

VILLAGE OF HARRISON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2023

A meeting of the Village of Harrison Board was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Harrison Municipal Building, W5298 Hwy 114, Menasha, WI 54952 on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken.

Present: President Allison Blackmer, Trustees: Darlene Bartlein, Mike Brantmeier, Scott Handschke, Matt Lancaster, Mark Van Hefty and Julene Baldwin.

Excused: None

Staff: Manager Matt Heiser, Fire Chief Jarred Gerl, and Clerk Vicki Tessen.

Public: 26 residents

4. Correspondence or Communications from Board and Staff

Trustee Brantmeier stated his opinion and reasoning for the need of a future safety building in the Village and that the Board should designate a section of the Village owned land by County Road N and Manitowoc Road for such purpose.

Trustee Lancaster read his comments regarding a future safety building and site. A copy of which is included in the minutes as Addendum A.

5. Public Comments

All attendees that signed up to comment requested to speak during New Business.

6. New Business for Discussion, Consideration, and/or Action

- a) Rescind the action taken by the Board on December 14, 2021, which is: "To do nothing with the land on Highway N until a strategic plan is in place for a future safety building and land is secured for where that is to be."

MOTION: MB/ML to table this item to the February 28, 2023 meeting.

Motion Failed 2-5; (Aye: Brantmeier and Lancaster, Nay: Blackmer, Baldwin, Bartlein, Handschke, and Van Hefty)

MOTION: SH/DB to rescind the action taken by the Board on December 14, 2021, which was "To do nothing with the land on Highway N until a strategic plan is in place for a future safety building and land is secured for where that is to be."

Board discussion was held, and the following comments were heard from the public:

- Kristy Van Hefty, W5925 Moonflower Drive, Harrison – concerned that the County Road N and Manitowoc Road area has too much traffic for a safety building, the

sirens would disrupt the nearby residential area, and doesn't believe this location would reduce response time.

- Don Mielke, W5484 Mielke Road, Harrison – not opposed to a new fire station and safety building but thinks the Planning Commission should create a long term plan so it is done right.
- Wayne Fischer, W4927 Hwy 114, Harrison – recommended big projects (such as a safety building) be planned out so funding can be set aside and saved for instead of drastically increasing taxes.
- David Jones, (Harrison firefighter), 3069 Winnipeg Street, Menasha – believes Station 70 is misplaced and the County Road N is a better location. He also stated the Harrison response time is well over the national average and newer homes are made with materials that burn faster so Harrison should consider a new fire station.
- Joseph Mueller, W4991 Hwy 114, Harrison – said it makes more sense to keep the station on Hwy 114 and Lake Park Road and modernize what we already have.
- Jim Lincoln, W6343 Arborvitae Lane, Harrison – shared a personal experience of watching his neighbor's house on fire and becoming a total loss due to delayed response time from the fire department.

Motion Carried 5-2; (Aye: Blackmer, Baldwin, Bartlein, Handschke, and Van Hefty, Nay: Brantmeier and Lancaster)

7. Adjournment

MOTION: DB/JB to adjourn (6:35 pm).

Motion Carried 7-0

Minutes submitted by:



Vicki L. Tessen, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved February 28, 2023