

**Town of Exeter
Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, April 11, 2022 – 7:00PM

Ted Fahey, Mark Gundlach, Kent Brauer and Clerk Sass present.

Town members: Nancy Bauer, Kent Klitzman, Tom Myers, Ron and Marie Venden, Doug Meyers, Dale Gutzman, Ed Short, Dan Francois, Chris Backes, Mark Hellenbrand, Anne Coville, Kenneth Roberts, Siegfried Eckhardt (Siggy), Bob Kammes

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Minutes: Minutes from March 14, 2022, regular meeting presented. **Motion to approve March 14, 2022, regular meeting minutes (MG/KB)**, all in favor, approved.

Treasurer Report: Dawn summarizes balance as of March 31, 2022: \$489,712.90. The balance of ARPA funds is: \$109,865.09 (interest for March was \$2.80). **MOTION to approve report (MG/KB)**, all in favor, approved.

Announcements: April election went smooth. We had a 28% voter turn-out. There were two election observers, one in the AM and one in the PM (one from each political party).

Supervisor report: Ted – EMS subcommittee meeting, director leaving 5/31/2022 for Mayo Clinic, Sarah Ryan is next in line to be in charge if no one available as a director, emergency meeting tomorrow to post position. One driveway during March. Applied for grant funding for Argue Road – 50/50 with New Glarus, Exeter would get 90% funding and New Glarus would be 50% from DOT, Chris Narveson was going to see if the funding could go up for New Glarus

Citizen Input: Siggi – no update on broadband, committee meets next week.

Committee Reports: Mark - Park committee did not meet this month, still looking into restroom possibility. Kent - No senior meeting either.

Unfinished: None.

New Business:

- Frenchtown Farms Land Division – 10.65-acre parcel, deed restrict 19.34 acres to get to 30-acre requirement, plan commission recommended approval. **MOTION to approve land division as recommended by the Plan Commission (MG/KB)**, all in favor, approved.

- Ron Venden – lived here for 52 years and they do not feel they are being listened to. Isn't there some way to get this division approved? I called Green County and they said it was up to the Town Board to approve. Has the board given this division more thought? This would bring in about \$7,000.00 in new taxes for Green County/Exeter. Ted gives background about land use plan. Ted says we get questions every year about dividing existing lots. Ron said he had the lot but could not get a driveway permit. Ted said he checked and previous lots were developed in 1997. Ted asked if Ron has any documentation supporting the driveway issue. Ron does not think so. Kent said that he read the land use plan and it allows for amendments under unusual circumstances. Marie Venden – implementation of land use plan regarding amendments (reading right from the Land Use Plan). The plan should be updated every ten years – not amended. The Plan Commission makes the amendments not the Town Board. Mark must stick to the rule now. Table this until a meeting with the Plan Commission. Ted said he talked to Plan Commission, and they said their decision is final. Water issues? Ron said Green County said his land is dry and would not even need a culvert. Ted said we will give it back to the Plan Commission for further consideration. Ted gives an example of someone who lives in Primrose and cannot even build a house on four hundred acres. Kent – Plan Com is only advisory. Doug Meyers said there is already a precedent because Ron previously divided his lots. Ron said that not everyone can build a house on their lot (if they wanted to split a 3-acre lot). Green County approved everything on Hughes Road that is why Exeter developed own plan.
- Tom Myers – ATV/UTV routes – Monroe ATV could not come tonight due to their annual meeting. County approved ordinance about one year ago. Monroe ATV Club will file all the paperwork for the routes. Blanket to allow all roads to be open to ATV/UTV routes, signs are \$125.00 each through Green County Highway. The other way is to designate individual roads which is more expensive. Mark said Exeter must have its' own ordinance approved. Four wheelers and ATV – must follow State Statutes, County follows State Statute. Albany, Cadiz, Monticello have all approved routes. Ted asks who benefits from this because we do not have businesses. Tom said residents will benefit by getting to use their ATV/UTV. Ted thinks it should be on a referendum in the fall 2022. Kent would open all roads to ATV/UTV usage. Ted said the Sheriff has issues with enforcement of laws. Tom Myers - Public safety is the issue but bicycles are more of a safety issue than ATV/UTV. Non-binding referendum comes back to Board for final decision.
- Request to Sell Liquor License – Montrose called, there is a \$10 million dollar development going up with multi-use space including two restaurants. Montrose is asking us to consider selling our reserve liquor license. Ted thinks we could get six figures for the license. Mark – do we have any businesses that would use a license? Ted said they have asked all other communities, and no one will sell. We should keep one license.
- Annual Meeting – April 20, 2022, at 7:00PM– financial report will be presented.

- Plan Commission Alternate Appointment – Paul O’Connor has said we should have an alternate so that we always have a quorum. Ted has talked with Christine Meier about becoming the Plan Commission alternate and she is in favor. **Motion to appoint Christine Meier as an alternate to the Plan Commission (MG/KB)**, all in favor, approved.
- Bills – **Motion to approve paying the bills (MG/KB)**, all in favor, Ted, and Mark – aye, Kent – nye, approved.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, (MG/KB), all in favor, adjourned 7:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Marie Sass, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer