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Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors, Jerry Monti, Stan Hauser, and Frank Fogel. Supervisor Sandy Thompson was excused. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Comment: None

County Board Report: County Supervisor Burke was in attendance with updates on further agenda items.

Shop Report: Bogert and Supervisor Fogel inspected a plow with wing and carbide blade and will be moving forward with the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$500. Adjustments to the truck salt/sand chains on the trucks have been made. Bogert will follow up with the crew in regards to how they mix the sand and salt.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Hauser presented charts showing 2015-2017 fire and EMS calls to the Holmen Area Fire Department with differentiation by municipality. 2015 calls were 76% Village of Holmen, 12% Town of Onalaska, and 12% Town of Holland. 2016 calls were 70% Village of Holmen, 17% Town of Onalaska, and 13% Town of Holland. January to November 30, 2017 calls were 71% Village of Holmen, 15% Town of Onalaska and 14% Town of Holland. Holmen Area Fire Board Meeting is January 17, 2018.

Discussion on possible formation of a Bike/Pedestrian Safety Committee for Brice Prairie: Motion to open floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel passed unanimously. Brian Tippetts, resident of the Town asked to form a Brice Prairie Safety Committee for Walking and Biking. Tippetts cited this could become a template for other areas of the Town if similar concerns are identified. Cost of the committee would be less than \$100 per year. Tippetts suggested approximately 7 members to the committee with representation from the Town Board, local industry, Fish and Wildlife, community conservation organization, and residents. The purpose of the committee would to assist in defining the concerns for pedestrian and bike safety on Brice Prairie. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Hauser, passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve organizing the committee and have Brian Tippetts put together a list of potential committee appointments and submit to the Town for consideration at the February Town Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on County Road Z speed limit and speed bump resident concerns: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by supervisor Monti, passed unanimously. County Supervisor Vicky Burke reported regarding communication she had with Captain Horstman of the County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff patrols have been increased with few incidents reported. A flashing speed limit sign has been placed which appears to be having a positive effect. The town may want to consider purchase of a similar sign for long term use. If residents report the license number or can identify individuals who consistently speed in this area to the sheriff's department, officers will make contact with the individual to discuss driving habits. Jolene Huiss resident of Brice Prairie advised she still wants the speed limit reduced coming up to the 25 mph speed zone, as well as speed bumps installed. Motion to close floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti, passed unanimously. Motion for the Town to get cost estimates for purchase of a flashing speed limit sign for placement on County Road Z made by supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on LED street light conversions: Supervisor Hauser reported he contacted Riverland Energy, verifying we pay for street lighting on a per light per month basis, not based on consumption. Riverland is replacing street lights with energy efficient LEDs as needed. It would be of no financial benefit to the Town to replace the Riverland Energy serviced lights ourselves.

Discussion on joining with other La Crosse County municipalities in the Municipal Court System: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to have the town attorney look into the cost, structure and how it would function for the Town to join the Municipal Court system, including advantages and disadvantages of joining. Motion passed unanimously. Fogel requested a presentation to the board by someone from the municipal court system.

Discussion in regards to Port of La Crosse Joint Harbor Commission presentation by Karl Green regarding No Wake zones and Signage near Town Boat Landings: The added signs would not change current no wake zones or ordinances, only provide additional information to individuals utilizing the boat landings. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve placement of new wake signage being placed by the Harbor Commission at Town boat landings (Mosey and Fred Funk). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on new operator license applications: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on cost relating to possible shop work flow software: As requested (December 2017 meeting) the clerk provided research on the cost of the software as presented at the December 2017 meeting. The cost to implement as presented would be approximately \$3,975 per year. Chairman Bogert cited the need for accountability. Fogel does not see the benefit of the system as presented. Hauser suggested a job board as a viable alternative. A staff meeting with the crew will be set up to address job assignment procedures.

Items from the Storm Water Utility

Discussion on 2017 Budget amendment: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by supervisor Fogel to approve Resolution 2018-01-09SW as recommended by the Storm Water Utility: increasing 55453 fuel and decreasing 53443 telecom expenses by \$550 respectively. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 2018 Storm Water Budget approval: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the 2018 Storm Water budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Chairman Bogert received notification the Knudson Road bridge weight rating has been decreased by the DOT Bureau of Structures. Bogert advised of emails regarding the Knudson Road bridge with County Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain addressing this. Chamberlain will be in attendance at the February 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

Clerk Mary Rinehart brought to the board's attention communication from a local realtor that he would be interested in brokering the possible sale of the old town hall on 2nd street if the Town would be interested. He will contact the Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk.

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