

Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016

Supervisor Stan Hauser called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Present were Supervisors Frank Fogel, Sandy Thompson, Al Steck and Stan Hauser, Chairman Rolly Bogert was excused. Deputy Clerk Sara Kessler was also present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting was made by Supervisor Fogel, seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the bills and finance book was made by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Fogel, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Bettsworth Construction request for reimbursement of concrete lost during speed bump construction due to rain during project. Motion to deny additional payment for concrete loss during speed bump construction due to rain made by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Steck. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment

Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Fogel to public comment, Supervisor Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ann Kathan, N5912 County Road OT, Onalaska, WI 54650 offered concerns about the proposed Q-1 Dairyland Power south line. She submitted photographs of power line locations in the Town and urged the Board to voice opposition to the proposed project to Dairyland Power and the La Crosse County Planning Commission.

Carol Overland, attorney with Legalectric, 1110 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN, spoke against the proposed Dairyland Power Q-1 line reconstruction. She asked that the Town Board submit written comments on the La Crosse County Airport Overlay amendment as well as asking Board members to attend the August meeting of the La Crosse County Plan Commission and provide input dissuading the County Plan Commission to change the current Airport Overlay regulations.

Motion to close the floor to public comments made by Supervisor Hauser and seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Den Boor from Benefit Advisors, 1825 Sunset Lane, La Crosse, WI 54601, presented employee health insurance options for full time Town of Onalaska employees. He presented and recommends a plan which includes health, dental and vision for a premium of \$705.08 per month for a single employee. The coverage includes Gunderson and Mayo health systems as well as Marshfield Clinic and Mayo Rochester in-network. The Board was pleased with this finding and complimented Town Clerk Mary Rinehart for her efforts to research insurance options.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the presented plan for a period of two years. Supervisor Fogel seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
County Supervisor Report : None

Foreman Report: Interim Foreman Ron Addelman's written report was read into record by Sara Kessler. Mowing the parks and roadways continues. The crew has been repairing washouts and cutting and chipping trees and branches which fell on roadways during recent storms. The crew will be hauling chips to the parks and cleaning up the back shop yard.

Fire Board Report

Fire Board report was given by Supervisor Hauser. Offer has been extended to new chief and Board Chairman Bogert is currently attending a meeting with candidate and fire department staff.

Presentation given by Charlie Handy, from La Crosse County Zoning on Bluffland Preservation. The Blufflands Coalition wants to establish a network of contiguous protected lands and recreational trails throughout the La Crosse-La Crescent region to enhance the health of residents, visitors, natural ecosystems and the local economy. They are currently working on funding, which will be derived from local general fund property tax revenue as well as from grants fund raising and other contributions. The proposed charter members are: Cities of La Crosse, Onalaska and La Crescent, and the Towns of Shelby and Medary. Remaining municipalities in La Crosse County, including the Town of Onalaska, would be considered in a second tier of membership. Mr. Handy presented a resolution which the Board could act on if it determined it wanted to support the effort.

Supervisor Thompson recommended tabling the discussion and any action on this matter until the 2017 budget process is underway during future meetings. Supervisor Steck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on new bartender applications. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve new bartender license applications for Cole Todd (Red Pines) and Jordan Carns (Red Pines). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on special dog request for Jennifer Lyons, W6428 Hossfield Road, Holmen, WI. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Fogel to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Lyons presented additional information about how La Crosse County and Farmington Township handle multi-dog licenses. She explained again that her situation does not fit the County Commercial Kennel standards which are the only option currently available for her instead of repeatedly petitioning the Town of Onalaska for a variance. She has County Zoning approval for her operation and does not fit the requirements of a Commercial Kennel since she does not sell her pups for profit. Lyons answered questions from the board. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Fogel seconded by Supervisor Steck, motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Thompson offered to work with the County to determine if the Town can offer dog licenses to a larger number of dogs at a decreased cost so as to not lose

money if a new type of license can be granted. This item will be discussed at next month's meeting and be an agenda item.

Discussion and possible action on contract renewal for Hart Appraisals for assessment year 2017 through 2019. The Board feels Hart Appraisals has done a very good job and recommends the contract renewal. Motion to renew the Hart Appraisals contract for assessment year 2017 through 2019 made by Supervisor Fogel, seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on speed limit sign for Hurricane Court. It was determined that a traffic study and public hearings are not required to post a speed limit sign when the speed limit is not changing. Motion by Supervisor Thompson and seconded by Supervisor Fogel to post a 25 mile per hour speed limit sign for Hurricane Court. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on participation of Town Clerk Mary Rinehart at the WMCA convention in Appleton, WI August 17,18,19. Motion by Supervisor Thompson and seconded by Supervisor Steck to pay for Town Clerk Mary Rinehart to attend the convention. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on who would like to attend WI Towns Association annual meeting October 9-11, 2016 in Stevens Point, WI. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on resolution to amend 2016 Town budget. A resolution moving \$30,000 from the 56000 Conservation and Development /56930 Incorporation budget to the 51300 General Legal budget was presented by Supervisor Hauser. Discussion about future legal expenses between Board members ensued. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve resolution with the amount of \$20,000 rather than the \$30,000 in the resolution. No second, motion died. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the resolution with \$25,000 transfer. Supervisor Thompson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on changing August town board meeting date to August 2, 2016 due to election schedule. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to move the August Town Board meeting to August 2, 2016. Supervisor Steck seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Committee

Motion to open the floor made by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Fogel, motion passed unanimously. Gerald Monti, ordinance committee chairperson, addressed the Board. He previously had provided a copy of the ordinances, with legal counsel input to Clerk and to the Board for review prior to the July meeting. Monti indicated that in general, the ordinances were ready for approval, with minor tweaks which he has pointed out to the Board in prior correspondence. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Fogel, seconded by Supervisor Steck, motion passed unanimously. Motion to approve ordinance draft with legal edits by Supervisor Thompson and seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed 3 to 0, Supervisor Steck abstained.

Refuse and Recycling Committee

Supervisor Fogel updated the Board of the progress of referendum question for the August 9 election. The RFP has been sent to the haulers for refuse and recycling services and bids are due back to the Clerk's office by noon, Friday, July 15, 2016. Motion by Supervisor Fogel, seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approve Referendum Informational Meetings on July 19, 21 and 23, 2016 at the Town Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks Committee

Motion by Supervisor Fogel seconded by Supervisor Steck appointing Supervisor Thompson to the parks committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Plan Commission

Motion made by Supervisor Thompson to change Plan Commission August meeting date to August 1, 2016 and seconded by Supervisor Steck. Motion passed unanimously.

Storm Water Utility

Supervisor Hauser gave report regarding storm water activities. Discussion on placing storm water billing on to property tax bill per financial review recommendation. Supervisor Thompson said it was made into a separate bill because prior board members felt that it was confusing to residents and that residents would mistakenly deduct that from their taxes. Supervisor Thompson motioned to combine storm water utility bill with property tax bill per financial review recommendation. Supervisor Fogel seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change August Storm Water meeting date to July 26, 2016 per committee recommendation made by Supervisor Thompson and seconded by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence to the Board: None.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Steck. Motion passed unanimously at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Kessler, Deputy Clerk