

Town of Onalaska  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Rolly Bogert, Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson and Steve Michaels. Frank Fogel was excused. Clerk Melissa Erdman also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve April 14, 2015 town board meeting and July 25, 2014 Special meeting minutes. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Comment:

Hope Burchell, W5651 Sunset Dr, Onalaska thanked the board for considering the request to block off Sunset Dr for neighborhood gathering

Patrick Schaller, N5980 County Road OT, Onalaska, contacted county about lowering the speed limit, asked the board to make the request to County to do a road study

Steve Reget, W8071 County Road Z, Onalaska, had concerns about the closing of the large item center  
Ken Davis, W8050 County Road Z, Onalaska, is afraid people will dump items in ditches with the closing of the large item center

County Supervisor Report

None

Discussion on request for road to be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> for neighborhood gathering. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Request has been changed to June 21<sup>st</sup>, need to defer to next month with the correct date. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on firework permit for Chris Reister, W6746 Strawberry Road, Onalaska. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Conference called Mr. Reister. Town Board will consider rescinding the motion at a special meeting on May 19, 2015. Needs to be agendized as such. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a request for a road study on County Road OT to lower the speed limit. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor to discussion. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Patrick Schaller, N5980 County Road OT spoke in favor of the request. Greg Peterson, N5969 County Road OT, spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor

Michaels made a motion to recommend to La Crosse County doing a road study to lower the speed limit to 25 mph from County Road XX split through the residential area with the town attorney making the legal request. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on liquor license renewal applications for: Kwik Trip, Red Pines Bar and Grill, Petticoat Junction and Brice Prairie Pub and Eatery. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to recommend processing the request for liquor license renewal applications. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on cigarette and tobacco license renewal applications for Kwik Trip and Petticoat Junction. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to process the requests. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Plan Commission

No action taken. Plan Commission did not have a quorum at their last meeting.

Fire Board Report by Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert.

#### Refuse and Recycling Committee

Discussion on rescinding the motion to move forward with the current hauler. No action.

Discussion on options for curbside refuse and recycling. Supervisor Thompson made a motion for the refuse and recycle committee to explore size of carts and the ownership of the carts, hold public info meetings and a referendum in February. Also to work with Hilltopper on the effect of the closing the large item drop off with the current contract. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on lime screenings for ball fields. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to provide screenings for ball fields in the town parks. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on approval of the ball field agreements for the town parks. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the agreements. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on chimney removal at Swarthout Shelter. No action.

Discussion on removal of dedication boards for bike races at Swarthout Shelter. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to remove the boards and store at the landfill for up to 1 year. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on donation of refrigerator for Swarthout Shelter. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to decline the donation. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchase of sand for town park volleyball courts. No action.

Discussion on direction signs on county roads for town parks. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve signs as presented by the parks committee. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on rearranging park equipment vs building a tie wall in Prairie Heights Park. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to rearrange the equipment in First Prairie Park. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on engagement letters with CliftonLarsonAllen for payroll services and ledger assistance. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to enter into agreements with CliftonLarsonAllen by signing agreements presented. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on LADCO membership. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to renew membership with LADCO. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on tree and stump removal in Asbury Cemetery. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the bid from Today's Tree Service for \$1100. To remove tree and stump in Asbury Cemetery. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion . Motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Chariman Bogert said he had several residents contact him about Walden Acres. The town has received a petition in regards to disputing the process of open the end of North Court.

A court conference in regards to the incorporation is set for tomorrow at 1:30 pm.

Supervisor Thompson complimented the crew on the new garbage cans in the parks and at Asbury Cemetery.

Supervisor Michaels states that the original park committee agenda was 19 items long. The committee meets during lunches and felt they would only have time to address half of the items. They will meet again before the next board meeting to address the remaining items.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk