

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 6:30pm. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors Frank Fogel, Sandy Thompson, Al Steck and Stan Hauser. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Hauser. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016, November 17, 2016, November 28, 2016, and December 5, 2016 meetings and the December 5, 2016 public hearing. . Motion passed unanimously.

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

County Supervisor Report: None

Public comment: None

Shop Supervisors Report: The first snow plowing of the season went well, fan went out and an alternator went out and has been replaced. Holtz reported that the Hall roof is in need of attention. Discussion followed as to the extent of repair vs. replacement and the potential type of roof to install. The list of shop activity was submitted to the board.

Discussion on second cell phone for the shop: Motion by Fogel; seconded by Thompson to reduce to one on call cell phone for compensation which will be primarily carried by Supervisor Karl Holtz unless he designates another crew member to be on call during time he may not be present and check with accountant as to the procedure of compensation. The second shop cell phone to be left at the shop. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Board Report: Holmen Area Fire Department Chief Paul Menches gave a four month progress report of the fire department. Menches reported the department is on track to stay within the 2016 budget. Fifteen new policies are being enacted. The policies include call back procedures, staffing, fire scene management, ground operations, life safety and quality, call response in personal vehicle and the use of red lights. Menches stated he made clear to his staff that the priorities he expects are dedication to 1) faith and family, 2) their full time jobs and 3) the fire department. Phase one of the fire house clean-up and reorganization has been completed. Menches reported the Fire Fighters have voted to use \$15,000 of their rec fund to purchase new equipment that includes a thermal imaging camera, two heavy duty ice suits and other specialty equipment. On December 19 the new turn out gear will be issued to each fire fighter. The gear is purchased with funds from a FEMA grant received. The old gear will be utilized for non-fire training so as to not put additional wear on new equipment. Beginning in 2017 the department will launch an

education program, training standards updates, updates in recruitment qualifications, and make effort toward standardizing building and fire codes within the three municipalities.

Discussion on election worker appointments for 2017-2018: Motion Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the list of election workers as submitted for the 2017-2018 elections.

Discussion on La Crosse County Solid waste request for increased funding: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Steck to approve the increased funding as addressed in the 2017 town budget.

#### Storm Water Utility:

Discussion on amending the 2016 Storm Water Budget as per utility recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approve the budget resolution 2016-12-06-SW. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on 2017 Storm Water Budget as relating to Storm Water Utility recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the Storm Water Utility 2017 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Recycle and Refuse Committee:

Discussion and possible action on contract extension in regards to committee recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Chairman Bogert, to take no action in that an extension is not necessary in that the current contract provides for automatic extension, with a 120 day written notice to discontinue the contract by either party involved in the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on hauler proposals as recommended by committee: Thompson would like to see us continue to transition to totes (carts). Chairman Bogert reminded the board of statute requirement to consider when choosing. Supervisor Thompson stated she is convinced the Hilltopper proposal is the least cost, when the delivery and assembly is added in. The delivery and assembly is included in the Hilltopper but not the Harter proposal. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel, to not accept any hauler proposal at this time. Supervisor Thompson stated she feels it irresponsible to sit and do nothing. Hauser stated he wants to wait until after a referendum. Roll call vote: Thompson no, Fogel yes, Bogert no, Hauser yes, Steck yes. Motion passed 3-2.

Discussion and possible action on referendum relating to curbside refuse and recycling in regards to committee recommendation: Supervisor Hauser stated the questions are what he wrote and would like to see on a referendum. Supervisor Fogel would not like to see #4 on the referendum. Fogel would like to see numbers put on the questions and go to referendum. Fogel believes the majority of voters want to go to the totes (carts), and and stated "Let them pay for it. If they want to stay with bags, they know how much the bag will cost, by going to referendum it comes out of our budget; it has been fair across the board for everybody." Fogel understands that the board was elected to make decisions but this is a high dollar cost to the

town. Supervisor Fogel questioned if number 1 is even necessary. Hauser stated he put question 1 on the list to give the option to have no change. Questions 2 and 3 were to give the public a choice and not take away the levy limit. Question 4 cannot be an option due to the towns' ordinance to pick up garbage. Question one Thompson believes is not an option due to the town losing money on the bag system. She questions why we would continue with a system that continues to lose us money. Bogert believes question 1 should be removed as it is a continuation of what we have been doing and there is no purpose for that. Supervisor Thompson asked if anyone remembers why we started the conversation of switching the cart system a year and a half ago, she reminded the board it was because we couldn't figure out how to make this pay for itself because we can't raise the price of the bags. So we lose more money every year. Thompson believes we should not take action on this without legal advice. Bogert and Thompson agreed that the responsible thing to do is to pick a hauler and move forward. Motion by supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to go April referendum with 3 proposals that pass legal asking residents to choose one of the three proposals. Bogert stated the tax payers have put their faith in us to make decisions, that's what we should be doing here. Bogert stated we should have numbers in the questions before it goes to legal. Roll call vote: Thompson no, Fogel yes, Bogert no, Hauser yes, Steck yes. Motion passed 3-2.

Discussion and possible action on brush chipping and removal from shop lot in regards to committee recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel, to accept committee recommendation to accept one-time \$4,000 proposal to be done after January 1, 2017 when the gates have been closed and into the new budget year. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Plan Commission:

Discussion on Certified Survey map for David Brady, representative for Brady Family Revocable Trust, N6378 County XX, Holmen, WI 54636 Tax Parcel 10-1443-0 as relating to committee recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve Certified Survey map for David Brady, representative for Brady Family Revocable Trust, N6378 County XX, Holmen, WI 54636 Tax Parcel 10-1443-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on variance in regards to height and size for detached accessory building for Bradford Kauffman, W7866 Maple Drive, Onalaska, WI 54650 tax parcel 10-1504-0 as relating to committee recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to recommend to approve variance in regards to height and size for detached accessory building for Bradford Kauffman, W7866 Maple Drive, Onalaska, WI 54650 tax parcel 10-1504-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on conditional use permit application for Michael A Green, doing business as Aaron's Small Engine Repair, LLC, W6885 Walden Place, Onalaska, WI 54650, tax parcel 10-608-0 as relating to committee recommendation: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend approval of conditional use permit application with amendments noted for Michael A Green, doing business as Aaron's Small

Engine Repair, LLC, W6885 Walden Place, Onalaska, WI 54650, tax parcel 10-608-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on conditional use permit for William Strupp , doing business as W&G Strupp Real Estate, LLC, on behalf of American Transmission Company for N6172 County Road XX, Onalaska, WI, 54650 tax parcel 10-391-0 and 10-395-1 as relating to committee recommendation. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Steck to recommend approval of conditional use permit application with amendments noted for William Strupp , doing business as W&G Strupp Real Estate, LLC, on behalf of American Transmission Company for N6172 County Road XX, Onalaska, WI, 54650 tax parcel 10-391-0 , 10-395-1 and 10-1452-1. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Holmen Youth Baseball Parent Association purchasing and installing infield fill for Apple Valley Park Field and Sandy Knolls Park Field: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the request from Holmen Youth Baseball Parent Association purchasing and installing infield fill for Apple Valley Park Field and Sandy Knolls Park Field with a hold harmless agreement so as to protect the Town in case of damage of injury. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Letter from Steve Mau of Principal Financial dated November 30, 2016 was read by the clerk. Mr. Mau is retiring at the end of December and will no longer be renting an office in the Town Hall.

Chairman Bogert advised of email correspondence from General Engineering in regards to work that will be needed in spring. This will appear on a future agenda. Engineer Lukasz Lyzwa from General Engineering was in attendance and presented a cheese tray for all in attendance of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk