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Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert; Supervisors Jerry Monti, Frank Fogel, Paula Przywojski and Stan Hauser. Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk and Kim Reibel, Deputy Clerk were also present.

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

Approve the minutes of October 9, October 25, and October 29, 2018. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve with any necessary corrections the minutes of October 9, October 25, and October 29, 2018 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Email from Sandy Thompson read expressing her opposition of charging a fee for fire protection. Email from Curt Greeno from Dynamic Recycling Innovation expressing support of speed limit changes on Brice Prairie.

Presentation by Ron Lichtie, Wisconsin DNR regarding metro unit hunting within La Crosse County: Presentation by Ron Lichtie of the DNR on changes to metro unit hunting due to the metro deer population. This will include an extended archery season, extra antlerless deer tags and an expanded region.

Presentation by Ron Chamberlain in regards to speed zones on La Crosse County roads within the Town of Onalaska: Presentation by Ron Chamberlain reviewing the County Roads on Brice Prairie that will be impacted by various speed limit changes pending County Board approval. Some areas will be increased, some decreased and some will remain the same. Motion made by Supervisor Fogel, seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Brian Tippetts, W7927 County Road ZB, Jolene Huiss, W8327 Prairie Pine Lane and Jim Burch, W8079 County Road Z, all spoke in opposition of raising the speed limit in Midway from 25 to 35 mph. Motion made by Supervisor Monti, seconded by Supervisor Hauser to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously. No action taken.

Presentation by Ron Chamberlain in regards to the Federal Process of Quality Based Selection relating to bridge design and reconstruction: Presentation by Ron Chamberlain reviewing the process of selection regarding the design and reconstruction of bridges.

County Board Report: County Supervisor Vicki Burke reported that La Crosse County passed their 2019 budget the previous night. It is set at \$34.9 million. This makes them capable of meeting their needs and still being mindful of the taxpayers.

Shop Report-Hank Fogel reviewed report submitted in board packets. This includes all truck repairs that have taken place in 2018 and that all summer equipment has been winterized and stored for the winter.

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Supervisor Hauser gave an update. Rolly has been named Board President after Steve Johnson resigned. Buck Manely has been appointed Chief. This will come with a \$12,000 a year raise effective January 1, 2019. Instead of an Assistant Chief they plan on having three

lead officers, one for each shift. Total calls for October were; Village of Holmen-61, Town of Holland-12, Town of Onalaska-9.

Approve the bills and finance book. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the bills and finance book. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on scheduling of and fund appropriation for volunteer and employee appreciation:

Motion made by Supervisor Przywojski, seconded by Supervisor Hauser to have Clerk plan a volunteer and staff appreciation party for after the first of the year, not to exceed \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on payroll timing change to begin January 2019: Clerk Rinehart explained how this is currently there is 12 hours from the time the pay period ends until it has to be submitted into the banking system for direct deposits to be credited to employee accounts by the Wednesday payday of the same week. Adjusting the timing will stop the necessity for payroll adjustments due to holiday banking schedules. Motion made by Supervisor Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Monti, to approve the payroll timing change to begin January 2019, seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on clearing out of old dumpsite (superfund site) building N8650 Sportsman Road,

Onalaska: Rolly spoke to Rundy Scrap Metal and Bob Carrier about coming in and disposing of scrap metal and stripping the inside. Supervisor Fogel would like to see a few more bids. Motion made by Supervisor Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to have Supervisor Fogel obtain more bids from competitors for clean-up of old dumpsite and present them at the next Board meeting so a decision can be made. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on charging a fee for fire protection beginning December 2018 within the Town of Onalaska to be billed yearly on the tax bill beginning with the 2019 billed payable- Jan 2020 tax bill:

Motion made by Supervisor Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Monti to begin charging a fire protection fee beginning on the December 2019 tax bill. The amount is to be determined. Motion made by Supervisor Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Monti to amend the previous motion to include the fee be based on calculating a mil rate based on value of property. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on short term borrowing for refuse and fire protection for 2019: Motion made by Supervisor Hauser, seconded by Supervisor Przywojski to approve the short term borrowing of \$386,376.31 plus applicable finance charges at the best available rate to balance the 2019 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Storm Water Utility

Discussion on 2019 Stormwater budget: Motion made by Supervisor Monti, seconded by Supervisor Fogel to as per committee recommendation, transfer \$93,400 from reserve (fund balance) and apply to the income (revenue) side to balance the 2019 storm water budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed unanimously at 8:21.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Reibel, Deputy Clerk