

Draft
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors Sandy Thompson, Jerry Monti, Stan Hauser, and Frank Fogel. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approve the minutes of the October 27, November 4 and November 6, 2017 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve bills and finance book made by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

County Board Report: Victoria Burk, County Supervisor reported on the 2018 La Crosse County budget meetings. Noted were changes to Vector Control, County tax rate decrease and that La Crosse County has the sixth lowest county tax rate in Wisconsin, county debt service, and a place holder within the county budget to target homelessness. Burke reported the PRAT tax is still in the legislature.

Shop Report: Report was read as submitted by shop supervisor.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Supervisor Hauser reported Steven Michaels from the Town of Holland has been elected fire board secretary, and that Stan Hauser has been elected fire board treasurer. Chairman Bogert reported the driveway access for fire truck water refilling station at the Schaller irrigation well has been completed. Thank you to McHugh Excavation for donating the labor, culvert and fill needed to complete the driveway access. Thank you to John Schaller for allowing access to this well.

Discussion on tax collector bond and ordinance regarding the same: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to follow the recommendation of the ordinance committee to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion passed 4-1 (Thompson).

Discussion on resident concern in regards to railroad crossings on Brice Prairie at County Road Z and at County Road ZN: Letter from Russ and Gretchen Brinkman was read in to the record by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk. The county road crosses the railroad property was clarified in discussion. Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously. Vickie Burke County Supervisor said she will address this issue with the county highway commissioner. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser, passed unanimously. Information regarding outlining how and who to contact at the state level and at the railroad will be prepared and posted to the town website. Dynamic Recycling on Brice Prairie will also notified of this information in effort to have Dynamic employees aware of how facilitate having improvements of the crossings. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to be as aggressive as possible

to get information out to residents and persons of interest to request the railroad maintain the crossings. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on progress of Fred Funk Landing Project: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson, passed unanimously. Kathryn Lamers, Lake District Commissioner and Marc Schultz of County Road ZB, Onalaska addressed the board to discuss the status of the landing project. The original plans have required modification due to being in the flood zone. The storm water calculations need to be completed by the town engineer; the plans have been submitted, then proposals will need to be attained. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti, passed unanimously. No action taken.

Discussion on Heritage Hills Neighborhood petition regarding annexation: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Leanne Boebel of N5317 Kylawn Court, Onalaska addressed the board in regards to the expansion of an expanded connection of Kylawn Court end to the parking lot of First Free Church in the City of Onalaska by an emergency road that Boebel reported was to be gated. Boebel presented a petition signed by 83 residents of the Heritage Hills and Strawberry Commons neighborhood. The petition opposed annexation into the City of Onalaska, construction of larger of new roads, sidewalks, curbs or sewer Heritage Hills and Strawberry Commons. Boebel requested the board uphold the signed boundary agreement should and attempt of annexation be made. Thomas Heiderscheit of N5301 Kylawn Court then spoke in favor of maintaining the quite nature of the street, citing the reason he purchased his home to due to it being on a platted cul-de-sac. Heiderscheit said a car drove into his yard while maneuvering around the barricades currently on the end of the emergency access road on Sunday morning by someone exiting the First Free parking lot expansion. He is concerned for the safety of his children while playing on his own property. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to place town barricades to the side of barricades that are there to prevent cars from driving around them while being careful to ensure they are placed within town road right of way. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on appointment of board member to assume direct shop leadership: Supervisor Thompson suggested Supervisor Fogel to possible take assume the shop leadership. Town attorney opinion was presented referencing State Stat. 19.42(7) as well as Town Code Chapter 2, Article VII Ethics due to Fogel's son being a town crew employee. This would not be specifically prohibited; however the safe decision would be to not appoint Fogel. Supervisor Fogel added he believes the Chairman should have shop leadership citing the Chairman's spending authority that side board members do not have and that the chair also receives extra pay compared to regular board members for this duty. Fogel pointed out that if two board members have a concern they can request it to be placed onto the agenda. Fogel add the crew duty schedule needs to be defined. Thompson suggested having quarterly meetings with the crew top facilitate two way communications with them. Chairman Bogert has a webinar he would like to have the entire board view on the topics of time management, budgeting and leadership. Bogert will look in to the costs and scheduling availability. No action taken.

Discussion on clerk attending WMCA District 3 meeting December 14, 2017 in Black River Falls: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve clerk attending WMCA District 3 meeting December 14, 2017 in Black River Falls and to cover cost of expenses and mileage. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Plan Commission

Discussion on recommendation to La Crosse County regarding a variance in regards to size for a detached accessory building for Robert Rossman 1265 Red Cedar Ct, Onalaska, for tax parcel 10-241-2 at N6675 L. Nelson Road, Holmen: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to concur with plan commission recommendation and recommend to approve the variance in regards to size for a detached accessory building for Robert Rossman 1265 Red Cedar Ct, Onalaska, for tax parcel 10-241-2 at N6675 L. Nelson Road, Holmen; allowing for a chicken coop.

Items from the Park Committee

Discussion on contracting the hauling of sand from Swarthout Park Volleyball Court to allow for sand replacement: Motion to have the town crew haul the old sand out, place in our storage area and place new sand in volleyball court in appropriate manner using matting and proper site preparation by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Storm Water Utility

Discussion on Storm Water Budget amendment 2017-11-7SW: Chairman Bogert reported the repairs from the July storm event are nearing completion this amendment covers the storm water damages from the July storms. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the amendment as recommended by the Utility. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on W6490 Schilling Road drainage and storm water retention issues: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Bogert to follow the recommendation of the Storm Water Utility and cover the costs as presented and pursue an easement for storm water drainage on property contingent to design and survey. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Supervisor Thompson presented PRAT tax information she received while attending the PRAT meeting in Onalaska. The money from the tourism tax would be shared with the towns.

Supervisor Fogel has communications regarding the Mosey Landing boat ramp repair. Strupp Trucking will donate one day's labor and any necessary disposal of sand on November 28 to work on repairing the ramps. Chad from Shafers Boat and Bait will have 3 people to assist with the labor. The town crew will have the loader available as needed.

Chairman Bogert sited a communication from an Apple Valley resident regarding the salting and sanding of the roads.

Mary Rinehart read communications including: Email from Rudy Wuest complimenting the Apple Valley Park trees. Email from Ed and Kelly Koegel expressing appreciation for the garbage and recycling service upgrading to the cart service. Thank you card from Scott Construction in appreciation of business. Thank you card from Kassie Van Remortal of UW-Green Bay for approving Mary Rinehart serving on the advisory board for the UW-Green Bay Clerks and Treasurers Institute for the preceding 3 year term.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Thompson; seconded Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk.