

**Town of Onalaska Board Minutes**  
**February 22, 2011**

Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, February 22 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.  
Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the board minutes of January 25, 2011. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Supervisor Thompson made a correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the bills.  
Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Thompson and Fogel had questions on the bills. The clerk said they could come to the Town Hall during the day before the meeting to examine the bills and ask questions. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Citizens' Concerns:**

Rick Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska, questions when the date for a meeting with the Assessor was going to be. He asked that a date be sent tonight. Rayburn wanted an open meeting, but the Chairman said it is up to the Assessor if he wants the meeting open or closed.

Rayburn said snow removal is only for Town Roads and he said it is not right to use his tax money to plow Lytle's Road and FWS parking lot on ZN. It was explained that by mutual agreement with the agency, the plowing was done.

Rayburn has an issue of Tax payments not showing up on the County web site as being paid, but delinquent in February. This is because the Town Treasurer makes one settlement with the county when the tax collections for December and January are completed. This is an issue he needs to talk to the Treasurer about.

LaCrosse County Board Supervisor, Vicki Burke, N8349 North Shore Drive, Onalaska, is on the County's Assessment Study Committee to better understand how each Town does their assessment and the whole assessment process.

Supervisor Sandy Thompson asked if the Treasurer is invited to Town Board Meetings.

Mr. Harry Helfrich, N5597 Cheyenne Drive, Onalaska had a concern of his tax payments not showing up on the County's web site as being paid. Helfrich asked what the Town gets for paying \$300 a year for a program that is free from the county. It was a decision that was made several years ago by Treasurer Paula Hammes that the Town continues to use the system it had because it would issue receipts and was more advanced than the county system. If Helfrich has a question, he should contact the Treasurer.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Annual River Clean Up date is April 23, 2011 with a high water date of May 21, 2011. use of Town Equipment  
Supervisor Fogel made a motion to allow the Town Truck to be used in the River Cleanup and one shop employee to assist as needed. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The contract for 2011 Official Town Map with Schreiber/Anderson Associates, Inc. was discussed. It will be moved to the March agenda as all board members have not had an opportunity to review it. The cost is \$6,000 for 4 tasks that need to be completed to meet the State requirement for a comprehensive plan. This was budgeted for in this year's budget.

The 7 Rivers Alliance Regional Principles of Collaboration Compact was emailed to Board Members last Friday. County Supervisor Vicki Burke said the County endorses this compact. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the 7 Rivers alliance Principles of Collaboration. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Survey on Pineview Drive connecting to County OT has been completed by Richard Berg. Clerk Schultz read the resolution to consider officially laying out the west end of Pineview Drive to connect with County OT to be dedicated as a highway including the legal description. A Public hearing was set for March 31, 2011 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Although Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the resolution and Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, the resolution is only introduced at this point in the process. The Town Board will meet on site at 6 pm on March 31, 2011 to view the site.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Boat Slip Use Resolution #2011-2-22-2  
Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was needed on the changing Town Fire numbers and street assignments for Navaho Pass. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor for discussion on the situation with the fire numbers and street names. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. MPU. Virgil Haldorson, N5668 Mohican Trail, Onalaska, explained the events to the Board. This is an unapproved road and the Town does not maintain the road. Residents maintain the road. The Village of Holmen has an easement to reach their water tower.

Action to Finalize 2010 Budget Adjustments was held over to March.

#### Committee Reports:

- a. Plan Commission  
Edward Rohmeyer, W7218 Remus Road, Onalaska,  
Tax Parcel # 10-393-0, request for conditional use permit to operate a business (computer repair) is postponed until March in order to receive more information from Rohmeyer.

D & E Herlitzke Trust, Tax Parcel #10-1555-1 on County Road Z, Zoning Permit #1863 to rezone 66 foot strip of land from Ag District A to Commercial District C. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve D & E Herlitke after the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the County Comprehensive Plans are approved. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Markgren, W7069 County Road ZN, Onalaska, Tax #10-538-0, Zoning Permit #1862 to request to rezone from Industrial to Commercial B to build home on the land. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve Zoning Permit #1862 which will take effect when the Town's Comprehensive Plan Changes are approved. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John C Nash Revocable Trust, tax parcel #10-2069-0, N7407 County Z, Onalaska, LaCrosse County Appeal No 2011-7; that was approved on December 13, 2010. No Action is necessary.

Citizens' concerns:

David Sebastian, N6773 Sun Valley Drive, Holmen, asked who Paula Hammes, the treasurer reports to.

Rhonda Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska, wants to set a date on meeting with Bud Raymer. She reports errors. The Chairman said Mr. Raymer has a right to be present and to choose to make it an open or closed meeting.

Mrs. Rayburn questioned Paula Hammes choice on tax system and objects to the Delinquent Tax Label.

Board Member Concerns:

Supervisor Sandy Thompson asked about the fish cribs on Lake Onalaska. This does not need Board action as it is a project of the Brice Prairie Conservation Association being done at no cost to the Town.

Supervisor Thompson said last month's budget have her confused—the modified acurrel system. Could Mike Temp explain the budgeting system?. Temp will be asked for March.

Supervisor Schultz and Chairman Paudler are reviewing ordinances and have eliminated 2/3 of them that were items the County regulated therefore the Town does not need to have an ordinance on the items.

Chairman Paudler reported that the Holding Tank Pumping Report for the Super Fund Site says no report is necessary in the future. The Town should decommission Super Fund Site and building taking the equipment out of the building.

Supervisor Fogel has concern on audit and what citizens voiced what they want. There are two different ways to do a review of past financial activities—an audit is for one year;

The Insulation Bid from Ultimate Insulation was discussed. Ultimate needs to submit a letter to the town that says his bid includes the prevailing wage.

Supervisor Thompson has an issue with Paula Hammes on the Tax system used and said she will talk to her.

The Town has collected \$5.5 million in taxes in December and January and settled to the penny. Good Work Secretary Peg and Treasurer Paula.

Supervisor Fogel has question on purchasing journal and check register. Why do they not match. Each is a "picture" at a certain point in time. Could have Mike Temp, Town Accountant explain. Temp will be invited to speak at the March Board Meeting.

Supervisor Thompson said the Board should hold a special meeting to ask citizens what they want in terms of an audit.

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

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz.

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