

Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert; Supervisors Jerry Monti, Frank Fogel, Paula Przywojski and Stan Hauser. Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to approve with any necessary corrections the minutes of November 13 and both November 20 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

County Board Report: County Board Supervisor Vicki Burke updated the board on the December 10 County meeting in regards to the proposed speed zone changes on County Roads. The County ordinance change will be heard at the December 20, 2018 and January 17, 2019 County Board meetings. County Board meetings are the third Thursdays of each month.

Shop Report: Shop Lead person Hank Fogel submitted a written report. The Town Crew has removed 12 dead ash trees from Strawberry Park and 4 from Homestead Park. The crew will continue to remove dead ash trees throughout the winter as weather permits. Hank reported on maintenance and repairs of road equipment.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Supervisor Hauser advised the Holmen Area Fire Board will meet on Wednesday December 19. No report was available due to no meeting having been held since the last Town Board meeting.

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

Update on scheduling of volunteer and employee appreciation event: Volunteer and employee appreciation will be January 17 at the Town hall. Certificates for volunteers are being printed in house.

Update by Supervisor Przywojski on research relating to potential hiring of Town Administrator: Supervisor Przywojski provided a synopsis of customary Town Administrator duties and responsibilities. Przywojski reported that the clerk currently is doing much of what administrators do in other municipalities. The Town has not budgeted for the salary, benefits, or recruitment costs associated with adding an administrator in the 2019 budget.

Update by Supervisor Fogel on clearing out of old dumpsite (superfund site) building N8650 Sportsman Road, Onalaska: Supervisor Fogel reported he has discussed the clearing and disposal of materials from the site with several scrap and demolition companies. He will continue to gather prices and will report back to the Board.

Discussion on purchase of six barricades for public works use: Motion by Supervisor Przywojski; seconded by Supervisor Monti to purchase six ten foot, two sided economy barricades. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Resolution 2018-12-11 authorizing the acceptance of Cottage Lane from La Crosse County to the Town of Onalaska to be filed with Wisconsin Department of Transportation: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser passed unanimously. Town resident John Jones N5866 Cottage Lane questioned how much we are spending to take over the road. Jones also addressed the condition of the road following the chip sealing that was done to the road this year. Motion to close the floor Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously. Chairman Bogert added the Town is not paying anything for the road, but will in future years receive road aids bases upon the road mileage. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve Resolution 218-12-11 authoring the acceptance of Cottage Lane as a Town Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion relating to the roads seal coated by the Town in 2018: Supervisor Fogel advised he has received multiple complaints in regards to seal coating this year. He indicated the oil base appears to have possibly been different than in past years. Fogel referenced the roads being “wash boarded” and rock not having adhered to the base. Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Hauser passed unanimously. John Jones 30 year resident of Cottage Lane indicated the rock that was used was sharp and did not adhere to the road; rather it has ended up in resident’s driveways and yards. He cited his daughter not being able to safely ride bike and another neighbor not able to walk their dog due to the loose sharp rock. Fogel indicated he would like Scott Construction to review the chip sealed roads and determine the cause of the issue. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously. Chairman Bogert will contact Scott Construction.

Discussion regarding making commitment for Mohican Trail bridge design to be completed in 2020: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to make financial commitment to have the design completed in 2020, and to have the clerk notify the Highway Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchase of snow plow and sander box for Ford pickup truck: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to purchase snow plow and sander box as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchase of snow blower for the Town Hall: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Chairman Bogert to purchase a snow blower for the Town Hall. Motion failed 2-3 (Fogel, Przywojski, Hauser nay).

Discussion on offer of employment to temporary employee following 500 hours of employment: Motion by Supervisor Hauser to offer to extend 500 additional hours to the Express Employment temporary shop laborer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Przywojski passed unanimously at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk.