

Town of Onalaska
Town Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Rolly Bogert, Frank Fogel, Marc Schultz, Sandy Thompson and Steve Michaels. Deputy Clerk Gerald Monti was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the agenda with the option to move items as needed. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 regular board meeting and Friday July 27, 2012 special meeting minutes. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the bills and finance book. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Discussion on Badger Coulee Resolution. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adopt the Badger Coulee Resolution by adding the Town of Onalaska, La Crosse County to join the other municipalities request. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Discussion on 3rd and 4th dog request for Virgil and Edna Haldorson, N5668 Mohican Trail, Onalaska, WI. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the request, Supervisor Schultz seconded the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Plan Commission:

Discussion on variance to square footage area limit for Frank and Anne Heasley, W6684 Schilling Road, Onalaska, WI, Tax Parcel #10-587-7. Plan Commission made a recommendation to the board to approve the request for a variance. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the request for a variance to the square footage area limit. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on variance to 75-ft O.H.W.M. of Lake Onalaska for Scott Happel, W8163 County Road ZB, Onalaska, WI, Tax Parcel # 10-1658-0. Plan Commission made a recommendation to the board to approve the request for a variance. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the request for a variance to the O.H.W. M. of Lake Onalaska. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the presentation from LAPC on Coulee Vision 2050.

Fire District:

Supervisor Thompson updated the board stating Rolly and Sandy are working on a proposal to present at the Fire Board meeting. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to open the floor up for discussion. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Helgeson, McCurdy Road, Holmen states his fire insurance rates are based on distance from the fire station.

Robert Harding, Hidden Valley Road, Holmen reports that he had a fire several years ago. Holmen was there in 3-4 minutes. Doesn't understand why a volunteer fire department isn't cheaper than a full time fire staff. Happy with Holmen Fire Department.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor to discussion. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the MABAS resolution for the Holmen Area Fire Department. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the National Fire Protection Association resolution to enforce national codes. Sample resolution was not available. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to draft a resolution for the National Fire Protection Association. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy Eurich, US Army Corp of Engineers and Jim Nissen, US Fish and Wildlife gave an update on the US Fish and Wildlife grant and lease. Lease is coming soon. The current lease has 2-3 years remaining. The grant wants a longer term lease before approving. Barrier Island will not be included in the new lease because of updates to their Master Plan and increased restrictions for land use. Concessions agreements will need to be modified based on the new guidelines and lease.

Discussion on appointment of election inspectors. Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the election inspectors appointed by the clerk. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 2012-2013 bartender licenses. Board would like to know more on the state statute regarding approval. Table to September board meeting.

Discussion on demolition of corn crib by town shop. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to demolish the corn crib. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on selling Town of Onalaska parcel # 10-2383-1. Supervisor Michaels made a motion for Supervisor Thompson to research and revisit at September board meeting. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on no parking, speed limit and dead end signs in Walden Acres. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to post a dead end sign on Walden Ct. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on tire chain automatic system for plow trucks. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to have for all 3 trucks. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Concerns:

Board Member Concerns:

Supervisor Michaels requested that the citizen's concerns be at the beginning and the end of the agenda. Supervisor Michaels asked about the budget process for this year.

Supervisor Fogel reports that several residents have expressed concerns on the response time from the Holmen Fire Department. A fire on the prairie recently had a 17-18 minute response time. Fogel also questioned what the ownership was in the fire district.

Supervisor Schultz questioned what bi-laws were in place with the Holmen Fire District. No one was aware of any at this time.

Supervisor Thompson feels there should be some legal input for the Holmen Area Fire District. Also learned that the Holmen Fire Department may have let their certification expire for several weeks when half of their volunteers certifications lapsed.

Correspondence:

Rolly gave an update on the Raymer case. The Attorney was not pleased with the postponement by the judge for the case. We are now looking at early/mid- November for a court date.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Melissa Erdman