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Town Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors, Jerry Monti, Stan Hauser, Paula Przywojski and Frank Fogel. Town Clerk Mary Rinehart was also present. The 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, with any needed corrections of the April 10 and April 19, 2018 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: John Haese, N5415 Abbey Road, addressed the Board in regards to the Abbey Road annexation to the City of Onalaska. Haese requested the Town explore ways to work with the City of Onalaska in effort to keep Abbey Road closed at the cul-de-sac citing his belief that if Abbey Road is opened it will decrease the property values of the neighboring residents.

County Board Report: None

Shop Report: Hank Fogel, Shop Lead reported on equipment repairs completed. The sweeper repairs are completed and road sweeping is in process. Fogel reported upcoming need of rear tires for the New Holland tractor used for roadside mowing. The Tiger mower may need rear tires, brake, clutch, and power steering work. Hank Fogel requested the Board consider hiring 1 or 2 temporary part time people for summer mowing, and that the Board begin to consider possible purchase of new trucks. The current fleet model year range is 2000-2010.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report:

Supervisor Hauser gave the call report. Village of Holmen had 7 fire calls and 35 EMS calls totaling 42 calls in March. Town of Holland had 4 fire calls and 7 EMS calls totaling 11 calls in March. Town of Onalaska had 4 fire calls and 8 EMS calls totaling 12 calls in March. January through March 2018 total calls for the Village of Holmen is 140, Town of Holland is 36, and Town of Onalaska is 34.

Discussion on possible purchase of a ladder truck by fire department: Chairman Bogert and Supervisor Hauser advised the department is considering the purchase of a new combination pumper or **quint** (quintuple unit) that serves the dual purpose of an engine and a ladder truck. Cost of the unit is anticipated to be approximately \$850,000 with each municipality responsible for one third (1/3) of the cost. The 2 needs addressed for the new truck is: the current ladder truck is broken and repair cost is estimated at \$65,000, and it cannot reach the 3rd floor of apartment buildings within the Holmen Area Fire district. The Fire Chief has been researching payment options for the possible purchase. The possibility of formation of a fire district with taxing authority has been discussed; however this would adversely affect the tax levy for the Town according to Bogert. Bogert proposed borrowing for the Towns portion using the state loan program. Supervisor Przywojski questioned when the department would need a decision from the town, where neighboring departments have a ladder truck. The Town would need to give approval after the bidding process when we would have the actual cost Bogert reported. Bogert also advised that the City of Onalaska has a ladder truck. No action was taken.

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

Presentation by David Sawvell La Crosse County Health Department regarding septic fees being placed as a special assessment onto real property tax bills: The County proposal is to have the current \$15 county maintenance fee placed onto the property tax bill at the rate of \$5.00 per year. Pumper/Inspectors will have access to enter the inspection report directly to the county, via a computer portal, on behalf of the resident. This will streamline the current process. Residents who maintain their septic systems on a biyearly basis will not receive a notice from the county. Residents who have not had their system inspected will receive a postcard from the County Health Department. The goal is to have a simplified yet cost effective process. Sawvell is available for questions by calling the La Crosse County Health Department.

Discussion on recommendation to La Crosse County regarding special septic fees being placed as special assessment onto real property tax bills: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to recommend to approve having the septic fees placed onto the property tax bill as a special assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Pat Hart of Hart Appraisals in regards to reevaluation of town properties: Hart advised the last full reevaluation of property values for the Town was completed in 2012. He proposed doing the reevaluation over a two year period, beginning in 2019 and completing in 2020. The cost of the reevaluation would also be spread over the two year period. Hart detailed and explained the reports from the Department of Revenue that identified the need to do the reevaluation.

Discussion on new operator license application(s) for Jillian Mathews (Angry's Way Out) and Jennifer Bank (Angry's Way Out): Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to approve the license applications as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on concession agreement renewals for 2018 pertaining to Lake Onalaska shoreline for Schafer's River Rentals, LLC, Clearwater Resort (Gary and Donna Kateley), Todhedge Properties, LLC (formerly Red Pines Resort), Cozy Corner Cottages, LLC: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the concession agreement renewal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Parks Committee

Discussion on committee recommendation to accept offer of placement of Little Libraries in some town parks: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Chairman Bogert to send this back to the Parks Committee to research who is responsible for the houses, specifically where the committee is recommending to place them, which parks, and what the liabilities are to the town. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation to Town Board to appoint Paula Przywojski to the parks committee:

Items from the Brice Prairie Bike-Ped Safety Committee: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the appointment of Supervisor Paula Przywojski to the park committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Brice Prairie Bike- Ped Committee

Discussion on recommendation to Town Board to appoint Paula Przywojski to the Brice Prairie Bike-Ped Safety Committee: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Bogert to approve the appointment of Supervisor Paula Przywojski to the Brice Prairie Bike-Ped Safety Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Storm Water

Discussion on recommendation in regards to N5021 Sunset Vista Road drainage and storm water retention issues as related to State Road 35 reconstruction: Supervisor Hauser relayed to the board that Charles Lukwitz of N5021 Sunset Vista Road reported he spoke with Steve Doyle in regards to the water problems reportedly created by the reconstruction project. Lukwitz indicated following his communication with Representative Doyle's office the DOT project manager has visited him and the site during a rain event. The water runoff was coming off State Road 35 then onto Sunset Vista Road and then to the problem area. Gas and electric have been marked since that visit. The committee recommendation was for the Town to make contact with the project manager to follow up on the information reported. The clerk will make another contact with the project manager.

Discussion on construction of spillway and drainage swale at W6490 Schilling Road: Chairman Bogert reported the town has received a proposal from McHugh Excavating. Chairman Bogert will follow up with the town attorneys in regards to the necessary easements and necessary property survey. No action.

Discussion on committee recommendation to Town Board regarding Wisconsin Towns Association – Delmore Consulting Road Grant offering as related to culvert mapping, inventory of signs and culverts: Motion by Supervisor Przywojski; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to apply for the grant. Motion passed 4-1 (Bogert).

Discussion on recommendation to Town Board regarding John Purvis request to purchase 30-36 foot strip of tax parcel 10-1573-1 abutting N6196 Fox St: Motion to open floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti, passed unanimously. John Purvis N6196 Fox Street addressed the board asking to purchase the strip of property with hopes of building a detached accessory building. He has been maintaining the 30-36 foot strip of land with the belief it was part of his lot. Purvis inquired in regards to a zoning permit for a detached accessory building and he found the lot line to not be where he previously believed, thus why he approached the town to purchase this piece of property. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to proceed with sale and so what needs to be done to facilitate moving forward. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically regarding Town shop and administrative staff: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to convene into closed session. Roll call vote: Supervisors Fogel, Przywojski, Monti, Hauser, and Chairman Bogert Yea. Motion passed at 8:22 pm.

Motion to reconvene into Open Session: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Supervisors Fogel, Przywojski, Monti, Hauser, and Chairman Bogert Yea. Motion passed at 8:49 pm.

Discussion on the topic of closed session discussion: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to pay shop employees according to policy book in effect, including back pay. Motion passed 4-0 (Fogel abstained). Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to extend the Treasurer tax season full time hours by one month and for the treasurer to handle storm water accounts as well. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to raise pay for Mary Rinehart by two hundred dollars per pay period starting with current pay period. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Przywojski; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk

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