

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2017

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Supervisors, Jerry Monti, Stan Hauser, Sandy Thompson and Frank Fogel. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017, and November 21, 2017 meetings by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the bills and finance book. Motion passed 4-1 (Thompson).

Discussion on budget amendment resolution 2017-12-12: Motion to approve budget resolution 2017-12-12 to move funds within the budget made by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

County Board Report: County Supervisor Vicky Burke congratulated the Town on the TEA Grant approval. Burke updated she has spoken with the County Highway Commissioner in regards to railroad crossing at County Z. The Commissioner indicated that issues with this crossing include the angle of the crossing to the road, expense and whether or not the railroad considers it a safety issue. Burke will continue to follow this concern.

Shop Report: Chairman Bogert reported that the newly hired employees did well plowing the first snow fall. The brush pile behind the shop is going down.

Discussion on repairs to Plow Truck Number 10: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to complete the repairs with Debauche. Motion passed unanimously.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Supervisor Hauser reported the Holmen Area Fire Department will finish 2017 in the black. Hauser gave call report from October 2017 showing medical calls as follows: Town of Holland 4, Town of Onalaska 8, Village of Holmen 43 and fire calls Town of Holland 2, Town of Onalaska 5 and Village of Holmen 16. Hauser and Bogert reported these numbers are consistent with past reports.

Discussion on approval of election workers for 2018: Motion to approve as presented by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on County Road Z speed limit: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti passed unanimously. Jolene Huiss W8327 Prairie Pine Lane addressed the board requesting the speed limit be lowered and speed bumps be installed on County Z east of Maple Drive where prior to the residential area continuing west past the Family Learning Center toward Lytle Road. Huiss questioned if the problem stems from an increase in population or if it is an enforcement problem.

Supervisor Thompson reported she also has concerns along this roadway as well. Fogel reported the Sheriff's Department had increased patrols over the summer and possibly needs to continue with increased patrolling. County Supervisor Burke will discuss this with Captain Horstman, Commissioner Chamberlin, and will look into possible automated speed controls including flashing speed limit signs. Motion by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti to close the floor, passed unanimously. Discussion on this item will continue at next meeting.

Discussion on street lighting energy usage, possible LED lamp conversions and incentives available to facilitate conversion: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti, passed unanimously. Chris Walkowicz of W 8348 North Shore Drove, volunteered to assist the board in review and selection of LED fixtures as he does LED retrofitting on a daily basis for municipalities. Xcel Energy is preparing a spreadsheet on all municipal street lights serviced by Xcel with the type and size of bulb in each fixture and will forward it to the Town. Supervisor Hauser will contact Riverland Energy to request a similar spreadsheet be prepared for streetlights services by Riverland Energy. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by supervisor Monti to close the floor passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to begin researching available incentives and to determine cost vs savings for possible street light conversions in our Town. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on formation of Brice Prairie Safety Committee for Walking and Biking on Brice Prairie: Resident who requested this item be added to the agenda was not present. County Supervisor Burke indicated when a county road is redone, walking/bike paths need to be installed at that time. Discussion concluded that this is related to the speed limit and traffic control issue previously discussed. Supervisor Thompson will research what the role and authority of a town constable could be, what steps are necessary to install one, and will send to the clerk prior to the January meeting.

Discussion on operator license applications for Nicolas Noe, Stephanie Urbick, and Dawn Kulcinski; Angry's Way Out: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on software presentation relating to shop work flow: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to open the floor, passed unanimously. Tristan Fink, 410 Losey Blvd, La Crosse, grandson of board member Jerry Monti, presented a cloud based Microsoft program called Project Tracker which is designed to aid in workflow management. A monthly subscription to the program would be necessary as well as each employee utilizing the program would do so using a phone app. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed unanimously. Motion for the clerk to proceed with research to check the cost of implementation of the program including the additional cell phones required and the applicable service fees for next month's meeting made by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed 3-2 (Hauser, Fogel).

Discussion on installation of walk up windows in town hall offices: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to approve the estimate of \$1,450 for the installation on walk up windows into the Treasurers and Clerks offices. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on clerk attendance of UW Green Bay 2018 Clerks and Treasures Institute, and WMCA District meetings, and 2018 WMCA Convention: Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to approve Mary Rinehart, Clerk to attend and cover expenses for the trainings listed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on scheduling of thank you social for town volunteers, staff and officials: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to schedule a Thank You appreciation and social for January 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM with a budget not to exceed \$300 and to post the event at the Town posting sites. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on adoption of amended Chapter 42 Solid Waste of the Code of Ordinances: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson to adopt the amended Chapter 42 Solid Waste of the Code of Ordinances. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Email from resident thanking the Town for implementing the garbage and recycling cart. Email from resident complimenting the Town for the Trees in Apple Valley Park. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the repairs at the Mosey Boat Landing.

Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Thompson passed unanimously at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart; Town Clerk.