

Town of Onalaska
Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Steve Michaels and Frank Fogel. Clerk Melissa Erdman also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve July 14, 2015 town board meeting minutes. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the bills and finance book with the exclusion of Lysaker Well Drilling, Steiger Constructin and Tim Lysaker Well Drilling. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None

County Supervisor Report:

None

Discussion and possible action on operator licenses. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the operator license applications. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Shop Foreman Report

Wally states the crew took about 3 weeks to chip at curbside, they also cleaned up 12 trees at the Mosey Landing, put chips in the parks, roadside mowing, prepped Strawberry park for new equipment(finishing up this month), moved a climber in Strawberry, installing fire number signs, truck repairs to the Ford, Bobcat and front end loader, cleaning up the landfill of grass and trees, removed a dead tree in Asbury Cemetery, tree trimming for the school busses, prepping the snow plows for winter(board asked for a detailed request at next month's meeting), replacing No Parking signs at Apple Valley park, continue roadside mowing and street sweep where chip sealing has been completed. Board also asked to have stop signs placed at the intersections of Walden Acres.

Storm water Project Report

Nikolaos reports they have a couple of small items to finish up at the McCurdy Road project.

Apple Blossom will be the next project they will be starting.

Johnson Coulee is a new concern that needs to be addressed, followed by the Grey Hawk Inlet project and finally the Mohican Road culvert repair. Board asked if they were still on task to complete all projects this year. Nikolaos said they are.

Plan Commission

Discussion on Phase 2 of the Rivendell subdivision. No action.

Discussion on using MDROffers Consulting for Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Defer. No action.

Discussion on annual dues for Mary Rinehart for the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the annual dues of \$25 to the WMCA. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on well invoices for the Town of Onalaska Town Hall. Supervisor Hauser made a motion to pay the Tim Lysaker Well invoice for \$1260, Steiger Construction invoice for \$600 and the Lysaker Well Drilling invoice for \$836.95. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 1 no (Thompson) Motion carries.

Discussion on the resolution to borrow from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for town road culvert projects. The town board members received a copy of the check list, application and the resolution dated July 29, 2015 from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the resolution requesting a loan amount of \$519,821.30 for a 10 year term with the current interest rate of 3.25%. Supervisor Hauser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the resolution to amend the 2015 town budget. Board asked to have the resolution brought to the September board meeting with the funds needed to come from the unrestricted reserves account. No action.

Discussion on request from Supervisor Thompson to review the town's compensation package previously established by the town board for the town clerk. Defer.

Discussion on establishing a policy for resolving citizen's complaints relative to the Town's employees. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jake Speed, W6779 Kramer Road, Onalaska spoke against a supervisor taking on the responsibility of reviewing the complaints. Feels we should have an Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee should review because, he has a complaint including a town supervisor. Chairman Bogert said the town has an ethics committee and the policy they are discussing is for town employees. Not supervisors. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

All board members state they received calls in regards to the closing of the large item drop off.

The Clerk provided an agenda to the board in regards to the Town Of Holland possibly withdrawing from the Holmen Area Fire Department. Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hauser. Motion passed unanimously at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk