

Town of Onalaska
Ordinance Committee Meeting

Chairman Gerald Monti called the Ordinance Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 6, 2014 at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present included: Dan Hanson, Bill Reibel, Rolly Bogert, Gerald Monti and Sandy Thompson.

Agenda approved as presented.

Motion made to accept the July 29th, 2014 minutes, after correcting the date of the minutes to coincide with the date of the meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Geri Monti recommended starting at ordinance 32 and then come back to others for clarification.

Motion made by Sandy Thompson to open the floor for public comment, motion seconded and passed.

Jim Boylin planned to speak regarding ordinance 56. The floor was left open, and Jim Boylin would wait until ordinance 56 came up for discussion.

Discussion of ordinance 32: Juvenile curfew: how was the age decided and should it be over / under age 16. Recommendation was made to find out and use whatever the County uses.

Discussion of ordinance 34: Park & Recreation: Whatever relates to shoreline would be governed by the County. The relevance of ordinance 34 would be the issuing of permits and removal of the shanties.

Discussion of ordinance 36: Peddlers and Solicitors: No discussion

Discussion of ordinance 38: Planning: This references adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. The original dates should stand and whatever amendments are submitted to the County, they must accept.

Discussion of ordinance 40: Signs: Discussion of enforcement and decision to take whatever the County has done since we don't have a sign ordinance. County addresses the high intensity signs and size of signs. If it is in zoning, refer to the County to guide this ordinance.

Discussion of ordinance 42: Solid Waste:

- 42:22 Sandy Thompson discussed reference to specific large items disposal as not accurate and recommended removal and to reference our large item drop off service.
- 42:82 Separation of recyclable materials: recommendation to refer to the Recycle Circular.
- 42:86 Separation of colored glass: no longer true, glass can be co-mingled, reference the Recycle Circular.
- 42:82,84,85,86 All relate to recycling and recommendation from Geri Monti and Sandy Thompson is that we should use the Recycle Circular newsletter and brochure for reference.
- 42:85 Sandy Thompson addressed the sentence, "major appliances are the responsibility of the resident for recycling at a recycling facilities such as Scientific Recycling in Holmen". Since Scientific Recycling no longer exists, and you should not mention a specific business,

recommendation was made to remove the text starting with the words “such as.....”. Just say, “recycling disposal facility such as that mentioned in the Recycling Newsletter”.

- 42:86 Recommendation to remove completely. Cross the whole thing out.

Discussion of ordinance 44: Streets, Sidewalks, Driveways and Other Public XXX (can't hear the tape).

- 44:54 Do we pay for the culverts for people ?
- 44:51 Driveway slope and grade compliance. You can't enforce it. Should the fire department inspect the driveways or should it be left to County? If we keep the ordinance as specified, we should attempt to enforce it. Alternatively, give the task and enforcement to Storm Water. Sandy Thompson recommended taking this ordinance to the Board or change the wording because we aren't backing up the enforcement. Agreement was reached to defer this whole section to the town board.

Discussion of ordinance 46: Street Naming: No discussion. **Subdivisions:** Sandy Thompson reminded everyone that this section has already been discussed by the board and all appropriate changes have been made.

Discussion of ordinance 48: Taxation: May deal with Board of Review. Sandy Thompson offered to pull this section out and email it to Pat (the assessor) for his review of compliance since he may have been the last one to go to Board of Review training.

Discussion of ordinance 50: Telecommunications: No discussion and no actions.

Discussion of ordinance 52: Traffic and Vehicles: Rolly Bogert recommended sending the whole section to the attorneys for review with a suggestion to go with a generic ordinance and make specific resolutions as needed.

Discussion of ordinance 54: Utilities: Specifically, Stormwater Utility

- 54:27,28,30 Rolly Bogert suggested to defer all to Stormwater to make decisions for changes in payment date and late fees.
- 54:28 Appeals section: Geri Monti recommended an annual Stormwater Utility review to allow residents to ask questions or dispute your charges. Put specific contact information on the bill.
- 54:28C Resident currently has 30 days to appeal their bills and there is a recommendation to change the times of payment and appeal by deferring to the Stormwater Utility board for review.
- 54:30 We don't have a fee schedule. Establishment of fee schedules need to go first to Stormwater Utility and then to the board.

Discussion of ordinance 56: Weeds: Jim Boylin had a discussion of a 4 acre parcel containing weeds. Zoned residential and taxed residential. Some grading has been done. With the rain, clay is coming into the resident's yard. Curt Peterson (County) visited the site and enforced hay bales and silt fencing. The resident has been sent several letters. The Quonset hut may be zoned agricultural. Agreement was made that the town can enforce this violation if needed. Rolly Bogert said he would go up to the site with Wally and use or rent whatever equipment is needed to cut and charge the resident. Check to see when the last time the resident was notified and if there was a deadline. Agreement was made to “just go do it”!!

Discussion of ordinance 58: Zoning: Leave it to the County and leave further discussion until later.

Going back to review and report on what was agreed upon to do at the last meeting:

Recommendations to the Town Board:

- ✓ **Environment:** 16:3 Sandy Thompson reported on review of excavation and grading after discussion with Tom Thompson, he saw no reason to change it based on what the County does. Leave the wording as “shall” and change nothing in this section.
- ✓ **Swimming Pools:** 10:127 & 128 Changes are in red or crossed out, modified by Sandy Thompson. Changes come from the County Health requirements and the Virginia Graham Baker act for drain compliance.

Motion made by Sandy Thompson that we propose recommended changes to the board based on the minutes from last month and this month. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion to adjourn and seconded.

Geri Monti thanked everyone very much!

Respectfully submitted by Rolly Bogert.