

**Town of Onalaska Board Minutes
July 27, 2010**

Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Paudler, Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, Marc Schultz and Sandy Thompson. Clerk Sue Schultz was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the agenda for 7-27-10. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the board minutes of June 21, 2010. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve paying the bills. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 1 (Thompson). Thompson said she feels there should be a Budget Amendment for the areas that are over spent. This can be addressed next month. Our town accountant would have to review the Budget and write the appropriate language.

Citizen concerns.

Lois Kathan, N5912 OT, Onalaska gave an update on the Aerial Spraying that occurred on August 11, 2009. DATCP (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) found that the applicator was operating an aerial commercial pesticide application business in Wisconsin without annual licensing as a pesticide commercial application business. A copy of her statement is on file at the town hall.

Amy Scheevel, W7257 Paudler Place, Onalaska spoke on her concern that the loss of a Town Shop employee might mean the person would not be replaced. IF there is a problem, she hopes it will get fixed.

Howard Kelly, W7777 County Road ZB, Onalaska sent an email to the Clerk and asked it be read.

All--If I do not make it to the meeting this evening, please read the following comments into the minutes?

1- I would like to take a moment to commend Sue, Marc, Steve and Dave for volunteering at the Brice Prairie Time Trails. Working in the Marketing and Communications world, I know the value of good PR. This is the highest profile event in the Town of Onalaska, drawing people from all over the area and other states. All that I spoke with (I too volunteer, as does my wife) commented on what a great event it is and how nice the volunteers are.

I know everyone is busy with family and summer this time of year, so I wanted to be sure that you were recognized for taking time away from those things to support the community. It is great that you place the town that high on your priority list.

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2-- This comment is directed to Mrs. Thompson.

During your campaign, you dropped a few pieces of literature at my home. On these documents you emphasized how you planned on communicating with town residents and increasing communications. I am curious where you are on this initiative? The last town newsletter that I know of was done by, me. Have you taken up the charge on his? Are you planning the next phase of town communications?

If you need a suggestion on a topic, one that seems painfully obvious is the chipping policy around the community. There seems to be piles of branches all over the town, but I wonder if people know they need to call in and get on the list for that to happen? Do they know the purpose of the chipping service? I know there is another scheduled chipping day coming in August. Do you think you can have a newsletter out to the citizens by then alerting them to the proper procedure to follow?

Thanks, Howard Kelly

Tom Kieffer, 505 King Street, Suite 300, LaCrosse, spoke on behalf of Basil Frederickson. Kieffer read a letter from Frederickson. The unsigned letter was given to the clerk.

Unfinished Business

Development Review Procedures Guide was discussed. Changes that the Plan Commission asked for have been made and Commission recommends approval of the Development Review Procedures Guide Document to the Town Board. The review from the Town Lawyer has not been completed. This will be put on next month's agenda.

New Business:

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-7-27-1 thanking Deb Thesing, Master Gardner for her work on the landscaping at the Town Hall and the Town crew for their assistance. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-7-27-2 thanking Brice Prairie Time Trials Staff and Volunteers and the Town Crew for their work on the BPTT. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-7-27-3 thanking Morris Challenge Staff and Volunteers and the Town Crew. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Resolution to Approve Acceptance of Agreement for Emergency Ambulance Services is referred to next month's agenda to allow more time for review. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to put this on next month's agenda. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

The No Parking Ordinance needs more work and will be placed on next month's agenda. The specific address for Front Street must be included and a map.

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Temporary shop help for transition period was discussed. The Clerk called several temporary employment agencies to gather wage information and associated costs. The job duties would be grass mowing, weed cutting, wood chipping for as long as needed per week not to exceed 40 hours. It can be less than 40 hours a week if the weather does not allow for mowing.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve temporary help for the transition period for not more than \$15 an hour as cost to the Town. -Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Plan Commission

Ron & Sue Remus, W8356 Northshore Drive, Onalaska requested a variance for sign location on County Road ZN. The Plan Commission recommends to the Town Board to allow the original sign size (for two businesses) at the new location and additional conditions of No lights, a height of no more than 14 feet and distance from the center of the road of 56 feet. The Town received correspondence from County Zoning saying the Town may not be able to make these additional conditions.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Remus' sign request.

Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Sean Gavaghan gave an update on his project to the Commission. He will come in next month with a proposal.

Recycle Committee

Illegal Brush was deposited at the Town's Grass/Leaf area. When the town person was told that was not where brush belonged, the response was "I don't give XXX". The license plate number was taken. The Recycle committee recommended that the Town Attorney write a letter to the person responsible. Pictures of the grass area were shared. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to find out who the town person is and send a courteous letter and let them know of the complaint and the rules. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Recycle Committee recommended relocating the recycle yard to the back side of the town property. It would need signage, easement permission and video surveillance (put in budget for 2011). Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Recycle Committee to relocate the Recycle Yard and to find out the costs involved. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Crew's input needs` to be obtained on this change.

A new Crew member needs to be appointed to the Recycle Committee.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. section 19.85(1)(f) - Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Consideration of potentially improperly charged health insurance costs. . Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Voice Vote was taken:

Fogel—No; Thompson—No; Schultz—yes; Michaels—yes; Paudler—yes. Vote carried 3 to 2.

1. The Board reconvened in Open session

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Supervisor Thompson made a motion to reconvene the closed session at a later meeting. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous

Citizens concerns:

Joan Mach, W7402 County Z, Onalaska, expressed her concern on her taxes/assessment. She has tried to contact Assessor Bud Raymer since March 2010 and has not been called back. She wants someone to look into this. She was not aware of the Open Book/Board of Review Process until tonight.

Board Concerns:

Supervisor Thompson expressed questions she had been asked by Joe Schaller. Would the amount of money the USFWS gives the Town each year raise because they now own more land. The answer was probably.

Questions on the used of the Dock/Shore income. It is used to pay for handicap port-a-pottys.

Supervisor Thompson said she would do whatever is needed of her in regards to a Town Newsletter. Thompson was given for suggestions for newsletter articles. She will aim for an end of August deadline.

Supervisor Thompson asked about having volunteers to a large item pick up (which the Town does not do due to cost) for those unable to bring large items to the Recycle Center. Someone could create a volunteer effort, but the Town could not due to liability.

Supervisor Fogel asked where w\the Town was at with Stormwater Payments being entered into the computer system. We are waiting for our Computer problems to be resolved by Kevin Sather.

Supervisor Fogel said all volunteer organizations should be treated equally.

Supervisor Schultz met with Joe Dorava, Vierbecher, on stormwater issues. The Town needs to do modeling to get more points for taking sediments out of storm water and more accurate infiltration rates on current activities. A Stormwater meeting will be held before August's Town Board Meeting.

Correspondence was emailed out prior to the Board Meeting.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz

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