invitation ad and light refreshments for Larry Peterson's retirement recognition party currently scheduled by his family for April 28 at the Rod and Gun Club. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Tabled. This will be on next month's agenda.

Schedule road tour date/time

The road tour will be April 12 at 10 a.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Alexis Zignego

Clerk Schoepp presented the application noting the fee is paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Posting speed limit signs
2. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI
3. Discuss/Take Action: AECON engineering firm introduction regarding Rush River bridge project
4. Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement

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March 13, 2017 7:30 p.m.

5. Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
6. Discuss/Take Action: Road work, gravel purchase, etc.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in April, April 18, 2017.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Gabe Weix, Jeff Coss, Mary Jo Bjork, Jim
Geraets, Tim Colbenson, Wally Franta, Jeff Plummer, David Fesenmaier,
Eldon Huppert, Peter Coyne, Joe Fetzer, Paul Fetzer, Tony Shafer, Mike
Webster, Steve Brand, others

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 8, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes with the correction of changing grader to loader for the blown tire. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including real estate tax revenue and General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that there are new tires on the loader. Equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Treasurer Foley read a letter as requested from Jodi Robey which discussed her husband's poor health, her perception of unfriendly neighbors and also the hunting uses of their dogs. The letter stated their dogs do not chase deer. Mary Jo Bjork was in attendance and responded that she has been neighborly to the Robeys citing a couple examples. Mary Jo also stated she called the Sheriff's department recently to check and the Sheriff's department has only two calls on file from her about complaints regarding the Robeys. Mary Jo explained they only called on burning complaints when they heard explosions. Mary Jo said the other dogs - not the coon dogs - do chase deer. Mary Jo did state that since the Robey's probationary license was approved, the amount of barking has decreased.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Road damage from large dairy farm equipment

Kannel welcomed the attendees and discussed the various information, including bonding, from the state and the Wisconsin Towns Association that is circulating. Road damage on 450th Avenue was discussed as an example. Kannel stated the town would like ideas from everyone on how to handle it so this informational session was called.

Another example that was mentioned pertained to a tank in the ditch (possibly Fetzter's) which may be a problem.

Gabe Weix from Son-Bow said they are agreeable to paying for road damages they have incurred. He stated he does not believe his trucks are speeding. He said their operation has been in business for a hundred years and they didn't have problems in the past. Kannel responded that 450th Avenue was not designed and built for as much traffic as it currently has. Fischer discussed having a one-way road for a time period. Joe Fetzter said he has directed his drivers to keep the speeds down, especially during busy periods, and he believes a lot of the speed problems come from local drivers.

Kannel mentioned that if we make the roads wider, speeds will increase. The board went on to discuss the many speed concerns received and all the complaints we have had regarding dairy truck's speeds.

Kannel stated that the Town must bill for road damage. Kannel explained we evaluate the roads via a annual road tour and also send a report to the state. Kannel stated it costs a little over \$300,000 to build a mile of road. Joe Fetzter said they try to stay to the middle of the road to try to keep shoulders from giving out and hopes others do the same. Patrolman Peterson explained the process and high cost of building substantial shoulders.

Gabe Weix acknowledged that weight and repetition is the cause of the road damage. Kannel discussed spacing out the trucks. John from Son-Bow spoke on how we can find common ground and asked how they can be proactive. Kannel responded by asking for reduced speeds on 450th Ave. Kannel also discussed the high costs if the town would need to pursue a traffic study.

Wally Franta said he appreciates the service of the board and discussed that times are changing and we just have a lot more traffic on the roads. He wants a broad approach to addressing the issue.

Michael Webster asked how much semis weighed. Jeff Plummer spoke about weight on the roads and also calls about speeding. Discussion proceeded on scales, weight, etc.

Kannel asked everyone for a good faith effort to protect the roads. Paul Fetzter discussed efforts to reduce traffic, including piping systems. Mike Webster asked if/how someone would know if a hose is blown on such removal systems.

Kannel thanked everyone for coming. Peterson mentioned our roads are limited to 80,000 pounds gross weight as they are currently posted and inspected.

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley reported that the inspection is pending and suggested this be on the April agenda. Mary Jo Bjork inquired how long the town would let it go if someone did not pay a dog license fee. Treasurer Foley explained the process.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported on an Ellsworth Area Ambulance meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. April meeting: Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI
2. Discuss/Take Action: Posting additional speed limit signs
3. Discuss/Take Action: Patrolman replacement
4. Schedule road tour date/time

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Patrolman Larry Peterson, Larry Brenner, Ed Hanson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 4, 2017 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 12, 2016 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including TRIP funds from the state. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrolman's Report

Peterson reported that the blades are here. One tire blew on the loader; replacement tires are \$580 each. The board discussed replacing all four tires which are old and in need. Equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Ed Hanson stated he appreciates the all the work and efforts the board is doing on dog control in the town.

Larry Brenner asked the board for advice after his recent meeting at another town. He explained that the revenue for his Vino restaurant business this year was down about 20% from where he had hoped it would be. He explained he has spoken to Chad Johnson from the Pierce County Highway Department about repair of the down bridge in the town of Salem. Brenner said the Salem board would not address those possibilities for fill and culverts at this time. Kannel said that what was reported in the newspaper regarding the government agencies involved was likely factual in his opinion. Brenner discussed he is considering options legal and otherwise for action to spur repair as soon as possible.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI

Treasurer Foley presented the application and vaccination certificates. The inspection is forthcoming. These may be rescue dogs. Treasurer Foley reported that the adjoining property owner needs to be consulted. This will be on next month's agenda. Also it was reported that the fee has not been paid by the Robeys so that private kennel license has not been issued.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Private Kennel License Application from Gay-Lynne Dover, W2945 COUNTY RD G, Elmwood, WI
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road damage from large dairy farm equipment

Next Meeting Date

The town caucus will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 1 p.m.
The next meeting will be held Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Scott Schoepp, Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the December 5, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 12, 2018 Bridge meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 12, 2018 Budget Public Hearing, Special Town meeting and monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized routine income and expenses including Shared Revenue. She explained that Pierce County informed her that the Bridge Aid payment from Pierce County was the early release of bridge funds for 400th St. and 410th Ave. per the Pierce County Highway Department. These funds were not expected this year by the town. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that he plans to set up signs about bridge work. We are still waiting for info about the potential patching machine purchase. Beavers at Barry Hager's place are an issue. Equipment is in good order.

Public Comments

Dan Fischer stated on behalf of his cousin that there is a leaning tree and the owners thought that the town knocked it over. Hines clarified it went down in a wind storm and he plans to clean it up.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

The real estate acquisition letter was discussed. Kannel will research what is expected and if the contractor will take care of this detail.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work (including Town of Ellsworth maintenance fee for 480th Ave.)

The board discussed the letter received from the Town of Ellsworth. They do not wish to do a maintenance swap for 490th Street maintenance. Fischer said it might make sense for the Town of Ellsworth to do the snowplowing but we could do the other maintenance. Kannel discussed dollars per mile as part of our aid. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Set 2019 caucus date

The caucus must be held between January 2 and January 21. In recent years, El Paso has typically held this on the third Saturday in January at 1 p.m. Motion by Foley to schedule the caucus for January 19, 2019 at 1 p.m., second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented with the exception of the outrageous AT&T bill, for which the typical \$35 monthly bill amount is being sent. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp informed the board that she continues to get the run-around from AT&T regarding the thousands of dollars of phone bills which are unexplainable. The latest communication is that AT&T cannot manage to resolve this so the FCC has extended their required response time. The AT&T Global Billing Resolution Team informed us they are working on the dispute and may have a resolution by February 2019. This has taken many hours of the clerk's time since April 2018 and Schoepp has asked AT&T credit us for reimbursement of those hours numerous times. They have not responded to those specific requests.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Edward Hansen

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice was published in the October 24, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with next year's proposed budget summary on October 25, 2018.

Discussion

Next year's budget was presented by Schoepp per the Budget Planning meeting minutes. Schoepp read the minutes from the October 24, 2018 budget meeting.

An additional item mentioned by Schoepp is the need to establish a pay rate for Election Auditors which is a new role. El Paso was very recently contacted that we were selected for an audit of our voting equipment and associated submission of a package of documentation to the State of WI. We organize and conduct the audit with our own team. Schoepp has organized a team tentatively consisting of: Rhoda Foley, Dorie Dunham-Sweeney, Marsha Shafer, Kathy Birkel, Phyllis Beastron and Melanie Schoepp. Pay rate proposed is \$15 per hour with the exception of the clerk. The State of WI will reimburse up to \$300 in expenses, but may reimburse more if funding allows. Schoepp has noticed this event for Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9 a.m.

A good suggestion was made to consider if we can rent another ExpressVote for General Elections where high voter turnout is expected.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Special Town Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: As in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 24, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Discussion/Actions

Motion by Kannel to approve the budget presented and adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2019,
second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Same as in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 24, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 8, 2018 Bridge meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 8, 2018 monthly meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the October 24, 2018 Budget Planning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including GTA from the State of WI and a Bridge Aid check from Pierce County. Treasurer Foley will check with Pierce County on the origination of the Bridge Aids. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that everything is in good working order. Preparation for winter is in progress. Hines will make sure the shop door is locked when he is not around. He also mentioned putting a sign up to deter unnecessary traffic through the town hall parking lot. He will also pursue replacing the pickup window.

Public Comments

Edward Hansen was in attendance regarding a driveway permit which was discussed. Hines may assist with this in the spring.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with option #8 – the 92.5 foot single span bridge. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase the low railing (vs. the high railing). All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

An estimate from the Town of Ellsworth was received for the maintenance of a portion of 480th Ave. for \$2,263 annually. Three-tenths of a mile road is in the Town of El Paso. Previously we paid \$450 annually. Kannel will contact the Town of Ellsworth to discuss this estimate.

A letter from Pierce County on Salt Sand costs, etc. was distributed.

Discuss/Take Action: Patching Machine

Hines discussed a 4 ton, diesel patching machine with a front tilt. This unit new is priced at \$37,000 compared to \$27,000 for a used machine. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to go forward with the joint purchase of a patching machine in 2019 with two other towns (Martell and Gilman). Martell intends to store the machine. It would be used annually. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented with the exception of the outstanding, erroneous AT&T charges. Schoepp reported she has spent numerous hours trying to resolve the outrageous charges from AT&T and has received the run-around. Federal and state consumer protection type agencies were contacted and have responded. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp reported appointing Walt Anderson and Sandy Odalen as new replacement election inspectors.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work (Town of Ellsworth maintenance fee for 480th Ave.)
3. Set 2019 caucus date
4. January meeting: Discuss: Election Day Emergency Response Plan per State of WI
5. Feb. 11 Public Hearing on the Rush River bridge project at 7:30 p.m. (two week notice)

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018 1 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer

Board Members Absent: Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Others:

Therese Davis, + 2 cards

Daniel Sydow (Ayres), David Pantzloff (Ayres)

Kannel called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 24, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Agenda Item

Operational Planning Meeting for Rush River bridge project

"OPM #2"

RK matter cell "8" 2nd RF MC

RK "short" meeting 2nd AF MC

Nxt mtg Feb 11 - 7:30 -

will be "public hearing"

Made to Adjt Ron Foley 2nd DF

Adjt 2:00 pm

Motions pertaining to this discussion were made at the evening meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 2 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Budget Planning Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others:

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 17, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan next year's budget including Road Maintainer's Compensation and Benefits:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the previous year's budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar with a slight increase for rising costs. The Levy Limit worksheet was studied. Planning included the following:

- Local Levy of \$350,993 which is the allowable amount due to new construction on Levy Limit Worksheet. This is a small increase from the previous year.
- Capital Outlay \$40,000 Bridge Fund Reserve
- Public Works \$344,500 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance limited to \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- Pierce County is planning a 1.25% increase for county highway workers. The board proposes the same resulting in a Road Maintainer hourly wage of \$21.77 for 2019.
- Wisconsin Towns Association officer pay survey published May 2018 was examined. Several net amounts are proposed to be increased to bring them closer to state averages: Clerk \$10,000, Treasurer \$5000, Chair \$5200
- \$1000 for updated computer hardware and software for both the clerk and treasurer
- Shared purchase (with several towns) of a patching machine

Closed session was not necessary.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, , Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Tom Jenkins

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the October 3, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the wet conditions. Equipment maintenance is in progress.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)

Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance similar to previous years. It was so noted the new election equipment is covered under personal property. Motion by Kannel to accept the policy proposal, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel discussed the afternoon meeting and design options. Another operational planning meeting will tentatively be held November 12 at 1 p.m. Schoepp will notice that meeting for the Town Hall location. We are now looking at a late 2020 bridge completion date.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

An estimate for gravel for 410th St was received from Pierce County as follows:

\$20,385.64 for 1 ¼" Crushed Rock and

\$20,385.64 for ¾" Crushed Rock

Kannel mentioned we have contacted the Town of Salem as a courtesy for hauling this gravel through their town. Motion by Kannel to approve the gravel purchase, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan including Resolution

Foley stated the WI plan is a good plan, however given our town's size he did not feel it would benefit the town. Schoepp stated she would be happy to accommodate any paperwork that is needed to accommodate the board's decision. Motion by Foley to retain the existing SIMPLE IRA and provide a bonus after year end as needed to true up the contribution to the agreed to amount of \$2000 for the town contribution, second by Kannel. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve payments with the exception of AT&T which we will pay \$35 instead of the erroneous bill of \$1533.38. Schoepp has tried to contact AT&T many times about this bill and will now send a letter to that effect with the check. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Patching Machine
4. Patching Machine (for Budget Planning meeting which will be a joint town venture)

Next Meeting Date

The Budget Planning meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The Budget Hearing, Special Town meeting and November meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

A bridge planning meeting will be held Monday, November 12 at 1 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018 1 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer, Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Others: *see below*

Kannel called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 3, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Agenda Item

Discuss/Take Action: Operational Planning Meeting for Rush River bridge project

DAVE Panfiliast Walley
OPN Sydawn Row by 2
Teresa Davis

TALK bridges 80' 42" Deck
3 span bridge 60' center

meeting Nov - 12 - 100

No action.

Adjourn

Motion by ~~Fischer~~ *Foley*, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Chase Brockman from Scott
Construction

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the August 5, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the August Settlement. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on tractor repairs. Larry Peterson was called in for assistance with patching. Also, made progress on brush removal. A door opener needs repair. Hines met with several landowners on ruts caused by water on the road.

Public Comments

Klecker mentioned a new building site and wondered whether the signage was for the correct town.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel informed the board of an informational meeting with the bridge team including the DOT, DNR and Ayres tentatively planned for October 8 at 1 p.m. Schoepp will properly notice the meeting. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

The revised invoice recently received for the crack fill portion of the project with Scott Construction is \$21,317.75 compared to the initial bid of \$15,916. The first invoice for \$26,719.50 was challenged by the board. Chase from Scott Construction arrived mid-meeting and explained their process for counting cracks and estimating. He said to provide a firm bid, they would generally add 30% to the estimate. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan including Resolution

No action. This will be on the agenda next month

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

The meeting will be held October 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve payment of bills including the recently revised invoice for the crack fill portion of the project with Scott Construction. All in favor, motion carried. Hines offered to check on an invoice from Countryside Cooperative for seed before payment.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer Retirement Plan

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 8, 2018.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the August 8, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that he has installed security signs and mounted cameras to deter gravel theft. Hines also reported on the blacktopping and truck alignment. Truck springs and a cross member were cracked that were repaired by Pierce County. Pierce County also fixed a leak on the hydraulic system. Hines said Ben Reis contacted him about a tree removal approximately eight feet from the road.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented an Operator's License Application (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2020 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate the applicant and no major infractions of the law were found.

Applicant:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Brian Joseph Yanish

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan including Resolution

Schoepp stated that she did not proceed with posting or publishing of the Resolution after the last meeting. Schoepp further explained that she contacted the WI Dept. of Employee Trust Funds for clarification on understanding the resolution options. At the previous meeting the board was interested in checking option #2 on the ET-1319 Resolution form (Rev 12/20/2017) which states: "This employer will provide a one-time offer to current eligible employees to elect or waive WRS participation as of the above effective date. All eligible employees hired after the above effective date must be enrolled in the WRS. This employer will recognize 0% of prior creditable service. Employees who waive WRS coverage and continue to be employed by this employer will never be eligible for future WRS coverage."

At that last meeting, the board mentioned that one of the reasons for selecting this option was so that future employees could waive WRS coverage and we could provide some different benefit. Schoepp questioned this based on her understanding. ETF replied "Any employees who are hired after the WRS eligibility date will not have this [waiver] option. If the employee meets the WRS Eligibility Criteria, they must be enrolled in the WRS."

No action. This will be on the agenda next month

Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contract

A contract extension letter from Galen Seipel was presented for another year (2019) at \$5000 per year. Also presented was a clarification via email that this also includes the Building Inspector duties. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the extension. All in favor, motion carried

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay the bills with the exception of the Scott Construction invoice. Kannel will check on the dollars due before that is paid. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer Retirement Plan
4. Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 10, 2018.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Board of Review Minutes
July 25th, 2018 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was published in the April 25, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places.

Objections filed:

This case is of:	Donald Brunner
The property owner/objector resides at:	N4263 270 th St., Maiden Rock, WI
The address for the property in question is:	N4263 270 th St., Maiden Rock, WI
The tax key # for this property is:	008010951000
This property has been classified for assessment purposes as:	4 Ag \$6100 5 Undeveloped \$100 7 Other \$9500
The 2018 value in the assessment role is:	Improvements \$120,500 Total assessment \$136,200
All persons, including Assessor, providing testimony were sworn in.	

<p>Discussion by objector:</p>	<p>The reason they are here today is because of the impact of CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations) on neighboring properties. They are ¼ mile from Fetzer Farms and ¾ mile from Son-Bow Farms.</p> <p>Being close to those farm manure pits is causing a very saturated, pungent odor. Being outside is unpleasant or almost unbearable and clothes cannot be hung outside. The odor problem is almost all of the time, all year long. One of the factory farms has a dead cow furnace which smells very bad and has ash fall-out which is very unpleasant.</p> <p>An example case was presented where the DOR adjusted (lowered) valuations based on property values decreasing due to proximity to a CAFO. The Brunner situation is comparable given the proximity to the two factory farms combined.</p> <p>The road has a lot of wear and tear. Noise is also an annoyance.</p> <p>They are asking for 8% reduction in values, particularly the house which is listed as \$63,100 value.</p> <p>This case is also to raise awareness about the problem.</p>
<p>Discussion by Assessor:</p>	<p>Seipel explained there is always the right of appeal to the DOR. Seipel suggested that whatever the board's decision is, it could/should be appealed to the DOR. Seipel also mentioned getting information from appraisers.</p>
<p>Discussion by Board:</p>	<p>Fischer stated he understood their situation and said he didn't know if he could tolerate it.</p> <p>There were discussions that the "Right to Farm" act offers many protections for farms, including the factory farms.</p> <p>Foley mentioned investigating processes to help dissipate the smell. He is also concerned with setting a precedent.</p> <p>Schoepp and others mentioned that Pierce County Land Management could be contacted to see if there is anything they would be willing to do to get involved with odor management, etc.</p>

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley leave the assessment as is. Roll Call Vote:

Kannel Yes

Fischer Yes

Foley Yes

Schoepp Abstain

Motion carried.

Schoepp prepared and gave the BOR Determination form to the Objector. The Objector was informed they may contact the Department of Revenue if not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Review.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:00 p.m. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Clerk Note: BOR Minutes do not require board approval. Clerk to file only.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the July 3, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported the first mowing is complete. Hines also reported on possible gravel theft and procuring some poles. Dead tree removal is in progress.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Banking Services

No discussion.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2020 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate applicants and no recent criminal records were found.

Applicants:

El Paso Community Club:

Dale Edward Johnson

Lori Jane Johnson

Cory James Johnson

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the applications. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Temporary Liquor Retailer's License for El Paso Days

Schoepp presented an application for a Temporary Class "B" license for El Paso Days on August 18 – 20, 2018. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

No action. Surveying is in progress.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Patching and seal coating will happen later this summer. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to sign a pre-buy contract for 2000 gallons at \$1.18. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan including Resolution

Schoepp passed out copies of Resolution 2018-01 "Resolution of Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Retirement System". Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to adopt the resolution and select the second participation option as follows: "This employer will provide a one-time offer to current eligible employees to elect or waive WRS participation as of the above effective date. All eligible employees hired after the above effective date must be enrolled in the WRS. This employer will recognize 0% of prior creditable service. Employees who waive WRS coverage and continue to be employed by this employer will never be eligible for future WRS coverage."

All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will continue work on the associated forms.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer Retirement Plan

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 13, 2018.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the June 6, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 14, 2018 meetings. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes with the addition of clarification that on the culvert projects, the town pays the full cost up front and is reimbursed in year two. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Also, the CD has been established at BMO Harris Bank in Ellsworth. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported a couple signs have been stolen and equipment is in good order. A pair of tires were replaced on the backhoe. Hines also reported he asked the mowing contractor to mow when needed. Treasurer Foley explained the state statutes applying to taxes charged on gravel sales.

Public Comments

Max Klecker discussed dead trees in the right-of-way. Hines is working to clear these out and contact the adjacent land owners as appropriate.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Tree removal on 400th Street

Kannel discussed that he inspected the tree removal on 400th Street and Hines discussed how to better communicate with land owners on these activities.

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2018 until 6/30/2018 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2020 noting that the fees have been paid. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate applicants and no recent criminal records were found.

Applicants:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Matthew Feuerhelm
Abbie Flynn
Ashley Keepers
Jason Lacy
Michael Nelson

El Paso Bar and Grill:

none

Langers Bar:

Nola Estes
Leah Frandsen
Pamela Hines
Kylie Morgan
Teresa O'Connell
Susan Taplin
Alexis Zignego
Bruce Zignego

Vino in the Valley:

Nathan Brenner
Sherri Brenner
Mary Gardas
Kelly Gezel
Kristin McHattie
David Brenner (pending complete application)
Sonja Zupancic (pending complete application)

The fees for the aforementioned applications have been paid. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to approve the applications presented by the clerk with a liquor license granted date of June 22. The two pending operator applications may be issued if and when training completed. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

An Asbestos Inspection letter from the DOT was distributed. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract has not been received yet. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Schoepp handed out the brochure "How to Become a Participating Employer Under the Wisconsin Retirement System". No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Max Klecker stated he thought that the town pickup was a good cost and time saving idea. Fischer said the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service paramedic pay rate is being considered at approximately \$16 per hour and they have a couple candidates. Schoepp reported she completed the recent WTA survey sent to clerks and chairs.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Operator's Licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days temporary liquor license
3. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 9, 2018.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 14, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, M. Thomas

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the May 2, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four town public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until a date that the Assessment Role will be available. Open Book will be held July 17, 2018, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. BOR will be held on July 25, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, M. Thomas

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 9, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid and Lottery Credit. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Treasurer Foley reported that she checked further on CD rates as follows for the \$100,000 for 18 months:

- Associated Bank quoted 1 percent
- WESTconsin CU quoted 1.40 percent
- BMO Harris quoted 2.225 percent

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 14, 2018 7:30 p.m.

BMO Harris would need minimal documentation. The Chair, Clerk and Treasurer will need to stop by the bank. Treasurer Foley will proceed with this transaction.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that the Land Management office had a call regarding tree removals and right of way. Schoepp provided our ordinance to Hines which indicates the questionable tree removal was allowable. Hines also reported on brake work for the pickup. Hines also discussed possible warranty work on the truck.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Application from Michael R. Nelson

Schoepp reported the fees were paid and no recent infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Also, Schoepp reported she has informed Mr. Nelson of the upcoming renewal dates. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

None

Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices (Kraemer)

Hines reported on prices from Kraemer and Pierce County. The prices are very close. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to sign the Kraemer agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

The estimate from the county on the 400th St. culvert project is \$18,865 with the town share being \$9,432.50. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the estimate and proceed with the project. All in favor, motion carried.

The estimate from the county on the 410th Ave. culvert project is \$25,188 with the town share being \$12,594. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to accept the estimate and proceed with the project. All in favor, motion carried.

Clarification: On the aforementioned culvert projects, the town pays the full cost up front and is reimbursed in year two.

The estimates for sealcoating 9.25 miles are:

	Crackfill	Sealcoat	Fog Seal	Total
Pierce County	\$8,600	\$135,176	\$2700 per mile or \$24,975	\$168,751
Scott Construction	\$15,916	\$147,437		\$163,353

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept the estimate from Scott Construction for the sealcoating. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 14, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Schoepp reported the first SIMPLE IRA check has been mailed and a town contribution retroactive to January 1 was included. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley for Schoepp to proceed with investigating the setup of a Wisconsin Retirement System account.

Audit Bills

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board, with the exception of the Brickner bill which Hines will check on prior to payment. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported on the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service staffing crisis. The service's paramedic wages have not kept up with the market. The town's rate will increase significantly to meet this need.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
2. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
3. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 9:28 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Anthony Shafer

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The notice for this meeting was published in the April 11, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

The notice for the April 11, 2018 Road Tour meeting was published in the March 28, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Hines read the minutes from the April 11, 2018 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that the bucket we ordered was due last week but has not arrived yet due to the snow storm. Truck tires were inspected at the county and they are near needing replacement. Outside and inside lights are installed. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Bids were presented to the Board for opening with bids as follows:

Outdoor Lawn Management (Jeff Traynor) bid \$95 per mowing.

Dan Hanson bid \$90 per mowing.

Reuvers' Nursery bid \$80 per mowing.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the bid from Reuvers' Nursery on the condition proof of insurance is provided. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will assure the town has proof of liability insurance and form W-9 from the mowing contractor as has been the past practice.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to sign the contract with Ayres. Schoepp will mail the four copies to the DOT in Eau Claire. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Possible projects for the year include, but are not limited to:

- Construction: Culverts on 400th St, 450th Ave. and 410th Ave.
- Seal Coat: Approximately ten miles is being considered.
- Routine maintenance including hand patch, shoulder work, sign replacement, mowing, dust settler, brush control, clean ditches, etc.

Kannel stated these are some potential projects identified to date. Max Klecker mentioned pipe sizes and water flow. Hines discussed purchasing a used 2-wheel drive pickup from Bill Brookshaw for \$3000 with 67,000 miles. A used flatbed for \$700 from Mark Kelly was also discussed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with purchasing the pickup and flatbed for miscellaneous routine tasks. The board agreed this may prove to be a cost benefit as it will save wear and tear on the large truck. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices (Kraemer)

Hines said Pierce County has not provided rock prices for comparison yet. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: CD for Bridge Fund Reserve dollars

Rates and term length were discussed from Associated Bank, the town's current hometown financial institution. Other possible banks were mentioned. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to open an 18 month CD for \$100,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

The Simple IRA is now in place. Schoepp discussed making the town contribution retroactive to Jan. 1 if possible and also a possible yearend bonus to true up to the previously agreed to \$2000 figure. Also, if an alternate plan is to be considered for 2019, Schoepp suggested looking into it at this time.

Set date/time for Open Book and Board of Review

Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will proceed the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Review will be held Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open Book will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp reported on incidents related to the Conditional Use Permit for Paul Neilson's rental unit. Children living in this rental unit have been found playing unsupervised on adjoining neighbor's property on multiple occasions. Schoepps do not feel this is a safe practice, especially given the melting snowbank conditions around culverts and varmint traps in the area. When brought to the attention of the assumed parent, the parent did not receive this communication in an approachable manner.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

Schoepp reported on broadband communications. Schoepp recently again sent inquiries to the state and learned that AT&T accepted 54 million to provide broadband to underserved communities such as ours, but they do not have a status and do not know if they will include us. Schoepp again contacted a number of providers to see if they are interested in partnering including Spring Valley Telephone, Baldwin Lightstream, 24-7 Telecom in Menomonie, Pierce Pepin Co-op and Ntec in Durand. Only negatives have been received to date which is expected given the uncertainty of AT&T's future actions.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices (Kraemer)
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Annual Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Anthony Shafer

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 11, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Approve 2017 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the Financial Report. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive the financial report as presented.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Anthony Shafer, second by Max Klecker to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Set 2019 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:41 pm.

Number of electors in favor: 7

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Clerk note: Minutes placed on town website and 1 physical posting within 30 days of meeting.

April 11 2018

The town board of the town of El Paso met at 10:00 AM for the annual Road tour. The town board members that were present were chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Dan Fischer and Road Maintainer Wally Hines. Wally provided his vehicle along the published Route to look at potential road projects for the 2018 construction season. Major projects are to seal COAT about 10 miles of roadway, replace culverts on 400th ST, 450th AVE. and 2 culverts on 410th AVE. Also looked at future items related to highway maintainance. The board stop at El Paso Bar for lunch and returned to the townhall at 1:30 PM. Mary Foley also joined us for lunch.

No Action Taken

Submitted by
Road Maintainer
Wally Hines

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others: Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 7, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp suggested we consider a CD for the bridge fund dollars and Kannel directed it to be put on the agenda next month.

Road Maintainer's Report

None

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

There is an upcoming meeting in Eau Claire with the DOT. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices (Kraemer)

This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to sign up for county bridge inspections. All in favor, motion carried.

Schedule road tour date/time

The road tour is planned for Wednesday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Hines is interested in utilizing a Simple IRA account. Schoepp explained that the Simple IRA allows 3% maximum employer and employee contributions. The board discussed making up the difference to the \$2000 town contribution previously authorized. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to set up the Simple IRA. All in favor, motion carried. We will put this on next month's agenda to consider options for the future.

Audit Bills

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay bills presented. However, the bill from The Retrofit Companies will be checked on by Hines before payment. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer discussed that the Ellsworth Area Ambulance committee would like him to speak to the volunteers. Fischer also briefed the board on a recent dog catching incident. Schoepp informed the board that the Town of Spring Lake purchased our used election Edge, printer and associated supplies for \$25. Schoepp also informed the board that the Elmwood Fire Chief needs to complete the certification process very soon so that we receive the fire dues check from the state.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices (Kraemer)
5. Discuss/Take Action: CD for Bridge Fund Reserve dollars
6. Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in April, April 17, 2018.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Rick Talford

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the February 7, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 15, 2018 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses including RE taxes and General Transportation Aid. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that a couple bridges froze up but overall maintenance is going very well. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

Rick Talford introduced himself as a candidate for District 10 County Supervisor. He said that he would come to town meetings at least quarterly to enable communications with the county. He said he intends to knock on doors to introduce himself to the public and later run for a state office.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel discussed the January 31, 2018 meeting he attended with the DOT and AYRES. Kannel discussed some concerns over the communications at this meeting. The town board members stated that they would like to be actively engaged in decisions on the bridge design and expect AYRES to provide a contact person agreeable to that. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket

Estimates:

John Deere \$9800

Messer Repair & Fabricating \$3690

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with the purchase from Messer Repair & Fabricating. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018

Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacement

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to proceed with a purchase from The Retrofit Company. Four outside lights should be procured and a box of replacements (~24 or 48) for the inside. Hines will follow-up on rebates. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

None

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Schoepp explained the type of personal account Hines has is not legal for employer contributions. Schoepp will work with the Hines's and the financial firm to get the paperwork in order for a new account. No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported on the Ellsworth Fire Department meeting he attended. Their current budget is similar to last year's budget; a future air suit significant purchase may raise costs. Schoepp reported the appointment of Lanette Place as an election inspector.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
3. Schedule road tour date/time

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is planned for Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Crystal Raleigh, Larry Peterson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was posted January 10, 2018 in four public town places and also at the Pierce County Herald office building.

Agenda Item

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project (RFP evaluation)

Rankers included Chair, Supervisors, Crystal Raleigh and Wally Hines. Schoepp and Treasurer Foley computed totals. Ratings on a scale of 1 to 10 were used with 10 being the highest. Criteria categories included professional qualifications, experience of team, committed workload, project approach and successful projects.

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
AECOM	118
AYRES	197
COOPER	193
SEH	169
SRF	190

The state's LOCAL DESIGN SELECTION APPROVAL CHECKLIST form was completed. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to approve selection of AYRES as preferred consultant. All in favor, motion carried. Crystal Raleigh was thanked for her participation.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Crystal Raleigh, Dan Gustafson

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the January 3, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer Foley stated she has collected over \$590,000 in RE taxes to date. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that he has been working on the shop including a water line and lights. Equipment is in good working order.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project (RFP evaluation)

Dan Gustafson from Cooper Engineering introduced himself and gave a brief summary of experience. He stated that bridge will be a bit tricky due to the flood plain. He mentioned several options for the bridge structure. He stated Cooper has two bridge engineers and other support staff.

Kannel stated that the plan is to have a special meeting on January 15th at 7:30 p.m. and have five individuals rate the RFPs (Chair, Supervisors, Crystal Raleigh and Wally Hines). Schoepp will post the meeting notice.

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket

Hines discussed that John Deere's first estimate was around \$4300 and then that changed to \$9800 for a heavy duty bucket. Wally got another estimate from Dan at Messer Repair & Fabricating for \$2975 as another option. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacement

Hines mentioned his count of approximately 80 indoor Town Hall lights and that new bulbs will take considerably less energy than what we have now. Dan Harrington of The Retrofit Company has estimated a cost of \$480 after refunds to switch out the lights. The rebate is through Pierce-Pepin Electric. There was discussion that the outside lights should be replaced first as our existing ones take considerable energy. Those were estimated at \$250 each. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel discussed a complaint of a sinking culvert by Paul Hanson's property.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Maintainer retirement plan

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve a \$2000 annual retirement contribution (payable \$500 quarterly) to a personal Roth account (after tax) for Wally Hines. Hines currently has an account at Jackson National. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported that the Ellsworth Ambulance Service is getting a new director.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Grapple bucket
3. Discuss/Take Action: "Focus on Energy" bulb replacements
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting for the Rush River bridge project (RFP evaluation) is planned for Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is planned for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: none
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the December 4, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle. A revised notice was published in the December 8, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the November 11, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Treasurer Foley informed the board that we will have a 1.98% APR on the CD renewal with the certificate coming due October 18, 2020 (11-month certificate). There is a 3-month interest penalty if we close the CD early. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the following items:

- Complaints of people plowing snow across other roads.
- Mowing complete.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contracts

Schoepp stated the ad is in the December issue of the WTA magazine. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel has not heard any more info from the right-of-way company. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

None

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

None

Discuss/Take Action: Appoint Election Inspectors for 2020 - 2021

Kannel nominated the following individuals for appointment as election inspectors for the next two-year term: Rhoda Foley, Dorie Dunham-Sweeney, Tom Birkel, Kathy Birkel, Denise Blaisdell, Pam Enger, Lynn Fischer, Barb Klecker, Daniel Olson, Lanette Place and Marsha Shafer. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to appoint the nominated inspectors with pay rates of \$10 per hour for inspectors and \$12 for chief inspectors. All in favor (Fischer abstained), motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Applications from Johnathon L. Cook and Virginia Morgan
Schoepp reported the fees were paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website for the two applicants. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contract
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: New truck
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River Trail Riders Temporary Beer License
5. Discuss/Take Action: Foreign Material on the Road Ordinance

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2020.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice was published in the October 26, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle. Additionally, the notice was posted at three public places in the town with next year's proposed budget summary on October 28, 2019.

Discussion

Next year's budget was presented by Schoepp per the Budget Planning meeting minutes. Schoepp read the minutes from the October 23, 2019 budget meeting to summarize the budget planning.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Special Town Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: As in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Budget Hearing, Kannel called the Special Town Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 26, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Discussion/Actions

Motion by Fischer to approve the budget presented and adopt the Local Tax Levy of \$360,993 to be collected in 2020, second by Foley. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Same as in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding Special Town Meeting, Kannel called the November Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the October 26, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the October 14, 2019 monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to accept the October 23, 2019 Budget Planning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the following items:

- New truck was delivered.
- Mowing work done.
- Blacktopping (shim coat) has been completed.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contracts

Schoepp distributed the ad draft and stated it needs to be sent before the 15th of the month to the WTA for publication. The WTA magazine is mailed the week of the 25th of each month and received around the 1st. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with the ad. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Pierce County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019 Resolution

Foley discussed a review of the document. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to sign the Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp will post the resolution in three town public places.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel stated that Chris Chard is not willing to sign the right-of-way transfer documents. An appraisal will be the next step. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to proceed and also sign the “Nominal Payment Parcel – Waiver of Appraisal Recommendation and Approval” and “Statement to Construction Engineer” documents that will be sent to cooperating land owners Barry and Debra Hager and Phil Jakes along with \$100 checks. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Foley explained that the BMO Harris Bridge Fund Reserve CD is coming due November 18th. Options include:

- Let the CD auto-renew at 2%
- BMO Harris convert to Money Market at 1.6%
- Associated Bank 1.49% for 6-month CD

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to let the CD auto-renew. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel discussed the TRIP dollars for \$24,000 are available for next year. There was discussion on targeting the funds for overlay of 410th Street (north of 430th Avenue and south of 465th Avenue). Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

Hines reported the truck arrived and has been moved to Centerville. Schoepp reported this to Rural Mutual to get it added to our insurance.

Discuss/Take Action: Meeting Time

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to change the usual meeting time to 7 p.m. unless otherwise so noticed, effective next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Closed Session

Closed Session

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to convene to closed session at 8:28 to discuss Road Maintainer compensation. This is pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session and take action on Closed Session item

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to return to open session at 8:39 p.m. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Motion by Kannel, second to Fischer to authorize the following compensation item changes for Road Maintainer Hines:

Hourly wage will be \$22.10 effective 2020.

Addition to Sick Leave policy (effective 12/31/2019):

- Unused sick leave may accumulate, up to a max of 240 hours.
- Unused sick leave is forfeited upon employment termination with the following exception: Employee is eligible for payout of unused balance at current hourly rate of pay if he/she terminates in good standing and after 10 years of service.
- FMLA time-off is an option to the extent of current laws and will be handled on a case-by-case basis per board decision.

Addition to Vacation Time policy (effective 12/31/2019):

- 40 hours max are allowed for vacation carry-over to the next year. Carry-over hours are used first and expire if not used by July 1st.

All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer reported that Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service is interviewing two different firms for management/HR services.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contracts
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: New Truck
5. Discuss/Take Action: Appoint Election Inspectors

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Budget Planning Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: none

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the October 9, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss and plan next year's budget:

Schoepp presented working copies of the budget including the previous year's budget and dollars spent to date by account. The consensus was that the current year budget was realistic and next year's budget should be similar with a minor increase for rising costs. The Levy Limit worksheet was studied.

Planning included the following:

- Local Levy of \$360,993 which is the allowable amount utilizing \$9358 of the allowable adjustment of \$15,982. The allowable adjustment is from unused dollars in 2015 and 2016. This results in a \$10,000 increase in the Local Levy from the previous year.
- Capital Outlay \$40,000 Truck only
- Public Works \$344,500 (includes \$233,500 Highway Maintenance for \$5000 per mile for 46.7 miles)
- The board is considering a 1.5% increase in a Road Maintainer hourly wage (\$22.10 for 2020).
- Sick leave banking of hours for the Road Maintainer was discussed. Also, a carry-over of vacation hours to the next year was discussed with favorable comments.
- Accounting for every transaction dollar was discussed by the board. Every dollar is reportable in the proper account to the state on Form CT. Only dollars spent eligible for GTA will be included in the appropriate Highway accounts.
- Schoepp presented a draft ad for a new assessor and building inspector.

Closed session was not necessary.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Tom Jenkins

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the October 9, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the following items:

- Road damage on 450th Ave. (Son-Bow Farms is one of the high users)
- 450th Ave. area has excessive water problems including the ditch
- New truck is coming in this week.
- Mowing is in progress.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Town insurance (accepting proposals)

Tom Jenkins of Rural Mutual submitted a policy proposal for town insurance similar to previous years. There was discussion on making sure the new truck is insured as soon as we own it. Motion by Foley to accept the policy proposal, second by Fischer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss: Assessor/Building Inspector contracts

Schoepp communicated that the Town of Ellsworth used the WTA magazine for their recent ad and received several proposals for assessor. They are interested in a 3-year contract. Transitioning assessing activities with our existing assessor was discussed. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Schoepp and Kannel worked with Right of Way Professionals, Inc. of Eau Claire this last month to coordinate the acquisition paperwork. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the acquisitions. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: WisDOT Multimodal Local Supplement potential funding

The town requested proposals from seven engineering firms for preparation of the application. The proposed project would be to widen/rebuild 450th Avenue between CC and 400th St. Proposals were received from:

CORRE, INC. for \$2000

SRF Consulting for \$980

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to accept and proceed with the proposal from SRF Consulting. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Kannel explained that TRIP dollars for \$24,000 are available for next year and the application was passed around. There was discussion on targeting the funds for overlay of 410th Street (south of 465th Avenue). This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

The truck will be here this week and will then be moved to Centerville.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contract
2. Discuss/Take Action: Pierce County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019 Resolution
3. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
4. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
5. Discuss/Take Action: New truck
6. Discuss/Take Action: Meeting time

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 11, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the September 4, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None. Schoepp reported on an inquiry about a possible purchase of N5206 410th St. to be used as a wedding barn venue. Schoepp has sent the interested individual the CUP process document.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses including the August settlement. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the following items:

- Intersection at 410th was reworked with Pierce County Highway Department.
- Potholes were filled with Larry Peterson's assistance.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss: Assessor/Building Inspector contracts

Seipel has communicated he is willing to continue assessing and inspecting through 2020. He has also verbally communicated that he believes our town needs a reevaluation for assessment purposes. Fischer stated that we should consider advertising so we can get some overlap between Seipel and his replacement. We will contact the Town of Ellsworth for information on their ad for an assessor.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

The town has been directed by the DOT to proceed with real estate acquisitions. Chad Johnson recommended Right of Way Professionals, Inc. of Eau Claire to coordinate the acquisitions. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with contracting Right of Way Professionals, Inc. per their \$4580 proposal price. All in favor, motion carried.

A transmittal from Ayres on plans, costs, provisions and tasks was reviewed by the board and signed by Kannel.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Blacktopping is planned to start in October.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

None

Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

On the latest AT&T bill, AT&T has credited some adjustments for tax billed for an unclear number of months. However, they continued to bill taxes on page 2 and we should be tax exempt so we will continue to monitor this.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Fischer attended a public hearing on Livestock Siting Rule Updates. He learned Pierce County is not subject to these rules but Fischer stated Pierce County may be subject to DNR rules instead.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Town Insurance (accepting proposals)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Assessor/Building Inspector contract
3. Discuss/Take Action: Pierce County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019 Resolution
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
6. Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the August 7, 2019 issue of the Republican Eagle, previously known as the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. The bridge fund reserve was discussed. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported on the following items:

- Missing fire numbers
- New weather stripping and safety sensors on doors
- Painting overhead doors
- Sukowatey ditch fence posts needing removal
- October black-topping

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Ambulance Service population certification forms

Schoepp explained a newly revised state form that now requires the clerk to certify population numbers for ambulance service. In the past, that was the responsibility of the ambulance service director. Schoepp has not located any documentation for the past practice on this. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to authorize the clerk to designate 50% of the latest population estimate from the state for the "Population Served by EMS provider" and "Percentage of total population represented". This applies to both Elmwood Ambulance Service and Ellsworth Ambulance Service for the town. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

Last year the town signed a pre-buy contract for 2000 gallons at \$1.18 and as of May 17, 2019 there is a balance of \$368.81. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pre-buy 2000 gallons at \$1.10/gallon. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel discussed signatures requested from Ayres regarding the Design Study Report which he reviewed and we will return.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

An estimate from Pierce County Highway Department was received for the 410th Street paving for \$169,775. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with that estimate. All in favor, motion carried.

An estimate from Pierce County Highway Department was received for the 400th Street paving for \$66,155.88 (2 inch) or \$51,927.60 (1.5 inch). Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with the 1.5 inch proposal. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

Hines met with representatives on the box size, tank heater, light bar and other options. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with adding the light bar and tank heater options. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Sheriff's office road emergency dispatch list

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to designate the following:

1. Wallace Hines (personal cell phone)
2. Town Chair (currently Ron Kannel home phone)

All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Pierce County CDL Program Consortium agreement

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to sign the agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Since last month Schoepp filled out AT&T's internal tax exempt form and again submitted the usual WI form. After more run-around, such as AT&T told us we were already tax exempt, AT&T agreed to credit us \$47.94 of federal taxes. They did not mention the state taxes so we will examine our next bill.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
2. Discuss/Take Action: Road work

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019 7:30 p.m.

3. Discuss/Take Action: New truck
4. Discuss: Assessor/Building Inspector contract
5. Set date for Budget Planning Meeting

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Board of Review Minutes
July 24th, 2019 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk
Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Assessor Galen Seipel

Let it be noted that the clerk position is elected and is a member of the Board of Review.

The BOR was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kannel.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to elect Kannel to Chair the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice for the Board of Review was published in the April 24, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in four public places.

Objections filed: None

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to close/adjourn the Board of Review at 7:00 p.m. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Melanie J. Schoepp, Clerk

Clerk Note: BOR Minutes do not require board approval. Clerk to file only.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the July 3, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported the following:

- Mowing is in progress.
- Culvert work is complete.
- Weed spraying is upcoming.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's license applications

None. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days temporary liquor license

Schoepp presented three versions received of the application for El Paso Days on August 16 – 18, 2019. Of particular concern is the "Location of Premises Where Beer and/or Wine Will Be Sold, Served, Consumed, or Stored, and Areas Where Alcohol Beverage Records Will be Stored". The box regarding "Wisconsin seller's permit" is checked on one but not checked on two of the application forms. The first form received was missing most information. Schoepp asked the board for guidance on the license wording.

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve the Temporary Class "B" license application with location "Adolph's Log Cabin (upstairs and outside on back of cabin) at W4212 Cty Rd G and parade route (County Road N, County Road G, Dead End Road)". All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

Last year the town signed a pre-buy contract for 2000 gallons at \$1.18 and as of May 17, 2019 there is a balance of \$368.81. A pre-buy contract has not been received yet from Chippewa Valley Energy. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to proceed with having Pierce County Highway Department perform annual inspection of bridges. All in favor, motion carried.

Blacktop estimates were reviewed from Pierce County. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to proceed with the 2 inch coat on 410th at a cost of \$169,017. All in favor, motion carried.

An email was received from Pauline Kopp of the Pierce County Highway Department which included links for applications, instructions and guidelines for the 2020-2025 Local Bridge, STP Rural and STP Urban programs as well as a link with a list of eligible Local Bridge Program structures. She stated a deadline of October 15, 2019. The clerk has not been involved with these forms in the past ten years, so guidance from the board was requested. Kannel explained the list process for bridge work and stated that we do not need to take any action on this. Hines will check that the list is as expected for the next bridge to be worked on.

A letter was received from AECOM dated July 1, 2019 with Subject "Request for Performance of Self-Inspection Trans 277 Highway Salt Storage Site(s)". The clerk sent a reply email to AECOM and the WI DOT requesting paper copies be mailed to us due to the lengthy nature of the documents and our lack of internet service at the Town Shop. The clerk also informed the parties that the August 2, 2019 due date is unacceptable given the summer road maintenance work and the request for the paper mailings. The board advised that we do not consider any salt on site to be stored and therefore this request from AECOM and the DOT is not applicable.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

December is the target for delivery. Kannel would like to go through the contract with a salesperson and that will be arranged. No action.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Schoepp reported she has sent the tax exempt form to AT&T as was done in the past. At this time, AT&T has not provided an explanation on their refusal to remove the taxes. The WI DOR requested permission to contact AT&T on our behalf and Schoepp agreed. We have not received any explanation yet after a couple weeks.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

A letter from Elmwood Ambulance Service was discussed. The letter requested the clerk to “certify” the following:

- Population Served by EMS provider
- Percentage of total population represented

When the clerk started in 2009 she was told “Ambulance is based on population. Half is Ellsworth, half is Elmwood”. It is unknown how that percentage was determined. The board advised to request more information from the requestor. The town is not the data custodian of population break-down data.

A complaint was mentioned involving explosions likely involving Tannerite type products around the Highway 72 area on July 3, 2019.

Fischer discussed that Ellsworth Area Ambulance will no longer receive HR and management services from the current company Westfield. He also stated the ambulance service may consider merging with another service in Pierce County in the future.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 12, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the June 5, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meetings. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized routine income and expenses. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported the following:

- 28 ton of blacktop was used for filling holes.
- There was a report of shingle nails on the road near Vino in the Valley.
- Sarah Ries and Vino in the Valley reported stolen or damaged personal (non-town) signs .
- Tank signs are coming as well as a shut off switch.
- Gravel was hauled this month.

Public Comments

Max Klecker mentioned a house that may have an incorrect fire number.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications

Schoepp presented four Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Type Class B beer and Class B liquor). Applications for 7/1/2019 until 6/30/2020 include: Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club, El Paso Bar and Grill, Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar and Vino in the Valley.

Schoepp presented renewal Cigarette License Applications from El Paso Bar and Grill and Robin Zignego DBA Langers Bar for the same period.

Schoepp presented Operator's License Applications (a.k.a. Bartender's License) for the time frame of approval until June 30, 2020. Schoepp reported the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website was used to investigate applicants and no recent major infractions of the law were found.

Applicants:

Ellsworth Rod and Gun Club:

Miranda E. Plummer

El Paso Days:

Baily Justine Koch

The fees for the applications have been paid. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to approve the applications presented with the exception that the clerk will issue the Baily Koch Operator's license after a satisfactory background check. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

Scott Construction and Pierce County estimates for hot and cold mix were reviewed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase the hot mix blacktop from the county. All in favor, motion carried.

Culvert work (on 450th) was discussed. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to proceed with the culvert work utilizing the Pierce County Highway Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Propane Pre-buy

A pre-buy contract has not been received yet from Chippewa Valley Energy. No action. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

Kannel mentioned we may find it advantageous to not take delivery until next year. Hines presented proposals from four vendors that met the truck specifications. He also presented box estimates from three vendors.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Net Price</u>
River States	Freightliner 114SD	\$40,076.00
I-State	Western Star 4700	\$45,777.00
Mid State	Navistar HV513	\$48,892.61
Boyer Trucks	Western Star 4700	\$40,908.00

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Box Price</u>
Indianhead Truck Equip	\$72,900.00
Monroe Truck Equip	\$70,992.00
Universal Truck Equip	\$68,193.00

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to proceed with the purchase of the Freightliner from River States and the Universal box. Those were the lowest estimates and River States of Roberts, WI is also the closest truck vendor. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to pay all bills presented to the Board. All in favor, motion carried. Schoepp reported she has sent the tax exempt form to AT&T as was done in the past. At this time, AT&T is refusing to remove the tax without explanation. Schoepp has contacted the State of WI DOR for clarification and is awaiting an answer.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board. Schoepp informed the board that she again contacted companies that might be interested in partnering with us for an internet service grant. An email was sent to Ntec in Plum City, 24-7 Telecom in Menomonie, Baldwin Lightstream, Bevcomm, Pierce Pepin Cooperative and Spring Valley Telecom. The only response received was from Ntec and they stated our town is “quite far away” and suggested Spring Valley Telecom would be a better fit.

Schoepp also informed the board that the assessment roll is not ready for review yet. She has requested it from Seipel as soon as reasonable for the review phase.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Operator’s Licenses
2. Discuss/Take Action: El Paso Days temporary liquor license
3. Discuss/Take Action: Propane pre-buy
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
5. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
6. Discuss/Take Action: New Truck

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 8, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 13, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Ray Dohm, Dagmar Johnson,
Jason Lincoln

Kannel called the Board of Review (BOR) into session at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to open the BOR session. All in favor, motion carried.

The notice was published in the April 24, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted in four town public places.

Adjourn

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to adjourn the BOR at 7:31 p.m. until a date that the Assessment Role will be available. Open Book will be held July 15, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. BOR will be held on July 24, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

May Meeting

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Max Klecker, Ray Dohm, Dagmar Johnson,
Jason Lincoln

Immediately following the Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date, Kannel called the May Meeting to order.

The notice was published in the May 8, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

none

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Foley summarized income and expenses, including General Transportation Aid. She stated that all kennel licenses have been paid at this time. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive the report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 13, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported the following:

- Debris from the Rush River is excessive in some areas. He has contacted the DNR.
- Compressor circuit was damaged and needs a heavier cord.
- Gravel is hauled
- 410th Culvert work is upcoming.

Public Comments

Jason Lincoln's driveway permit was signed. The fee was waived as this is an existing driveway.

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License Applications from Anita L. Johnson and Joseph Plummer
Schoepp reported the fees were paid and no recent infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

Bid received:

Reuvers' Nursery: \$90 per mowing and provided Certificate of Liability Insurance

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the bid from Reuvers'. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

A letter from Ayres was distributed. A letter from the Army Corp of Engineers was also distributed.

Discuss/Take Action: Road Work

A proposal for cold mix from Scott's was received. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Ray Dohm from the Pierce County Highway Department and Hines discussed options. Three 2020 trucks have been considered to date meeting the specification. Dohm also discussed extended warranties. Some think red trucks (vs. orange) have better resale value.

The dollar figure estimates that follow are from a verbal discussion and are subject to change and correction.

Vendor	Truck	Outright Price	Trade	Net	Net w/ ext warranty
State	Western Star 4700	\$109,609	\$68,000	\$41,609	\$48,072
River States	Freightliner 114SD	\$104,304	\$70,000	\$34,304	\$42,737
Midstates Trucks	Navistar HV513	\$112,078	\$70,000	\$42,078	\$53,383

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
Meeting to Adjourn the Board of Review to Later Date and May Meeting
May 13, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Discuss/Take Action: River Bluff Humane Society contract

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to sign the contract recently received. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Liquor/Tobacco/Operator's license applications
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: None

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. immediately following the Town Annual Meeting.

The notice for the meeting was published in the April 3, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Hines read the minutes from the April 10, 2019 Road Tour meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported the following:

- Town Hall painting is complete and the toilet is replaced.
- Grader tires have been replaced or rotated.
- Fetzer chains snapped when providing a pull to the truck in the ditch.
- A down power pole was mentioned.
- Chain saw safety features were discussed.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)

No bids were received. No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

No action.

Discuss/Take Action: Road work

No action.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices

Estimates from Kraemer and Pierce County Highway Department were examined. Kraemer prices were the lowest. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to purchase the crushed rock from Kraemer. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Kannel and Hines discussed the possibility of a new truck and our tentative replacement schedule. Hines will explore options.

Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute

Schoepp reported that the bill dated March 7, 2019 had a balance of \$4,117.19. The bill contains a number of credits and charges and is not clear.

Representatives for AT&T urged the town to accept an adjustment of \$3,373.06 on March 27, 2019 and March 28, 2019 noting that we would be responsible for \$674.13. That was communicated to the Chair for consideration and we then communicated to AT&T that the proposed adjustment was not acceptable. When the next bill arrived, the adjustment was a \$3,885.12 credit. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay the current bill balance of \$242.44. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: ExpressVote machine purchase

Schoepp received a quote from the vendor ES&S. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to purchase the second ExpressVote with maintenance. All in favor, motion carried.

Set date/time for Open Book and Board of Review

- Commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review will proceed at the next monthly meeting, Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Review will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Open Book will be Monday, July 15, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Audit Bills

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to pay bills presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: New truck

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 13, 2019 immediately following the commencement and adjournment of the Board of Review at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Annual Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Kannel, Supervisor Ron Foley, Supervisor Dan Fischer,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the Annual Meeting was published in the April 3, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Approve 2018 Financial Report

Schoepp summarized the Financial Report. Motion by Supervisor Foley, second by Kannel to receive the financial report as presented.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Motion by electorate for borrowing emergency funds if needed

Motion by Treasurer Foley, second by Schoepp to allow the board to borrow money as needed in the event of an emergency for the next 12 months.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Set 2020 Annual Meeting date

The next annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in April, April 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 7:43 pm.

Number of electors in favor: 5

Number of electors against: 0

Motion carried.

Clerk note: Minutes placed on town website and 1 physical posting within 30 days of meeting.

April 10, 2019

10:00 AM

The TOWN BOARD of the town of EL PASO met at 10:00 AM for the annual ROAD TOUR.

Members present were Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisors Ron Foley, Dan Fischer and ROAD MAINTAINER Wally Hines. All members along with Mary Foley took OATH in the townships office area. Wally provided his vehicle along the published route to look at potential ROAD projects for the 2019 construction season. Major projects are to overlay Blacktop for 400th ST and 450th AV along with replacing Culverts. Also patching is needed on 330th ST, 600th AVE along with 350th ST. We also looked at Future items related to ROAD maintenance. The Board stop at 1:30 PM at EL PASO BAR and returned to the TOWN HALL AT 2:00 PM.

No Action TAKEN.

Submitted by
ROAD MAINTAINER
Wally Hines

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Clerk Melanie Schoepp
Board Members Absent: Supervisor Ron Foley, Treasurer Mary Foley
Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the meeting was published in the March 6, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Bridge Public Hearing and monthly meeting. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to accept the minutes with the addition of Pam Hines on the list of attendees. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines included the following in his comments:

- Power steering and several other small repairs have been fixed on the truck.
- The grader blew a tire and the tires may be rotated.
- A phone line and a power line by Rush River was down yesterday.
- The power washer is not working as expected so options are being explored.
- Truck issues and bridge water caution signs were discussed.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Kraemer rock pricing
This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: ExpressVote machine purchase
Schoepp explained the vendor has not had time to send an estimate but communicated that he could extend the discount this year. This will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
No action.

Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute

Schoepp reported that emails and voice messages continue and we are still just getting the run-around on the billing dispute. She did receive a notice of change for the Assurance line for 273-4811 and dropping the other line.

Each contact is generally a new contact from AT&T. At this time, we have collected email addresses of sixteen different AT&T representatives that have emailed us about this problem. We were informed this month that AT&T is again going to need an extension to settle this dispute.

Discuss/Take Action: Operator's License application from Jeremy Pretzer

Schoepp reported the fee was paid and attached the findings from the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website to the application. Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Schedule road tour date/time

The road tour is planned for Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

Audit Bills

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to pay bills presented with the exception of the AT&T bill for which we will send the past average amount of \$35. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: The Town is accepting bids for mowing the Town Hall grounds. (Please mark outer envelope "bid".)
2. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project
3. Discuss/Take Action: Road work
4. Discuss/Take Action: Rock prices
5. Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute
6. Discuss/Take Action: ExpressVote machine purchase
7. Set date/time for Open Book and Board of Review

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in April, April 16, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Kannel to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso
Bridge Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines, Dave Pantzlaff (Ayres), Max Klecker, Gary
S. Inqli, Gail S. Inqli, Pam Hines

Kannel called the hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for the hearing was published in the January 23, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Additionally, a supplemental information notice was published in the January 30, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald and posted.

Discussion

Dave Pantzlaff introduced himself as representing Ayres at this Public Involvement meeting. He described the design of the 92-foot long, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge for the 465th Avenue Rush River Bridge project. This will replace the 63-foot long single-span concrete girder bridge.

A cost estimate of \$620,000 was mentioned by Pantzlaff. Construction is anticipated to take approximately three months during 2020. The earliest construction could begin is April 15th due to in-stream work restrictions.

Right-of-way acquisitions would take place in June and July. Ayres will provide contacts that could help with land acquisitions.

It was mentioned that with the longer span, it should allow for more water to go through. Pam Hines asked about access to her driveway and the answer was that it will be open.

There is an archaeological site that will be monitored during digging for a nominal fee. Parking areas were also mentioned. It is still expected water will go over the bridge every couple years, but less often than it does now.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to close the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

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February 11th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: As in preceding public hearing

Immediately following the preceding hearing, Kannel called the February meeting to order.

The notice for this meeting was published in the January 23, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized income and expenses including tax collection. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines reported that insurance on the patching machine will be split three ways between the towns. The truck plow was starting to break and has been welded. The motor on the auger has been replaced. The brakes locked up last Friday due to melting ice.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

Kannel stated there will likely be more charges than the \$620,000 mentioned in the public hearing.

Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute

Schoepp reported that many, many emails and voice messages continue and we are still just getting the run-around. Soon after the last meeting, Schoepp contacted AT&T and agreed to accept their option of the Assurance line for the 4811 line or make it a no-contract residential type phone line. Megan Mihal replied on January 16 "I am very sorry, I was placing the order for the Assurance line that you had decided on, and found that there has been a price increase that I was not aware of. I am really sorry that I gave you incorrect information. The current rate for the Business Assurance line is now \$45 and the long distance is \$15, however with the rate increase the other change is this is not a term agreement so you will not be held to a contract verbal or a written contract." I directed Megan Mihal to proceed on the Assurance line even though today it is a higher base price than what was reported to the board two days ago. She now says it does not require a contract.

We have received a couple more voice mails at the town hall that I can't hear well and I don't understand. They are from yet a different person at AT&T. I received an email on February 5 from the AT&T Global Billing Resolution team as follows:

"To help us process your billing claim, we are requesting additional information from you. Please contact us at AT&T Global Resolution Team and reference your dispute tracking number 4705726.

We'll resolve your request as quickly as we can, and then we'll contact you with a decision. If approved, a credit will appear on your invoice within one or two billing cycles.

I have re-opened your dispute for credit consideration. I will be happy to review your issue but your Sales team needs to facilitate a new contract or plan for your account. Please contact Megan Mihal 877 577-6248 or by email mm751a@att.com or Madison Balderaz at 855 406 0303, email mb964f@att.com."

I have already done this many times and so I sent an email back to that effect copying five of the different people from AT&T I have worked with on this. I asked them what more details they need and received no answer on that.

Senator Tammy Baldwin sent an informational message about rural internet and Schoepp replied back describing the poor state of AT&T's customer service.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Foley, second by Kannel to pay all bills presented with the exception of the AT&T bill, for which the typical \$35 monthly bill amount is being sent. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

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2. Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute
3. Discuss/Take Action: Kraemer rock pricing
4. Discuss/Take Action: ExpressVote machine purchase
5. Schedule road tour date/time (April 10 at 10 am.)

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of El Paso Caucus Minutes
January 19th, 2019

The notice for the caucus was published in the December 26, 2018 issue of the Pierce County Herald. It was also posted in the clerk's office.

Town Chair Ron Kannel called the caucus to order at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Bob Kannel, second by Dan Fischer to nominate Scott Schoepp to chair the caucus. Kannel asked to close nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

It was stated that that town electors nominate and vote at the caucus. The method to be used is taking nominations from the floor and El Paso has two numbered seats for Supervisor.

Chair

Nomination by Tony Shafer, second by Bob Kannel to nominate Ron Kannel for Chair.

The caucus chair asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chair announced nominations closed.

Supervisor 1

Nomination by Bob Kannel, second by Ben Reis to nominate Dan Fischer for Supervisor 1. The caucus chair asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chair announced nominations closed.

Supervisor 2

Nomination by Dan Fischer, second by Bob Kannel to nominate Ron Foley for Supervisor 2.

The caucus chair asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chair announced nominations closed.

Treasurer

Nomination by Ron Kannel, second by Ron Foley to nominate Mary Foley for Treasurer.

The caucus chair asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chair announced nominations closed.

Clerk

Nomination by Tony Shafer, second by Ron Kannel to nominate Melanie Schoepp for Clerk. The caucus chair asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the caucus chair announced nominations closed.

Motion by Dan Fischer, second by Ron Foley to close caucus at 1:09 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION AT CAUCUS documents were distributed by Schoepp to the candidates. Schoepp requested candidates to submit CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION STATEMENT and DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY forms before leaving.

Minutes by Clerk Schoepp. Board approval of minutes is not required.

Town of El Paso Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Kannel, Supervisor Dan Fischer, Supervisor Ron Foley,
Treasurer Mary Foley, Clerk Melanie Schoepp

Board Members Absent: none

Others: Road Maintainer Wally Hines

Kannel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The notice for this meeting was published in the January 9, 2019 issue of the Pierce County Herald. Also, a revision was posted on January 9, 2019.

Town Board Minutes

Schoepp read the minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting. Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Plan Commission Minutes

None

Treasurer's Report

Mary Foley summarized income and expenses. Motion by Kannel, second by Fischer to receive treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Maintainer's Report

Hines asked about the sewer freezing up in the past as he is preparing for that possibility. He is cleaning up equipment, trees, etc. Truck repair was done on air chamber drum springs. Hines mentioned painting on hall walls, etc.

Public Comments

none

Agenda Items

Discuss/Take Action: Kevin Burgess Operator's License application

Schoepp reported the fee was paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Charolette Fick Operator's License application

Schoepp reported the fee was paid and no major infractions of the law were found on the Wisconsin Circuit Courts website. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Temporary Alcohol Retailer's License application from Rush River Trail Riders Snowmobile Club for February 2, 2019

Schoepp reported the fee was paid. Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project

The real estate acquisition letter was discussed. Kannel explained he talked to the project manager and was advised that this will be addressed later. Kannel stated that the plan is to proceed with an informational public hearing on the bridge project to be published two weeks in advance. This will be held at the start of the February meeting.

Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute

Schoepp reported that dozens of emails and voice messages continue. The “contract” that AT&T urged us to sign in December was rejected (unknown by whom) “due to the state being in negotiations”. Another new AT&T representative has suggested alternate plans, none cheaper than what we were paying.

Schoepp informed the board that AT&T has tried to close this case with the FCC and measures have had to be taken by the clerk in order to keep the case open.

Schoepp contacted the WTA for guidance and sent supporting documentation. The WTA attorney replied that this is indeed a “nightmare”. Their advisement is that we could hire an attorney if we just can’t deal with it any longer and/or consider getting a cell phone instead as a land line is not a requirement.

Motion by Foley, second by Fischer to contact AT&T to get the Assurance line for the 4811 line or make it a no-contract residential type phone line. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Bills

Schoepp presented bills to the board. Motion by Kannel, second by Foley to pay all bills presented with the exception of the AT&T bill, for which the typical \$35 monthly bill amount is being sent. All in favor, motion carried. The board suggested that the clerk pay the Countryside Cooperative bills when they arrive without waiting for board approval to avoid interest adjustments. The board asked Hines to discuss insurance on the patching machine with the Town of Martell.

Correspondence and Communication

Miscellaneous correspondence was distributed to the board.

Future Agenda Items

1. Discuss/Take Action: Rush River bridge project and public hearing
2. Discuss/Take Action: AT&T billing dispute

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2019. It is expected that there will be a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the new bridge before the regular meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Fischer, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.