

Town of Niagara
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, **March 15, 2022** at Town Hall

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
 - a. The March 15, 2022 monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Chairman DeClark, Supervisor Neuens, Supervisor Sanicki, Treasurer Emond, and Clerk Johnson present.
3. Approve or amend the agenda items for the March 15, 2022 board meeting.
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve the agenda items for the March 15, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried. No negative votes.
4. Approve or Amend minutes of the February 15, 2022 regular Town meeting
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Town meeting as presented. Motion carried. No negative votes.
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. No negative votes.
6. Public Comment: Non-discussion from Board
 - a. Bruce commented on the great job in plowing
 - b. Claire Blayney reminded the board that the neighbors would like take part in naming that road
 - c. She also requested the address for the plow driver to write letters of thanks
 - d. The Clerk asked the board if a person could rent the hall if they are planning to use a water slide for their gathering and they discouraged this practice.
 - e. The Clerk presented a letter to be mailed with the Anderson Tackman invoice requesting all future charges be approved before services are rendered.
7. Discussion/Action on broadband upgrades in the Town of Niagara through Astrea (under CCI)
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to send a letter via Cory Heigl of Astrea encouraging Public Commission to continue offering grant monies for broadband in parts of the Town of Niagara to the private sector who is willing to partner with the Town. Motion carried. No negative votes.
8. Discussion/Action on resolution for ROW waiver on the new road which is currently part of Morgan Park Rd.
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to pass a resolution recognizing the newly acquired road off Morgan Park Rd. as a Town road despite it being 51-54 feet in width, which is substandard for a town road, and to request the DOT to give a ROW waiver on this road, so it may be included on the official road map through WSLR. Motion carried. No negative votes.

9. Discussion/Action on municipal judge – contracting with the City or judge, or another joint municipal court system.
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve continued discussion on preparing a contract with the City judge for any municipal court cases. A meeting between the Town and City is to be arranged to discuss the details. Motion carried. No negative votes.
10. Discussion/Action on where to spend the ARPA funds (report/plan is due April 30, 2022) Note: Road Crew needs a more reliable form of communication
 - a. A 1-ton diesel truck estimate came in at \$59,820 and with plow \$66,870. The gas engine truck estimate was \$58,020 with the plow.
 - b. It was noted that Marinette County may be offering a grant for radio communication.
 - c. The Rescue Squad amount was considered and the board decided to wait until the April meeting to give the donation after they see the form to fill out. They are thinking at this point about \$5,000. This will be tabled until April.
11. Discussion/Action on ideas for Federal grant for roads (BIL) finding an engineer
 - a. The estimate from Coleman Engineering came in at 1 million dollars, which is too expensive to continue with the project of fixing the culvert with a bridge over Spikehorn Creek. MOTION (DeClark/Sanicki) to table discussion on the BIL grant until next month. Motion carried. No negative votes.
12. Discussion/Action on signing roads that are closed to snowmobile traffic.
 - a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to table this for the April meeting when we will have the Club help the Town with the wording of this Ordinance. Motion carried. No negative votes.
13. Discussion/Action on the disposing of records the clerk has gone through and is not statutorily required to keep (see listing)
 - a. Country Mile and Trico were recommended. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to table this for April to determine the cost of the two recommendations for the disposal of the Town records that are not statutorily required to keep. Any records older than 75 years that are not required to be kept, will be offered to the Historical Society. A listing of records to be disposed was submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion carried. No negative votes.
14. Discussion/Action on repairing or replacing the Hall furnace
 - a. MOTION (DeClark/Neuens) to table this until next month to get one more estimate. Motion carried. No negative votes.
15. Discussion/Action on petitioning the county for Bridge Aid for over Spikehorn Creek on Morgan Park Rd
 - a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) tabled to a later date. Motion carried. No negative votes.
16. Discussion/Action on the hall furnace repair or replacement
 - a. (REPEAT from 14)
17. Discussion/Action on obtaining a .gov or wi.gov email

- a. MOTION (Sanicki/Neuens) to approve the Clerk reaching out to Orbit Technology for the Town to obtain a .gov or wi.gov email in anticipation of the need to have this email for WEC compliance. Motion carried. No negative votes.

18.Road Report

- a. Sand is okay for year
- b. Many good comments on road care
- c. New chains for trucks are working very well on ice.
- d. New project of US 8 and US 141 resurfacing for 2026 by the State. The board plans to watch the webinar at the hall at 5:00pm Thursday, March 17.

19.Standing Committees: (May include reports from other special committees)

- a. Report Planning Commission: No report
- b. Report from Zoning Administrator: Report submitted

20.Announce next meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022 after the 6:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING

21.Adjourn

- a. MOTION (Neuens/Sanicki) to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. Motion carried. No negative votes.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Johnson, Town Clerk _____

Chairman DeClark

Supervisor Neuens

Supervisor Sanicki