

Town of Onalaska

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Bogert, Frank Fogel, Sandy Thompson, Marc Schultz, and Steve Michaels. Clerk Melissa Erdman was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda.

Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24th, 2011 Town Board Meeting, May 27, 2011 Special Meeting, June 1, 2011 Special Meeting and June 7, 2011 Emergency Meeting.

Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the bills.

Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Discussion by Supervisor Thompson in regards to the budget and need for a resolution to adjust the spending to avoid negative outcomes. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Concerns:

Paul Kruse, N5434 Circle Drive, Onalaska spoke on Billboards. Feels they negatively affect the quality of life in our area.

Nancy Dull, N5983 Prairieview Drive, Onalaska spoke against electric billboards. Request the Board go on record to oppose them in our area.

Gary Kateley, W7611 CTH ZB Onalaska spoke on the Harbor Plan. Need to draft letter to Carl Green to dispute the size and number of landings.

Karen Ringstrom, 2545 Edgewood Place, LaCrosse, WI spoke about the effects of the electronic signs and billboards. Does not want our community to be effected the way her community has been.

Steve Doyle states there is currently a moratorium in La Crosse County.

Supervisor Schultz has heard from three residents concerned about the billboards.

Old Business:

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to renew liquor licenses for Kwik Trip, Petticoat Junction, Emma's Dinner, Brice Prairie Pub and Eatery and Red Pines as long as they are in compliance. Gerald Monti states they are all in compliance. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bogert and Supervisor Thompson gave report on RFP for Assessor. On June 20th, 14 requests for bids went out. Three have been returned so far. Request expires July 5th.

Chairman Bogert spoke on progress of Energy Grant. Extension from June 30th to September 30th given by the Grant Agency.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to open discussion for repair or replacement of shop roof. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion on materials used for shop roof. Chairman Bogert was on the roof today. States the airhandler needs to be moved to the gable end and lowered with duct work through the sidewalls. Airvents need to be addressed. This would only leave one hole in the roof for sewer which cannot be moved. Two bids received. One from Culpitt Roofing for \$23,000. One from Ron Brown Roofing for \$16,000. Both companies can have the work complete by early August. Motion made by Supervisor Thompson to accept bid from Ron Brown Roofing based on low bid and good references. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schult-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Supervisor Fogel on open mechanic position. Fogel presented a job description noting additional items should be added to cover additional duties to assist current shop employees. Supervisor Schultz made a motion to place an ad in the paper posting the position as a union position with a July 22, 2011 deadline. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open discussion on the Comprehensive Rewrite being presented tonight by Charlie Handy, La Crosse County Zoning. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Mr. Handy discussed minor amendments versus one comprehensive amendments. Presented a matrix and map. Discussed animal units on rural residential districts. Proposed public hearing in LaCrosse for August. October possible date of flip. Towns would have 12 months from that date to opt in or opt out. County is requesting feedback from the Towns by September 1, 2011. Mr. Handy can be reached at 608-785-5919 to discuss individual parcels.

New Business:

Randy and Sandy Paine, W7613 County Road ZB, Onalaska requesting refund of building permit fees paid for interior remodel that did not require a building permit. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to refund the permit fees to Lautz Custom Builders \$265. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Supervisor Fogel suggested looking into how we can recover the fees paid directly

to Mr. Raymer. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Miller, W8666 County Road Z, Onalaska spoke about possible speed bumps on Lytle Road. Motion made by Supervisor Schultz to research, contact local law enforcement, the DNR and the Highway Dept. about speed bumps or other options. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

a. Plan Commission

Dave Harter, W5726 Koss Road, Onalaska, Harter Trucking
Tax Parcel # 10-697-1, request for conditional use permit for maintenance and storage of truck and equipment-inside storage only. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the permit. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Harter, W5726 Koss Road, Onalaska, Coulee Concrete Repair
Tax Parcel # 10-697-1, request for conditional use permit for indoor storage of 2 trucks and 2 pickups. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the permit. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Plan commission request to change the regular monthly meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month. Motion made by Supervisor Thompson to approve the change. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Supervisor Thompson to open up discussion on moving the Town Board Meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to move the Town Board meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion to approve the Clerks attendance at the WMCA conference in Wisconsin Dells in August. Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the attendance of the Clerk at the conference. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Fogel-Aye, Thompson-Aye, Bogert-Aye, Schultz-Aye, Michaels-Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's concerns:

None

Board concerns:

Supervisor Michaels has concerns about County Road Z speed zones at the transition between 25 to 45. Possibly reducing to 35. Steve Doyle recommends discussing with Ron Chamberlain.

Supervisor Schultz brought in documentation on land use. Binders are in the Town Hall file cabinets. Spoke about Hydro plants becoming issues at dams. Will keep us up to date on this Green Power topic.

Supervisor Thompson suggested an extended meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Fogel questioned if members of the Town of Onalaska will be informed by letter of changes presented by the county.

Supervisor Bogert suggested the Clerk have a company credit card for expenses for the Town as well as for travel required for the position. Will be on the July 12th agenda.

Supervisor Bogert also thought the town needed to talk to zoning about the Town Hall Parcel.

Supervisor Michaels extended a thank you to Steve Doyle for being here tonight.

Correspondence was submitted by Brickl for their bid on the Salt Shed.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm

Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Melissa Erdman