

Town of Onalaska
Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Rolly Bogert, Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson and Frank Fogel. Steve Michaels was excused. Clerk Melissa Erdman also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to approve June 9, 2015 town board meeting. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the bills and finance book with the amendment of Industrial Marketing to the Storm water utility for payment and to only pay the bid approved amount of the Lysaker bill. Resolution to amend the budget at next month's agenda. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Stefani Haar, W6872 Walden Place, Onalaska. States Birdd Properties purchased the church. Board still needs to address the North Court road for when Birdd Properties decides to take down his blockades. Speed tables were not to be addressed a month later from last month's agenda and they aren't even on this month's agenda. Wants to know who was requesting the bids for the speed tables as Mathy said they were told to bid them high. Board needs to consider concrete as well as asphalt tables.

Cheryl Paar, N5860 Pertzsch Drive, Onalaska. Also heard about Mathy being told to bid high. This needs to be addressed and soon.

Jaime Paugh, N5866 Walden Court, Onalaska. Speed tables still not addressed. Said she has sent emails and left phone messages with no response on North Court issue.

John Haese, N5415 Abbey Road, Onalaska. Submitted photos of the damaged road at the cul de sac. Asked that the town move the dead end sign on Abbey Road up to Voldens to allow trucks the opportunity to turn around before the cul de sac.

County Supervisor Report

Monica Kruse, Usually cannot attend as she chairs the Health and Human Services committee. The planning for the county is in good shape per the auditor. Wisconsin Mutual Insurance states that all things on their end look good. Internal controls wants the county to look fraud prevention. Town should look at this as well.

Hubert Hoffman, States the County was in debt by 59 million. County just approved to add 51 million in debt. The 100 million in debt is concerning. He was the only county supervisor to oppose. Conditional Use Permits will no longer have a say in the new draft for the county zoning ordinance. County also looking at lake district zoning changes. Peer educators are offering tours on Tuesdays in August.

Discussion on operator licenses. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve operator licenses for all but Scott Beranek, Rachel Beranek, Jessica Beranek and Julie Lysaker, as they were not properly completed. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Shop Foreman Report

Wally states the crew is doing road side mowing, put park equipment in Sandy Knolls, mowing parks, curbside chipping will take about 2 weeks, another piece of equipment to go into Strawberry commons. Add chips to the parks, assist with the culvert replacements.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes, Sec 19.85 (1) (g) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel to discuss litigation or potential litigation in which the town may be involved: to wit a cooperative boundary agreement with the Village of Holmen and the City of Onalaska. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to reconvene into open session. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to negotiate/continue to negotiate boundary agreements with the village of Holmen and the City of Onalaska. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on culvert projects. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Lukasz Lyzwa, General Engineering was present. They posted the request for proposals. Four companies pulled the specs. Only one applied. General Engineers recommendation is to accept the bid from Allen Steele Co of Lake Delton in the amount of \$469,214.80 for all four projects, weather permitting, will be done in October. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to accept the bid, move forward with these projects as soon as possible and to have General Engineering process the state loan paperwork. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks Committee

Discussion on committee recommendations on public informational meeting in regards to the deteriorating tennis courts in Apple Valley Park. No action.

Discussion on committee recommendation on the purchase of wood chips for town parks. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to purchase chips for the town parks. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on committee recommendation on request to place Holmen Community Center signs up in town parks. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to accept the recommendation for no Holmen Community Center signs to be put up in the town parks. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on committee recommendation on placement of equipment in Strawberry Park. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to place where the volleyball court was located. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Storm Water

Discussion on committee recommendation on action stemming from the June 18, 2015 special meeting regarding Nikolaos Stoufis, including but not limited to the Town Board that no discipline be imposed based on the evidence presented at the special meeting. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to accept the committee recommendation for no disciplinary action on Nikolaos Stoufis. 3 ayes, 1 abstained (Thompson). Motion carries.

Report on McCurdy and Apple Blossom projects.

Discussion on committee recommendation on purchasing a storm water vehicle. No action.

Discussion on County Storm water group membership. Defer to next month.

Refuse and Recycling

Discussion on committee recommendations on electing refuse and recycling committee members. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to accept the recommendations of Chair-Frank Fogel, Vice Chair-Stan Hauser and Secretary-Mary Rinehart. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on committee recommendation on going to single stream curbside recycling. No action.

Discussion on committee recommendation on sizes of carts for curbside refuse and recycling. No action.

Discussion on committee recommendation on ownership of curbside refuse and recycling carts. No action.

Discussion committee recommendation on effects of closing the large item drop off center to the current contract. No action.

Discussion on relocating Dead End sign at Abbey Road and Commerce Road. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to relocate the Dead End sign and no outlet sign at the beginning of Abbey near the Volden property at Abbey Road and Commerce Road. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to wit: the Town Clerk, Melissa Erdman. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to reconvene into open session. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to appoint Melissa Erdman to the Town Clerk/Secretary @ current salary and enroll in the state retirement. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 2 ayes (Thompson, Fogel) 2 nos (Hauser, Bogert) Motion fails. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to appoint Melissa Erdman to the Town Clerk/Secretary @ \$42,000 and pay into the state retirement. Roll call vote. 2 ayes (Hauser, Bogert) 2 nos (Thompson, Fogel). Motion fails. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to

appoint Melissa Erdman to Town Clerk @ \$43,500 and to enroll in the state retirement. . 2 ayes (Thompson, Fogel) 2 nos (Hauser, Bogert) Motion fails . Supervisor Thompson made a motion to defer to next month with a 5 member board so there is no tie. No second. Motion fails. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to appoint Melissa Erdman to Town Clerk/Secretary @ \$42,500 and enroll in the state retirement. Roll call vote. 1 no (Thompson) 3 ayes (Fogel, Hauser, Bogert). Motion carries.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis Stat. Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to wit: the Town Treasurer, Elisa Moss. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hauser made a motion to reconvene into open session. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to follow the current 3 year contract for the treasurer thru April 16, 2016 for a part time treasurer and a salary of \$18,000. Storm water bills to be sent out by the Storm water employee. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Supervisor Thompson referenced an email from Hilltopper about the metal bin being removed from the Town shop.

Supervisor Hauser gave the number of calls from the Holmen Fire Dept.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk