

# Town of Onalaska Board Minutes, December 28, 2010

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Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 28 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Paudler, Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, Marc Schultz and Sandy Thompson. Clerk Sue Schultz was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda giving the Chairman the ability to move around the agenda. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the board minutes of November 23, November 23 closed session, and November 30, 2010. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the bills.  
Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Chuck Thompson, Dairyland Power and Mike Hero, Xcel Energy, gave a presentation on CAPX 2020 and answered questions.

### Citizens' Concerns:

Rich Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska, registered a complaint on Assessor Bud Raymer.

Jake Speed, W6779 Kramer Road, Onalaska, had snow plowing concerns. During the blizzard, he relied on his neighbors to plow him out. It required many phone calls to get him plowed out.

Sandy Sebastian, N6773 Sun Valley Drive, Holmen, had snow plow issues during the blizzard of December 11 and 12. If she had to get to work, she would not have been able to.

Larry Pierce, W8011 County Rd ZB, Onalaska, asked if the county helps plow town roads. No.

John C. Nash, asked for a variance for new home at, N7407 County Z, Onalaska, tax #10-2069-0 to build in existing foot print of old house which is in the 75' high water mark set back. Nash had letters from neighbors Jim Berzinjski, W7403 County Z, Onalaska and Larry and Barb Leis, W7411 County Road Z, Onalaska, saying they did not object to his plan for rebuilding. The Plan Commission recommended to the Board that the deck only be in the 75 foot setback, but the house structure be outside the setback. Supervisor Frank Fogel made a motion to recommend to the County Board of Adjustment to allow Nash's request to build in the existing foot print of the old house. Supervisor Michaels second the motion. The motion passes 3 (:Fogel, Michaels, Thompson) to 2 (Paudler and Schultz). This recommendation will be sent to County Board of Adjustment.

Discussion on Board Approval of Bills will be discussed under Year End Budget Amendments

Chairman Paudler has asked Donna Murphy, Rainbow Ridge Farms, N5732 Hauser Road, Onalaska, to fill the opening on the Plan Commission due to the resignation of David Harter.

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Supervisor Schultz made a motion to appoint Donna Murphy to the Plan Commission. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to pay 2010 Tax Refunds for over payment provided the list is correct. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution for mailboxes replacement was updated.

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-12-28-2 . Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Town of Onalaska Resolution 2010-12-28-2**

### **Resolution on Mailbox Replacement**

**Whereas it is a privilege, not a right, for residents to have any object in the road right-of-way, including mailboxes;**

**Whereas the Town shall not replace a mailbox or post of any kind;**

**And Whereas the investigation determines that the Town equipment damaged a mailbox, the property owner shall receive a check not to exceed \$50.00;**

**Whereas mailboxes tipped, damaged, or knocked down by the mere weight of the snow or are determined to have been improperly installed, have deteriorated posts and mount material, or were not physically hit by the Town equipment, will not be repaired or replaced by the Town of Onalaska or its designee.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Onalaska or its designee will replace, at no charge, a mailbox and standard post as determined by the Town;**

**Adopted this 28 day of December, 2010**

Resolution for speed limit change on ZN from 25 to 35 mph was introduced. This was requested by Larry Pierce, W8011 County Road ZB, Onalaska, to keep the speed limit consistent. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to open for public discussion. Supervisor Schultz second the motion. Comments from the audience were received on the proposed change. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve resolution 2010-12-18-1. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Town of Onalaska**

**Resolution 2010-12-28-1**

**Resolution Approving Change of Speed Limit on ZN**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Onalaska

Whereas, the speed limit on County ZN is not consistent;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska, hereby asks LaCrosse County to change the speed limit on County Road ZN from County ZZ to the junction with County ZB from 25 to 35 miles per hour.

**Adopted this 28 day of December, 2010.**

This resolution will be shared with LaCrosse County Highway Department.

The Board combined discussion of Board Approval of Bills and the Resolution #2010-12-28-3, changing 2010 Budget for Public Safety and Capital Outlay. The second sheet with the budget numbers on it needs to be updated as it is 2010 sheet.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2010--28-28-3.

Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TOWN OF ONALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2010-28-28-3**

**Resolution on Year End Budget Amendments**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska, believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Onalaska and considers it sound financial management of the Town of Onalaska's December 31, 2010 various reserved and unreserved fund balances, hereby resolves to:

- 1) Authorize use of reserved equity-highway equipment to increase the capital outlay-highway equipment expense account by \$8,500,
- 2) Authorize use of unreserved fund equity to increase the public safety-fire protection expense account by \$2,000,
- 3) Authorize use of unreserved fund equity to increase the public safety-inspection expense account by \$2,000,

Be it resolved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010 by a 5 - 0 vote of the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska.

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Action on a newspaper ad for a Town Audit is postponed until the January meeting to gather more information. Supervisor Thompson said she thinks the board should wait until after Tax season, April 15 to ask for a bid on an audit.

### Citizens' concerns:

Jake Speed, W6779 Kramer Road, Onalaska, has issues with the ordinance and the ordinance committee. He is on the committee and it has not met. No action has taken place on ordinances. Speed said the Committee should be notified or Ordinance Hearing. He wants an electronic copy of the ordinances. Paudler said the Ordinances need work and are not ready to be reviewed by the Ordinance Committee. Supervisor Schultz said we need to get working on the ordinances and put them in a format that people can understand.

Rick Rayburn asked if the Town will change where PA 500 cards are kept. The Town appoints a "custodian" to be in charge of the PA 500 cards and it is Bud Raymer. Raymer has them on computer. If Rayburn wishes to see the cards, he must make an appointment directly with the Assessor Bud Raymer.

Cheryl Peterson, N7082 County Road W, Holmen asked that the town board take charge of Mr. Raymer and put the Assessor on the next agenda. It will be a closed session when a meeting of the Board and Mr. Raymer takes place.

The clerk read an email from Jeff Hennessee, N5488 Circle Drive, E, Onalaska concerning snow removal.

### Board Member Concerns

Supervisor Thompson said she also has an issue with Bud Raymer. She has received no tax bill on two of her three Condo parcels. The two parcels are assessed at \$10,000.

Supervisor Fogel said it is time to do something about Raymer and the Assessment Process. The Board needs to set guidelines of what is expected of an assessor because now there is lack of accountability by Mr. Raymer. Fogel wants a closed session on Assessment and the Building Inspector. Mr. Raymer needs to be present .

Supervisor Thompson discussed the bill paying procedures. She said the Treasurer needs to be the last person to sign checks. Paudler said we need a Board motion to have the treasurer sign last. Treasurer Paula Hammes needs to be in for a closed session to talk about the procedure. Thompson asked about destroying signed checks. Pre-signed checks are no different than a check signing machine. Thompson wants this on January meeting agenda.

Supervisor Schultz reported on the Quite Zone Meeting. Issues to be address are safety issues; the timing of the no whistle blowing (at night); number of people in the process of creating a quite zone. Such as County Highway and County Sheriff.

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Chairman Paulder commented on the recent snow storm/blizzard. He said the crew did a good job considering they had a new employee and two trucks break down; plus the blowing snow during the blizzard conditions.

Supervisor Michaels wants hiring of a new part time person put on the agenda. He said we need to come up with the priorities the person must have.

Correspondence was emailed to the board members prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz.

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