

Town of Onalaska  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Frank Fogel 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 deletion of item #21. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve May 12, 2015 town board meeting and May 19, 2015 special meeting and May 26, 2015 Special meeting minutes. Supervisor Michaels 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:

Stefani Haar, W6872 Walden Place, Onalaska spoke in favor of the speed bumps on Walden Place.  
Eric Coleman, W6914 Walden Place, Onalaska, spoke in favor of the speed bumps on Walden Place.

County Supervisor Report

None

Discussion on request for additional dogs for Jennifer Lyons, W6428 Hossfeld Road, Holmen. Jennifer Lyons spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve dogs 7 and 8 for sled team for Jennifer Lyons. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on speed tables on Walden Place. Letter read into record from Ron and Marilyn Smethurst against the speed bumps. Letter read into record from Lori Bettsworth, in favor of the speed bumps. Letter read into record from Steve and Cheryl Paar, in favor of the speed bumps. Letter read into record from Jamie Paugh, in favor of the speed bumps. Town crew provided documentation on cost for a speed survey from County. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve 3 speed bumps; to request a price from Mathy on a permanent speed bump and if less than \$5588, proceed with the permanent bumps. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. 0 ayes, 5 nos, motion fails. Town board to hold a special meeting to discuss permanent and temporary speed bumps for Walden Place.

Discussion on a request for an Eagle Scout project in Asbury Cemetery. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor to discussion. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Tristan Fink, 410 Losey Blvd, La Crosse presented a power point on replacing the front fencing and adding bridal wreath around three sides of the cemetery at no cost to the town. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project. Supervisor Hauser 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 Hauser made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal applications. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion on operator licenses for Kwik Trip, Red Pines Bar and Grill, Petticoat Junction and Brice Prairie Pub and Eatery. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the operator licenses. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on picnic license for Brice Prairie First Responders, Rockin the Prairie. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the picnic license. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Plan Commission

Discussion on rezone application for Don Remus, W7071 Front Street, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-439-0, from Exclusive Agricultural to Commercial. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Don Remus spoke in favor of the request. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the request for a rezone. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Parks Committee

Discussion on tree removal in the town parks. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to remove the remaining marked trees in the town parks. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on scheduling a public meeting for the Apple Valley residents to discuss the deteriorated tennis courts. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the public meeting for Apple Valley residents to discuss the deteriorating tennis courts on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 6:30pm. Post cards have been mailed to Apple Valley residents. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Fire Board

Discussion on fire department coverage for the entire town. Supervisor Michaels made a motion for the Holmen Area Fire Department to cover the entire town. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Storm Water

Discussion on storm water issue for Beverly Nielsen, W5943 County Road S, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-717-0. County issue, no action.

Discussion on repair of sink hole for Marie Mitchell, N5643 Cheyenne Drive, Onalaska, tax parcel 10-2532-0. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to replace the culvert and repair the sinkhole. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Priority #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the storm water budget. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to have the crew do the town projects as able. Payment in kind of crew wages. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Apple Blossom Trail Culvert. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to utilize the town crew to do the work as able. Payment in kind for crew wages. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Priority #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Grey Hawk Inlet Project. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to utilized the town crew to do the work as able. Payment in kind for crew wages. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Priority #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on repair of McCurdy Road sinkhole. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to repair McCurdy Road sinkhole. Supervisor Fogels seconded the motion. Priority #1. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Nikolaos Stoufis). Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously at 8:40pm. Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert were in attendance.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to reconvene into open session. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously at 8:40 pm.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to reject the recommendation from Storm Water for mediation; per correspondence from Nikolaos Stoufis request for a formal hearing before the Storm Water Utility Board. Formal hearing on June 17<sup>th</sup> or based on availability. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Supervisor Thompson abstained. Motion carries 4 ayes, 0 nos.

Discussion on appointments to town committees, including, but not limited to appointment of a Weed Commissioner. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dan Hanson introduced himself to the town board and expressed his interest in the weed commissioner position. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the weed commission appointment. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve Jerry Monti to the plan commission. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 no (Thompson). Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the remaining appointees as presented. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on town hall hours during holidays. No action.

Discussion on citizen's complaint form requiring a signature. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to add a signature to the complaint form. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises

responsibility to wit: the Town Clerk, Melissa Erdman. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call vote at 9:15 pm. Motion passed unanimously. Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson and Rolly Bogert were in attendance. Clerk was invited in part way through closed session.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to reconvene into open session. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote at 10:10 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on items discussed in closed session including but not limited to the appointment of the Town Clerk, Melissa Erdman. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to extend the clerk/secretary for 1 month; next month's agenda in closed session to discuss part time clerk, part time secretary with hours and compensation defined. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Board of Review policy for sworn telephone or sworn written testimony requests. Supervisor Thompson made a motion for the procedure to not entertain sworn written or sworn telephone testimony. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Supervisor Thompson read a compliment on the positive customer service they received from the clerk and she emailed that compliment to the clerk. The clerk emailed to Supervisor Thompson.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk