

Town of Onalaska  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Rolly Bogert, Frank Fogel, Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson and Steve Michaels. Clerk Melissa Erdman also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve February 10, 2015 town board meeting minutes. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Comment:

Hubert Hoffman, N5449 Sobkowiak Road, Onalaska, County Supervisor, ordinance committee member and town resident. States that the town has an ordinance in regards to chickens in platted subdivisions. Should be added to the plan commission and ordinance committee agendas. Gave an update on the county buildings and the increased costs.

Tom Wuensch, W7333 County Road Z, Onalaska, requests that the license for Lakeview Auto not be approved.

Discussion on a request for an additional dog for Eric and Kate Olson, W8140 Tower Street, Onalaska. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Eric and Kate Olson spoke on behalf of the request. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the request. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Plan Commission

Discussion on rezone from rural agricultural to Commercial for Mike Collins, Collins Joint Revocable Living Trust, State Road 35, Onalaska, tax parcels 10-1148-1 & 10-1148-0. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Collins spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the request. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a variance to construct a single family dwelling for Paul and Janet Jahimiak, W8049 County Road ZB, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-1791-0. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Paul and Janet Jahimiak spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser

seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the request to rezone. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a proposed comprehensive plan amendment for La Crosse County, County Road Z, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-1556-2. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to have a public hearing on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6 pm. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on establishing an ad hoc committee to update the Town's comprehensive plan. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to review the comprehensive plan. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the town wide zoning amendment. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to have a public information meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:45 pm. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Board Report by Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert.

#### Refuse and Recycling Committee

Discussion on curbside brush chipping for the town. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Boylan states the crew did a great job last year, busy season. Bill states that the chipping could be offered in the spring summer and late fall. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to follow the committees recommendation to offer curbside chipping 3 times per year. Must be called in and follow the guidelines in the Recycler. Dates to be decided by the town crew. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on grass and leave disposal. No action.

Discussion on curbside refuse and recycling. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougom, Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling spoke with tentative numbers. The numbers reflected 7 year terms and 10 year terms, owning carts or using the companies. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bogert made a motion to move forward with the current hauler, transition to carts and hold public informational meetings and a referendum in February. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 1 no(Fogel) Motion carries.

Discussion on rearranging the large item recycle center. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Gary Hougom, Hilltopper Refuse, states the center is an expense. Curbside pickup is \$25 trip charge and an \$8 per item charge. Bill Reibel encouraged the board to pull the bins. Beverly Brady, concerned about dumping on the roadside. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to immediately implement the closing of the large item center by August 1, 2015. Place signs at the center, send a postcard. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 1 no (Fogel).

#### Park Committee

Discussion on purchasing park equipment. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to purchase the 2 pieces of equipment, one for Sandy Knolls, one for Strawberry Commons. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on capital outlay for the parks. No action.

#### Ordinance Committee

Discussion on 2 large signs for the town's large item center and ordinance for the signs referencing fines and/or penalties. No action.

Discussion on fee schedule. No action.

#### Storm Water

Discussion on sink hole on McCurdy Road, Holmen. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to plug the culvert and repair the sink hole. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on written specifics for the Apple Blossom Trail and Grey Hawk projects. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bill Reibel spoke in regards to the projects. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to put the Apple Blossom Trail and Grey Hawk projects out for bid with the changes noted. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the long range planning/future plans. No action.

Discussion on the MS4 permit. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the permit for submission with the noted changes. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on tree removal in town right of way in Apple Valley, Hidden Valley and the Asbury Cemetery. Table until next month.

Discussion on concession agreements for Schafer's Boat and Bait, Cozy Corner Cottages and Red Pines Resort. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the concession agreements. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on resolution for town assessment. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adopt, sign and submit the Resolution drafted by the Wisconsin Towns Association as soon as possible. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on accepting credit card transactions through GovPayNet. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to enter into an agreement with GovPay Net. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on clerk training at the District meeting, WMCA conference and the WTA conference. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the clerk attending the three events. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Supervisor Thompson states that a resident is interested in joining the Refuse and Recycle Committee. Supervisor Thompson will provide that information to the Committee Chair.

Supervisor Thompson also suggested that there be a spot for County Supervisor Comments on the agenda in the future.

Chairman Bogert reports that many residents are requesting that the town go to carts. Also reports that street sweeping has begun.

Supervisor Fogel states that the Town's Flag needs to be either taken down each day, or a light put on it. Also reports that he has heard many pros and cons of the garbage carts and recycling bins.

Supervisor Michaels states he was contacted by a resident about the Tennis Courts in Apple Valley and that the park committee is planning a public info meeting.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk