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Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday August 8, 2017 at 6:30pm. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors Sandy Thompson, Frank Fogel, Jerry Monti and Stan Hauser. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the agenda with moving item 10 and 11 to after item 6. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the minutes of the July 11, July 21, and July 31, 2017 meetings and July 11 and 18, 2017 Public Hearings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approve the bills and finance book. Motion passed 4-1 (Thompson).

Public Comment:

Jim Boylan, W5959 Schultz Lane, Onalaska had questions regarding the drop off of brush at the brush site relating to who is allowed to use the service.

Robert Lovejoy, W8175 County Road Z, Onalaska, questioned if the storm water revenue stays in the town, and if all property is billed.

County Board Report: None

Presentation by Ron Chamberlain, La Crosse County Highway Commissioner regarding bridge inspections as relating to the Town of Onalaska: The Mohican trail bridge is near due to be replaced. There is competitive grant funding available for bridge replacement. The County Highway department submits the grant application after the bridge design is completed. The bridge design process takes approximately 2 years to complete. The County will share the cost of design with the Town. After the design is completed the grant application could be submitted.

Discussion on submission of application for federal funding for bridge replacement: No action.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report by Chief Menches: Chief Menches reported on the yearly update of MABAS cards has been completed; Menches explained the operating procedures within the participating departments. Only departments within a 50 mile radius participate. A maximum of one major or one support apparatus with a total of four fire fighters plus one Chief Officer, if requested, will be dispatched to assist other departments to ensure the Holmen Department will not be left short of staff and equipment should an emergency within the Holmen Area occur. The Chief continued his presentation with a proposal for the addition of a fire hydrant on Brice Prairie siting the lack of water that is accessible in the volume required for a fire west of the railroad tracks. An existing well on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife property could be utilized. Cost in not expected to \$20,000.

Discussion on fire hydrant west of the railroad tracks on Brice Prairie: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve moving forward with the well and hydrant using the 2%

funds. Discussion included budget consideration before moving on this item. Roll call vote: 4-1 (Fogel). Motion passed.

Shop Supervisors Report: Karl Holtz reported on the progress of repairs following the July storm event. Curbside chipping will begin the week of August 14.

Discussion of operator's license for: Aaron Stauffer, Taylor Treadway (Kwik Trip), Savana Jensen, Jessie Stanek, Tiffany Richardson and Tracy Hatch (Angry's Way Out). Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the operators licenses as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on rental property at W7052 Second Street, Onalaska: The current tenant has given notice that her business has closed and she will be vacating the property. Motion by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti to grant permission to the Chairman to work to resolve any financial issues with present renter and to re-rent the property as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on building inspector participation in International Organization of Standards (IOS) interview: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to leave participation to the discretion of Jim Webb, building inspector. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the possibility of converting our current full-time appointed clerk position to a full-time appointed Clerk/Treasurer position, subject to Town Elector meeting approval, and at such time as the current Treasurer term expires or is vacated: Consideration of cost and scope of annual audit will need to be taken. Possible conversion could not happen unless the current treasurer vacates his position or the term expires and action at an elector meeting approving the change. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to continue discussion of the possibility of converting the full-time clerk to a full-time appointed clerk-treasurer position.

Refuse and Recycle Committee

Discussion on recommendation to have clerk request volunteers for Saturday staffing of yard waste drop off site: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to open the floor. Karl Holtz, shop supervisor stated that having crew members at the drop site on Saturdays creates crew shortages during the week. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel passed unanimously. Motion By Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to have the clerk request additional volunteers for the Saturday hours at the yard waste site. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation to take bids from contractors for brush chipping and removal on a per hour charge: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to not take bids and accomplish chipping of the pile with our own equipment and crew. Motion passed 3-0 (Hauser, Fogel)

Plan Commission

Discussion for variance in regards to set back for porch for Jeff and Anne Fimeite, N8143 County Road ZB, tax parcel 10-1663-0: Letter from Sue and Marc Schultz asking for approval was read into the record. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend approval as per plan commission recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on variance in regards to set back for addition to home for Jeff and Anne Fimeite, N8143 County Road ZB, tax parcel 10-1663-0: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend approval as per plan commission recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on variance (after the fact) in regards to set back for porch for Betty and Robert Lovejoy, N8175 County Road Z, tax parcel 10-1552-1: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to concur with plan commission and recommend approval subject to all required permits are acquired and after the fact fees are paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on variance in regards to set back for detached accessory building for Joe Fiegen, W5992 Bucklin Road, tax parcel 10-731-3: Motion by Supervisor Hauser seconded by Supervisor Thompson to recommend approval as per plan commission recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Conditional Use Permit application to allow for conversion of Agricultural Building into a residential cabin for Halingdal Ridge LLC, and Ben Sprain W5930 M Johnson Road, Holmen, tax parcel 10-1354-0: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to recommend approval as per plan commission recommendation; recommending approval contingent upon all required permits be obtained including payment of all doubled- after- the- fact fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on application to rezone from Commercial with restrictions to Commercial with modified restrictions including a condo plot for Todd and Tonia Wright on behalf of La Crosse County and property at W8328 County Road Z, tax parcel 10-1556-2: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to concur with plan commission and take no action due to lack of information. Motion passed 4-0 (Fogel abstained).

Discussion on plan commission vacancy: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the appointment of Tim Reagles of N6712 Sun Valley Drive, Holmen to fill the vacancy. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Committee

Discussion regarding maintenance of Town parks and Town cemetery's: No action.

Discussion on recommendation on use of potential funds to be received from Sandy Knoll's Park land being taken for bike-pedestrian path: Motion by Hauser; seconded by Fogel to dedicate proceeds from the land acquisition to be used in Town parks. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation regarding park needs list for possible Boy Scout service projects: Motion by supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to pass the list to the Boy Scouts for Scout service projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation regarding weed treatment for Town parks and cemeteries: Motion to purchase weed treatment as recommended by park committee by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on lighting in Swarthout Park: No action.

Discussion on recommendation relative to Maple Shade Addition Playground, tax parcel 10-1511-0:
No action.

Discussion regarding recommendations on damage to parks relating to July 19 and 20, 2017 storm event: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to concur with park committee recommendation to complete repairs as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Storm Water Utility

Discussion on recommendation regarding W6490 Schilling Road drainage and storm water retention issues: No action.

Correspondence: Supervisor Thompson read an email from a resident in Wildwood Valley regarding storm damage and repairs.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk