

Town of Onalaska  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 14, 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 with the ability to move item #14 up to 6:45pm when the attorney calls in. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve March 10, 2015 town board meeting minutes with a correction. Supervisor Thompson 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:

Dan Filzen, N5494 Eagle Circle Lane, E, Onalaska, asked about the closing of the large item center.

Stephanie Haar, W6872 Walden Place, Onalaska, Asks the board to consider supporting the neighborhood in their request to the DOT for a stop light or round about. The expansion has them worried about increased number of injuries or deaths.

County Supervisor Report

None

Discussion on weight limits and speed bumps in Walden Acres. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor for discussion. Cheryl Paar, N5860 Pertzsch Drive, Onalaska feels the increase traffic, large construction vehicles should be the responsibility of the church. They sold the property, they can provide road access.

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

Discussion on dual representation with Axley Brynelson, LLP. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to enter dual representation with Axley Brynelson, LLP. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor to discussion on weight limits and speed bumps in Walden Acres. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Bettsworth, N5902 Walden Court, Onalaska states the speed bumps would protect small kids. City of Onalaska and the City of La Crosse have them. County Sheriff posted a traffic sign for tracking speed. Traffic would travel at 35-40 MPH. Apartment complex will bring in additional traffic. Jaime Paugh, N5866 Walden Court, Onalaska, expressed concern on excessive speed, feels speed bumps will help.

Wants to know who will be paying to rebuild North Court after the construction. Wants the weight restrictions on the road. Amy White, W6920 Walden Place, Onalaska, asked if we can barricade the end of North Court to force a second entrance. Feels rear end collisions will increase. Also said that Holmen has plans for growth that is still considered Town of Onalaska. Josh Rice, W6921 Walden Place, Onalaska, would like the Village to compensate to fix the road after excessive cars. Wants to know what the residents of Walden Acres can do to help. Steve Paar, N5860 Pertzsch Drive, Onalaska, asked board if they knew about the growth plan. Would like to see speed tables like on County PH. Would rather deal with those than speeding and deaths. Encouraged the board to do it. We don't hear of complaints from City of Onalaska and City of LaCrosse. Commented on the irregular police presence in the subdivision. Lori Bettsworth, N5902 Walden Court, Onalaska, Someone stole her Slow Down Sign. Has more ordered. Said the town did place speed limit signs at each end of Walden last year. Stephanie Haar, W6872 Walden Place, Onalaska, states she called the police to report drivers passing through the 4-way stops. Drivers have been seen drag racing down Walden. Would be happy to assist with the cost of speed tables. Gary Korish, N5866 North Court, Onalaska, Feels the Village has a poor plan. Traffic issues, water retention issues and weight limit issues. Eric Coleman, W6914 Walden Place, Onalaska, states mailboxes get hit, vehicles are sideswiped. Concerned for kids waiting for the bus, Young speeding drivers. Feels the increase traffic will increase tragedies on Hwy 35. He was a neighbor that responded to the Teresa Cruz accident. Doesn't want this to happen ever again. Bill Hartung, W6902 Walden Place, Onalaska, concerned about where the speed tables are placed. The town road in front of his driveway already holds water. Wonders if the road can be a dead end street and force traffic through the church property. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to post weight limit signs on town roads in Walden Acres immediately. Also wants a special meeting scheduled to discuss all other possibilities for the safety and the potentially blocking of North Court after getting the opinion of the attorney. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a request for an additional dog for Larry and Sarah Benson, N5029 Sunset Vista Road, Onalaska. Larry Benson spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the request. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on alcohol beverage retail license application for CoCoMic Cuisine, LLC, D/B/A Red Pines Bar and Grill, W7305 County Road Z, Onalaska. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the application. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on operator license applications. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the operator licenses for Alana Bilskemper, Petticoat Junction, Kayla Snider, Petticoat Junction, Kimberly Hanson, Brice Prairie Pub and Eatery, Emily Oliver, Brice Prairie Pub and Eatery. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Plan Commission

Discussion on certified survey map for Scott and Todd Sobkowiak, County Road ZN, Onalaska tax parcel 10-2033-2. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the request. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Supervisor Hauser abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion on certified survey map for Capitol Air Systems, County Road ZN, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-2033-0. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the request to rezone. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Supervisor Hauser abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion on delegating an ad hoc committee to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the plan commission members to the ad hoc committee and to post a notice for public input. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on chicken ordinance. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jerry Monti spoke about the current ordinance. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to send the chicken ordinance back to the ordinance committee. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Board Report by Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert.

#### Refuse and Recycling Committee

Discussion on grass and leave disposal. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to accept the recommendation of the recycle committee to accept the Green Earth Compost agreement at \$1000/yr for 2 years. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on directives for refuse and recycling committee. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor for discussion. Gary Hougom from Hilltopper states he is very disappointed in the response from the refuse and recycling chair. Lost out an opportunity for a grant for the carts. If rescinding the carts, closing the large item recycle center is not an option as it is a part of the contract. Chairman Bogert states he will add the discussion on the next meeting to rescind his motion from last month. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson made a motion for the refuse and recycling committee to work directly with the current hauler, to transition to carts, hold public meetings and hold a referendum in February and cease discussion with other haulers. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Fogel-no, Michaels-aye, Thompson-aye, Hauser-no, Bogert-no. Motion fails.

Discussion on the number of dogs allowed in the Town. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jerry Monti asks how many dogs are currently in the town. Said the agenda item is not clear. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to close the floor, Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action.

Discussion on assistance from the town for the River Clean up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve assistance from the town similar to what was offered in the past including trucks and the loader. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the deputy clerk attending training at UW Green Bay Clerks Institute. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the deputy clerk attending the institute, lodging and per hour pay for hours in class attendance. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Town Hall schedule during holidays. Defer to next month.

Discussion on tree removal in town right of way in Apple Valley, Hidden Valley and the Asbury Cemetery. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to take down any dead tree on road right of way. Supervisor Fogel

seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to remove the damaged oak tree in Asbury Cemetery and trim the others. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Board requested that the bids be amended and to include the stump removal.

Discussion on town fees and fines. No action, need to consult the Wisconsin Towns Association.

Discussion on chairman attending law conference. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the chairman and any other board member to attend the law conference. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on firework permit for Chris Reister, W6746 Strawberry Road, Onalaska. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to deny the request per the recommendation of the Fire Chief of the City of Onalaska. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Chairman Bogert said he had several residents contact him about Walden Acres. Has the Mosey Boat Landing Lease. Will bring the plan commission and town board next month.

Supervisor Thompson commented on the amount of debris on the road right of ways, feels we should be proactive in the clean up.

Supervisor Fogel would like our storm water department to address the Walden Acres new building sites storm water retention plan.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk