

Minutes

Town of Oshkosh

Public Hearing Meeting January 25, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: Chair Jim Erdman, Supervisor Matt Merten, Supervisor Bill Demler, Treasurer Laura Hunt, Clerk Jeannette Merten, and an audience of 3.

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Erdman read the public notice and the proposed Resolution 01-2024.

Hickory Lane was platted in 1924.

This end of Hickory Lane being discontinued;

- Was developed by residents to town standards and dedicated to the town in 1999.
- Is located on a narrow peninsula end with little setbacks for structures from road.
- Has been a target of recent burglaries.
- Is vulnerable to annexation discussions.
- Residents will maintain the road after the discontinuation.
- Will result in an estimated loss of \$150/yr. in state road aids to town.
- Will have an easement recorded granting ingress-egress and present utility access for properties along this discontinuation.
- Is a 30-foot road right-of-way which will become the easement area.

A signed petition in favor of discontinuation was received by all adjacent property owners and all property owners in Town of Oshkosh within ½ mile of this discontinuation.

Public comments:

Dick Purtell, 4504 Island View Dr., was in attendance, and registered in favor.

Todd Zak, 2261 Indian Pt. Rd., (former fire chief) said his concern was not to change the width of the road for emergency vehicle purposes and questioned if the fire lane was closed. Erdman responded saying the road width will not change. The end of Hickory Lane was never developed. That section was vacated last year by working with the DNR creating better access on the town land. There is a fire lane not far, on Hickory Ln., from this area that remains in the Town of Oshkosh. This fire lane is a poor winter lake access serving as a drainage outfall.

Jim Erdman Jr., 2431 Hickory Ln, introduced himself. He runs and operates four companies. He lives not far from this area in the City of Oshkosh. His property was caught up in an annexation. He is the fourth generation and grew up living in this neighborhood; he has his own family and enjoys the neighborhood. The discontinuation will not negatively impact other Hickory property owners. He opposes more annexation and thanked the town board for all that they do.

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Motion made by Demler, M. Merten seconded, to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll call:

Demler, yes; Erdman, yes; M. Merten, yes. Motion carried.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Jeannette Merten
Town of Oshkosh Clerk