

Town of Georgetown

Regular Town Board Meeting

January 21, 2025

Attendance: Jeff Traynor, Marc Ince, Mike Kelby, Jill Kelby, Cheryl True, Fred Silloway, Chad Wagner, Edwardo Sotomayor, Lisa Lyon, Tony Meyers, Rick Theune, Sylvan Erickson, Tim Saari and Boyd Fritzinger.

The regular meeting was held at the Town Hall. Chairman Traynor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Clerk Cheryl True read the December meeting minutes. Motion made by Marc Ince to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mike Kelby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jill Kelby presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of December. Motion by Marc Ince to approve the treasurer's report. Mike Kelby seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beginning Balance:	\$275,313.96
Receipts:	\$23,489.15
Disbursements:	\$11,769.93
Ending Balance:	\$287,033.18

Wisconsin Retirement Fund Unfunded Liability. Will seek loan soon. One more truck payment.

Meeting date change – Marc Ince made a motion to move the meeting date to February 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. due to the Spring Primary election. Mike Kelby seconded. All in favor.

Pillar Bank - Tony Meyers, commercial loan officer, stated that Pillar bank has been in Balsam Lake for seven years now. They have been in business 141 years with seven locations nearby. Lisa Lyon, VP Treasury Management Director, stated that Pillar bank would like a banking relationship with Georgetown. Sylvan Erickson, chief credit officer, and Rick Theune, director of development, stated that they would help us and the communities they serve and would be super excited to have us onboard. Remote capture check scanning was an interest of Jill and would be very helpful. Tony will work with Cheryl regarding getting a loan bid packet together.

Fred Silloway, chairperson of the Waupaca (22 lakes, 800 acres, 903 properties) chain of lakes district spoke about wake boat activities. Three towns passed an ordinance unanimously. There have been 35 towns that have passed an ordinance. Wake surfing is riding an enhanced wave artificially made behind big boats. It's not appropriate for every lake.

The size of the wake is an environmental, personal property damage & personal injury standpoint. Damages include shoreline damage, damage to fish beds, upset of alum treatment and invasive species get carried to another lake. Danger to other boaters is also another concern. Big Round Lake has an average depth of ten feet. 17 feet is the deepest part. Education is an important part of this subject. Boaters are sometimes unaware of damage to the lake. DNR enforces legislation and laws that are passed by the government. A township can consider placing restriction of use of wake boat activities.

Mike Kelby asked about the Farmington case. Marc Ince did some research with Wisconsin legislators and spoke about regulations. Marc Ince stated we don't need opposition or lawsuits. Marc stated education is a great idea. The sign by the lake needs to be worded different. Chad Wagner stated that Josh Gilbertson is going to speak at a Big Round Lake district meeting and educate people regarding this. Jeff believes it's public and the DNR should handle this. Chad Wagner asked if the town was all for restrictions against wake boat activities would the town board listen. Marc Ince stated we would listen but not reply yes or no.

Maintenance Report by Boyd Fritzinger. Let it snow. Roads look good.

Correspondence. Jeff had something from Mr. Fink regarding BOR process. Marc Ince had something regarding boat landing. He mentioned it in the maintenance report.

Mike Kelby made a motion to approve the next meeting, February 11, 2025 at 7 p.m. Marc Ince seconded. All in favor. Approved.

No public comment.

Disbursements were presented and paid.

Mike Kelby moved to adjourn the meeting. Marc Ince seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Cheryl True, Town Clerk