

Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Derr, Olson, Mathies, Anders

Absent: Pulvermacher, Wilson, Gibson

Also Present: Renée Lauber, Cynthia Richson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Derr.

Consider 11/17/2021 minutes

Motion: Anders/Olson. Approve minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consider December Financial Report

Motion: Mathies/Anders. Approve December Financial Report. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Olson/Anders. Approve per diem report. Carried unanimously.

Updates

Broadband Task Force: MadRep gave a report at the last Task Force meeting a on speed test survey they are doing (Lauber will send the link to towns), the Task Force's survey is expected in Spring, build out and supply chain issues for work to get done were also discussed.

Sign Ordinance: Requested revisions were made to the ordinance. It was at the ZLR yesterday and now will be voted on by the County Board. Towns will have 40 days to approve or deny the ordinance.

Delinquent tax parcels communication – Vermont and Cottage Grove sent notice that they used the data or would like to get it again. Lauber will ask the Treasurer for the report again in October.

Yahara CLEAN Compact –Lauber and Wilson continue to work with the Compact on the final document. It is getting close to being done and is a good effort.

Shared Services Work Group - email group is forming.

Letter to the EPA in Support of the Earth Justice Avgas Lead Endangerment Finding

The use of leaded fuel was discussed. Many were unaware it was still used in aviation. There is now unleaded fuel available for use. Swift fuels sells it and Wisconsin is their largest distribution hub. The EPA could work with FAA to transition to unleaded fuel. This will be put on the agenda for discussion/action at the DCTA membership meeting in January. Cynthia Richson will prepare informational materials for distribution before the meeting.

Suggestions regarding Cottage Grove solar farm – Anders shared information on a solar farm proposed on land owned by Dane County in Cottage Grove. Many suggestions were made on ways to address the situation. Annexation to Madison and the legality/process of considering an amended application were discussed.

Traffic calming

Towns are restricted on how much they can reduce the speed limit (to 45 mph) if the road isn't within a subdivision. A traffic engineering study is required to reduce it below 45 mp. Cities and villages have more authority over regulating speed limits than towns do. Populus towns should regulation authority. Asking the Wisconsin Towns Association to put this on their legislative agenda was discussed.

Traffic calming methods were discussed.

Other/Future topics

Derr gave an overview of 6 housing bills that WTA is addressing that would dictate how towns spend their ARPA money and shift property taxes from commercial to residential buildings. "Dark stores legislation on steroids."

Adjourn

Motion: Olson/Anders. Adjourn at 8:50 PM. Carried unanimously.