

Town of Onalaska  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Vice Chairman Stan Hauser called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson, Steve Michaels and Frank Fogel. Rolly Bogert was excused. Melissa Erdman, Town Clerk also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve town board meeting minutes for October 13, 2015 regular board meeting and October 13, 2015 special budget meeting. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the bills and finance book. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence to the Board/Public Comment:

Gerald Monti, N5432 County Road S, Onalaska, WI, read a letter into record.

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1. Sept.1, 2015 Storm Water Utility meeting minutes indicate that the utility did not generate the expenditure of funds for "Legal issues" as indicated in the Town of Onalaska storm water transaction detail by account, Under 50001 legal issues. Checking the agenda and minutes I find no mention of any action taken by the Storm Water Utility for legal issues. If this expenditure was authorized, by who and when?
2. March 3, 2015 Storm Water Utility meeting item 5. Public Comment: It is recorded that Town Supervisor Sandy Thompson, representing the people of the Town of Onalaska, read into the record complaints and other concerns of misuse and unacceptable MS4 permit application. I find no agenda item of the Town Board that authorizes Supervisor Thompson to represent the people of the Town at the March 3, 2015 Storm Water Utility meeting.
3. June 9, 2015 Town Board Meeting. Item 17 i. concerns authorization of MEDIATION OF COMPLAINT against storm water utility employee. The motion on this was for a formal hearing, which passed. There is no agenda item for discussion and action for a formal hearing at this meeting or future meetings.
4. If there are no agenda items for the expenses expended by the Town of Onalaska or Utility for "legal issues", as indicated in the, 8/27/15, 7/3-8/27 Transaction Detail by account, Why was this bill paid by the Town?
5. For reference only: SS 65.06 (1) (3) (11) and SS 946.12
6. Request that the above becomes part of the minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting of the Town of Onalaska Town Board meeting and that the above question be answered ASAP.

Gerald L Monti

N5432 Cty Rd S Onalaska, Wi

Good Afternoon,

The projects within the Town are moving along. The contractor just finished installing guardrails over on Sweden Coulee Road, Johnson Coulee Rd and Woodhollow Road, see attached pictures. Allen Steele is hoping to start the Dokkebakken project next week.

We just received the second pay request from the contractor and we are in the process of reviewing it. At this point all of the unit price items have averaged out to make the total project approximately the same as the project's bid amount. There is, however an issue with the work done by Mathy Construction (paving subcontractor). It's not that they did an inferior job, actually the opposite. The area they paved and the depth of pavement is more than what was called for and we had no say over their decisions. The problem is there is an increase in cost of project (approximately \$3500) due to the additional pavement placed. They are claiming that they had to use more hot mix to make the project areas look good and get it done the right way. We disagree. We called for the paving to follow the line of the existing road pavement, with the area between the edge of roadway and the culvert endwalls to be gravel. We are not denying the quality of their workmanship or the quantity of paving, but we are objecting to the lack of cooperation on their side (not following the plans and specs, and over-paving the areas without authorization from anyone).

We cannot recommend the extra without consulting with the Town on whether you believe you received sufficient benefit to match the extra cost and if you have the funds to cover the extra. Please view the two sites, Sweden and Johnson Coulee, and we will get back in touch with you in a few days. As always, let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you

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Gary Kately, W7611 County Road ZB, Onalaska, in regards to 11b on the agenda, he is ok with. Wants a referendum in regards to closing the large item drop off.

Marc Schultz, W8155 County Road ZB, agrees with Mr. Kately. Wanted the board to know they are seeing more garbage at the boat landings and at the conservation site. Also, feels the Storm water utility board needs clarification on who does what. Requests a group sit down this year yet.

County Supervisor Report:

None

Shop Foreman Report

Wally reports they have been:

1. Curbside Mowing
2. Brush pile is ready for Tree's Today to come and chip
3. Assisted Storm water with the Johnson Coulee project
4. Trucks are ready for winter
5. Cars were lined up for the large item today
6. Assisted NASA at the Mosey Landing, need to seed yet for erosion control
7. Roadside ditch mowing

Discussion of the merger of the storm water utility employment policy into the Town of Onalaska general employment policy to cover all town employees. Debra Welch, CPA from CliftonLarsonAllen addressed the board in regards to employment policies. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to request a general template from the attorney to start the merging of the town contracts. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on wage freeze for town crew. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to hold a closed session meeting with the shop employees before the end of November to discuss wages and benefits. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Fire Board

Discussion on Fire Board Agreement . Supervisor Thompson made a motion to authorize the town board members to sign the Fire Protection and Emergency Services Agreement of Holmen Area Fire Association. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Refuse and Recycling

Discussion on gates and signs for Town Shop's back yard drop off. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to order the signs appropriate for the back yard. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on referendum questions in regards to transition to curbside refuse and recycling carts. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the committee for the following referendum question "Will you approve \$180 per year for the cart system of Refuse and Recycling pick-up be billed as special assessment on the tax roll in place of current bag system?" with approval from the town attorney. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on referendum question in regards to increasing the cost of town garbage bags. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the committee for the following referendum question "Will you approve increasing the bag cost to \$2.00 per bag until transition to cart system?" Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on public informational meetings to be held prior to referendum voting. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the committee to post information at the 3 posting places, a publication notice where town bags are sold and to hold no less than 3 meetings, one in the am, one in the pm and one over a weekend. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on dealing with a shortfall of current recycle bins prior to changing to carts. No action.

#### Storm water

Report by Nikolaos Stoufis on the Johnson Coulee culvert project. Finished last week.

Discussion on Storm water Sweeper Hopper Retrofit. Defer to next month, need to look into more options, including assistance from Scott's Construction.

Discussion on Storm water ERU charge increases. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Marc Schultz states the

committee could use assistance with the accounting. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the floor. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Defer until after the books are cleaned up.

Discussion on 2016 Storm Water Budget. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to engage the services of Debra Welch, CliftonLarsonAllen, to move forward with the 2016 Budget. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a cooperative agreement to participate in the Urban Storm Water Group. Supervisor Michaels made a motion approve the recommendation of the committee to participate in the agreement. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the progress report of the 2016 storm water billings. No action.

Discussion on the resignation of the town mechanic, including but not limited to setting course of action for hiring a new town employee. Defer until the wages, benefits and employment policies have been addressed by the board.

Discussion on the town taking out a building permit for the Mosey Landing projects. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the building permit being taken out by the town. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on applying the cost of the curbside recycling onto 2015 tax bills. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to apply the 2014 curbside recycling onto the 2015 tax bills. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the hardness of the town well water. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to explore the filtration systems for the next board meeting. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the resolution to borrow from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for the purchase of the building. The town board members received a copy of the check list, application and the resolution dated October 16, 2015 from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution requesting a loan amount of \$100,000 for a 5 year term with the current interest rate of 3.00% to repay the Storm water utility for the purchase of the building. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a resolution to amend the 2015 town budget. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve resolution 2015-11-10-2 to amend the 2015 town budget. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the potential loan to repay the town for the purchase of the fire truck. Defer to future date.

Discussion on a request from Don Sobkowiak for a street light at the coerner of County Road S and Sobkowiak Road. Defer for additional input.

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk