

**Meeting Minutes of the Town of Dewhurst Regular Supervisors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 11 2025 – 7:00 PM (CST)**  
**Town of Dewhurst – Town Hall**

**Board members present:** Bill Kolve, Chairman; Bruce Delaney, Supervisor 1; Troy Wyss, Supervisor 2; Kelly Errthum, Clerk

**Town of Dewhurst Employees present:** Rollin Opelt, Don Subke, Chris Holt

**Citizens present:** Bob Ehlen, Chuck & Marie Kaufman , Cindy Radcliffe, Nate & Jean Vandeberg, Dave & Shirley Baumeister, Paul & Robyn Stearns, Jeff & Deb Elliott, Ted Janicki, Don Subke, Steve Errthum, Rollin Opelt, Rich Johnson, Duane Gjerseth, Paul Sullivan ,Chris Holt, Steve Kunes, Rebecca Goldsmith, Edward DuBois (Clark County Press Editor) (Note: if you did not sign in (or your name was illegible), your attendance will not be documented.)

**Call to Order:** Bill Kolve called the Regular Monthly Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00 PM (CST).

Bill reminded the citizens that he will not be taking questions from the floor until the Citizens Report. At that time, each person will be given two (2) minutes to speak.

**Approval of Agenda:**

\*Motion to approve the agenda by Troy Wyss; second to the motion: Bruce Delaney

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from 1/14/2025 – Caucus

Meeting minutes from 1/14/2025 – Monthly Supervisor’s Meeting

\*Motion to approve the minutes from the 1/14/25 Caucus Meeting and the 1/14/25 – Monthly Supervisor’s Meeting by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kelly read in the current numbers for the accounts as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$839,955.23
Deposits:	\$920,942.98
Interest Deposit:	\$ 1,001.97
Transfers (CD)	\$ 25,000.00
Disbursements:	\$(619,233.44)
Ending Balance:	\$1,117,666.74

\*Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

\*Motion Carried: 3/0

**Approval to add Bill Kolve to the accounts held at Black River Country Bank:** Bruce Delaney asked if there were other accounts that needed to have Bill added. Kelly stated that at this time she was not aware of any additional accounts.

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\*Motion to add Bill Kolve to all accounts for the Town of Dewhurst held at Black River Country Bank by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

\*Motion carried 3/0

**Drop Box:** Kelly Errthum explained that during processing tax payments, several citizens reached out and inquired if there was a drop box available versus sending them through the mail. Several people had indicated that they did not like having to send them via mail. Kelly indicated that mail sent from this area does go to MN before it comes back to Merrillan for delivery. So, the inquiry was made to the board that potentially we could have either a box that would be mounted to the building where payments would be deposited inside to a secured box or a separate box outside the town hall for these types of payments. This arose from citizen concerns. Bill Kolve indicated that he has done some research and did find some options that would mount directly to the building and would drop into a secure bin inside for approximately \$100-\$200.

\*Motion to purchase and install a drop box for the town hall by Troy Wyss; second to the motion Bruce Delaney

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**April Meeting:** Bill Kolve brought up moving the April meeting to align with the already scheduled Annual meeting set for Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*Motion to move the regular monthly supervisors meeting to align with the annual meeting by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion: Troy Wyss

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**Hatfield Fire Department Contract:** Bill Kolve introduced the annual Hatfield Fire Department Contract. The contract is for fire/EMS services in the area. The amount is \$20,000.00 annually. First installment is due 2/15/2025 with the second installment due August 15, 2025. Troy Wyss indicated that this was “as expected.

\*Motion to approve and move forward with the Hatfield Fire Department Contract by Troy Wyss; second to the motion by Bruce Delaney

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**Camera Update.:** Bill Kolve updated that the cameras were ordered and will be starting to get installed as the paperwork was received. Bill indicated that Mark Radcliffe (legal counsel) had brought up that there should be storage of the video for 120 days. Bill requested Bruce to contact Mark regarding couple of offsets to add if someone was to ask for a copy of the video what it would cost so that the burden of cost was not on the township. If police/fire needed copies, they would be provided at no charge. However, if an individual wanted a copy due to a fall etc. would those fees be reimbursable from an insurance company, individual, etc. Bill indicated that after those topics were completed, they would bring back the document and address the issues at the next meeting. Document was then provided to Bruce. Bill also asked Bruce to contact Computer Guts regarding the storage. Bill stated that the cost of the increased storage was a one-time fee \$1,100-\$1,500. Bill also asked if there is a cost to retrieve/print/copy footage. Troy Wyss indicated that the one-time fee is mostly likely for the DVR that is storing the information that has to be sized appropriately. Bill stated that with the statute states 120 days and that Mark also stated the same. The install of the cameras to allow for live streaming is also in the process of being installed. Installation/review will begin on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Bill indicated that the room may need to be rearranged in order to allow for best video transmission. Bill also provided the quote from the other company to Bruce as well. The inside camera (center of room) \$374.04

\*Motion to approve the inside camera at a cost of \$374.04 by Bruce Delaney; second to the motion, Troy Wyss

\*Motion carried: 3/0

**Road Report:** Bill asked Don Subke if there were any updates to be provided. Don indicated that there were no updates other than they were plowing. Bill Kolve indicated that he did ask Rollin Opelt to review a few trees on Riviera to be cut down. Rollin agreed that if there were not cut down, they would continue to drop limbs and cause issues. Once the trees are marked and approved, Bill asked that Rollin and Don stack the wood on the respective property and take all brush to the dump for disposal. Bill also indicated that he had a citizen reach out a mailbox appears to have been hit and “released” from the pole. He asked Rollin to go and check it out. If needed, a new mailbox would need to be purchased/installed. It was the last mailbox in a group of boxes. Rollin will check it out and report back to Bill.

**Dump Report:** Chris Holt had concerns regarding the winter hours that after dark, he has very little traffic. He stated that he averages of maybe two (2) citizens. He stated that after 5 p.m. he is pretty much sitting there with no traffic. Troy Wyss indicated that now we are getting longer days and staying light longer. Bill Kolve indicated that he recommended keeping the current winter hours “as is” for now and revisiting the situation next year as we transition to the winter hour schedule. Bill also asked Don and Rollin as they are plowing the snow to please push it back further towards the trees so in the even that someone does come with brush, it is accessible. Don indicated that he will take the tractor and push things back further.

### **Citizens Concerns:**

Bill reminded the attendees to please state your name loud enough to be heard for the record. Each citizen will have two (2) minutes of time allotted for their concern. He indicated that Troy Wyss will be timing the concerns.

Rollin Opelt – Regarding the Riviera Ave. he stated that had a gentleman that previously worked for Mathey and now works for the State of Wisconsin review the roadway. Rollin indicated that they went out and did some measurements of the road. Rollin indicated that previously Dave had stated that the road was unsafe. Rollin stated that the road is classified as follows: 1) the roadway is a Class B, 2) the roadway is scheduled at 35mph and 3) it is listed as an ATV/UTV roadway. He said that the road is safe as any other road in the township. He stated that Sterling and Fischer would be more unsafe.

During citizen concerns a Clark County Sheriff joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Shirley Baumeister – She wanted to address the rumors that Dave Baumeister received drunk and disorderly citations from the sheriff from the last meeting. She presented the sheriff's report stating that there were no drunk or disorderly citations issued. She submitted that to the board. She then asked Kelly Errthum if when she started her position, did she find the computer in order or were there things deleted/wiped out? Kelly responded that the computer was difficult to find documents as Google docs was used and there were many, many documents that were not labeled/filed. They were not titled making it difficult to use. She stated that even in the office things were difficult to use as they were not filed in a sensible fashion. She stated that while it might be someone else's way to handle it, it was not her way to handle things. She stated that she has found some things, made electronic copies and "made them her own". She stated that there are still several documents that cannot be found and may be there but, cannot be found under any search. Shirley followed up the question by asking if the computer was "compromised/wiped out". Kelly responded that to her knowledge they "may" still be there but she has not found out. Shirley indicated that that takes care of another 'rumor'. Bill Kolve indicated that there was a scan on the computer and that when the report was given to Bill on the phone, there was indication that files were deleted. He stated that the computer review could not state what was deleted just that there were files deleted.

**Dave Baumeister – (5 min.):** Bill indicated that Dave has five (5) minutes and that he was looking for a solution on what was wrong with Riviera Ave. Dave took the floor and gave history that he owned a business for forty years and that he is on the board of certified contractors and also approved by the Federal government to bid/do jobs. With this experience he is going to address Riviera Ave. He stated Riviera gets more traffic than any other road in Dewhurst. He feels that it has a very dangerous drainage ditch situation. His goal has not changed. He wants to fix it before a serious accident happens and claims a life. He stated he has contacted Clark County and DOT and their response was that this is a township road and because of that it is the town responsibility. He has been on the site with a laser and taking measurements. His results state that the ditch does not meet the specs provided by the Division of Safety and Buildings which includes roadwork. The downslope of a ditch is the slope from the top of ditch on the road side to the bottom of the ditch. This slope is 3:1 to allow a vehicle to change or to correct its direction or stop safely without a rollover. The upslope of a ditch can be 2:1. A 3:1 means three (3) feet horizontal and one (1) foot in depth. The existing downslope of the ditch on Riviera has a slope of 1:1. Which will almost guarantee a rollover. The upslope of

the existing ditch is also 1:1. Which will result in erosion from the private properties. There are also some issues with the width of the road shoulder. He stated that a three (3) foot shoulder is standard some areas have about a foot. The elevations he recorded in the area of Oakwood show the ditch bottom sloping the wrong way causing standing water eight (8) inches deep in the bottom of the ditch. The depth of the ditch in this area is 5'3". This is the area where he wants people to stop and stand at the top of the ditch and look down and imagine what would happen if your vehicle crashed into the ditch (or an ATV or kid on a bike). He stated that this would be deadly. Causing paralyzation or death. This is a dangerous situation which requires the whole community to come together and demand the board to fix the problem. You can't run water uphill. From 374 Riviera the road rises uphill five (5) feet to Oakwood intersection. Two more elevations show 12-14 inches in rise. That makes a total of over seven (7) feet of rise. An open ditch will never work. It was a waste of time and money. Other elevations show areas that drain to the west but there are high spots that stop drainage from either direction. Then there is the issue of 60' of culverts with rock and gravel blocking the water from both ends. Which was a waste of \$3,000. Also, this ditch cannot be maintained cannot be mowed and will cause erosion. Troy then interjected that he was out of time. Dave asked if that was five (5) minutes and Troy confirmed that it was actually five (5) minutes and 24 seconds.

Bill Kolve closed the floor at this point. Bill stated that he has gone above and beyond on this matter as he has reached out to the Clark County highway department. He reached out to Brian (Duell) and explained the situation regarding the roadway. Brian then assigned a highway employee to come address the situation. Bill stated that he wanted a witness and asked Don Subke to attend as well. When the highway worker came, they went down Riviera. Bill had him take a look at it and please provide his feedback and if he noticed anything concerning to let them know as the town board would then have to address the situation. As the road survey continued past Obrien's property, looked at the culverts went down through Oakwood, and over near Shelly's place. Bill explained the situation that occurred with the water near Shelly and Chad's places back in June/July when we received about 19" of rain. Don and Rollin went 'scuba diving' to remove branches/debris out of the ditches. Over by Chad's house, unsure who did it and it doesn't matter at this point but, there were stakes driven into the ground to dam up the water and block the culverts. So, between Shelly and Chad's house, if you remember there was brush growing in there and it has since been removed by Don and Rollin. This will allow the water to flow freely. Once that was done, they cleaned out the other side. From Shelly's to Oakwood, there is a good portion of that area that just had the sticks/debris removed from it. There was no digging or changes made to that ditch. It just looks clean as there is no debris in there. Bill then returned to the highway department survey. The employee got out and measured multiple spots and told Bill/Don that there was nothing wrong with the current ditch. They then went up further and checked. Bill has pictures of around the culvert area where they put 30 holes in by hand to figure out where the electrical wires went through there. From the culvert area back to the Obrien property it is tapered back that way until the water gets high enough to flow through there. That being said back on the Obrien property, he got his taxes adjusted because it is swampy back there. Behind Shelly and Chad's place back there, there are (Bill has not been back there to see this in person) stumps and whatever where they pushed some land around back there and diverted some water. But, as Bill states, he is not 100% sure as he has not physically been back there. That is why there was an issue on the other side of Chad's with the culvert. But the highway department as looked at the road and saw nothing wrong with the road. At this time, Bill does not feel that the board doesn't need to do anything. Bill asked if there needed to be a

rail along there and the highway department stated ‘no’. If that bothers someone, they should definitely not drive the roads in Buffalo and Trempleau counties. Bill stated that now that the highway department has been out, he feels that there is nothing further to do. He restated that it is a Class B highway and lucky if it gets 100 cars a day. Bill asked to have it on record that Don was in attendance during the highway department survey. Don Subke confirmed that he was there that day and that he agreed with the information shared by Bill.

## **Supervisor Reports**

***Bruce Delaney*** – Bruce was glad that Bill got the highway department out to review the roadway and provided us with information. Bruce was concerned that as he was sitting at a stop sign waiting to cross J, a resident came by and proceeded to “flip him off”. Which is exactly what Ralph Johnson had stated in previous meeting about getting along. This is just terrible and appalling and that people would do that. Bruce indicated that the person who did this was not present at the meeting and he was wishing she was. He stated that these are things this entire community needs to stop doing.

***Troy Wyss*** – Troy indicated that he is working on some documents that he is trying to complete regarding the emergency evacuation and that type of thing. He is trying to get them done to bring back to the next meeting. He will get them distributed so the board can review and discuss.

**Chairmans Report** – Bill introduced two (2) Land Use Permits that were received via mail today (2/11/2025). The papers were shared with the board members. He then turned the floor over to Kelly Errthum to discuss the new Facebook group that is being generated. Kelly indicated that a new group is being created to publish “government type” things out to the community. Items may include agendas, meeting reminders, etc. It was created in case people don’t use the website and are more “Facebook” users. She worked with Jack and the new title of the group is “Official Town of Dewhurst – Clark County” group. So, it is up and running. Anyone can join. It will ask you some basic questions as with any other group for example “do you agree to follow the rules” “be nice to everyone” “do not slander board items on there”. She stated that it is a great way for everyone to communicate and open a new way to floor to improve communications. Kelly went on to test a few things today and assigned Jack (Ikhtiari-webmaster) as an admin, she encountered some issues. Meta appears to have it locked for her but, if anyone has any issues, to please let her know as she and Jack will continue to work with it. She looks forward to putting things out there for everyone and hopefully it’s another form of communication to allow everyone to have access to the same stuff. Bill then reminded people that use the town hall to please return it to the way you found it by putting the tables/chairs back in place.

## **Approve and sign checks**

\*Motion to approve and sign checks was made by Bruce Delaney; second by Troy Wyss

\*Motion carried: 3/0

## **Adjourn**

\*Motion to approve and sign checks was made by Bruce Delany; second by Troy Wyss  
\*Motion carried: 3/0

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:43 PM (CST)

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Errthum, interim Town of Dewhurst Clerk