

Town Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

Chairman Rolly Bogert called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present were Chairman Rolly Bogert; Supervisors Jerry Monti, Frank Fogel and Stan Hauser. Paula Przywojski was excused. Sara Kessler, Deputy Town Clerk was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting with any necessary corrections was made by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. No corrections noted. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Jean Nagel accompanied by husband Craig Nagel, 1104 Hanson Road requested that they be allowed to speak to agenda item #23.

County Board Report: None

Holmen Area Fire Board Report: Supervisor Hauser provided call report numbers for January 2019. Of note is that the response time for non-staffed calls is 6;51 minutes vs. staffed call response time of 1.53 minutes. HAFD Chief Manley reported that the issue with the new quint fire truck is related to a throttle programming issue. Chief Manley also reported that the call volume is tracking at about 11% higher than this time last year.

Discussion on capping of wells at Superfund Cleanup Site (old dumpsite) on Sportsman Road: Steven Oseseck from Environmental Consultants presented information regarding capping of the wells. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to cap the wells at the Superfund Cleanup site (old dumpsite) on Sportsman Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sid Bateman recommended the closure of two unused bank accounts. Further action to be taken after the April, 2019 board meeting.

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

Discussion on scheduling of Town Board budget review meeting: Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. was agreed upon by all board members. (No vote taken)

Shop Report: No written report was submitted. Shop Lead Hank Fogel reported that sand bags were picked up and brought to the Town offices. Sand will be delivered to the Town Shop for residents to use to fill bags. Roadway drains were opened on Penney & Strawberry Lanes. Ongoing maintenance for all trucks in progress. The sweeper is also ready to go when it is time for road sweeping. With the snow melt there is 5" of standing water at Lawrence Place.

Discussion on hiring of full-time public works employee(s): Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to begin the hiring process for a full time Town crew employee using existing candidate lists as well as advertising on Indeed.com website and have candidate list ready for April 2019 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on truck 10 differential lock and hydraulic repairs: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to take the #10 truck to Universal for hydraulics and repaired and then take it to La Farge for inspection of rear end and differential. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on truck 00 hydraulic repairs: : Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to replace rusted handles where they connect to cables at Universal Repair. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on truck 30 rear tire purchase and sandblasting of rims: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to move tires between trucks 24 and 30 and to purchase new tires for truck 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on replacement of truck 30 rear tires onto truck 24 rear (chipper truck): Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to move tires between trucks 24 and 30 and to purchase new tires for truck 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on hydraulic repairs for truck 24 (belly scraper): Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to take truck 24 to Universal Repair for estimate and allow Chairman Bogert to authorize repairs if estimate is equal to or less than \$2,000.

Discussion on replacement of steer tires for truck 24 (chipper and backup plow truck): No action taken; want to wait until summer to evaluate budget.

Discussion on purchase of hardhats with attached face shields and hearing protection: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to purchase 4 hardhats with attached face shields and hearing protection. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on purchase of 10 first aid kits for each town vehicle, and town hall: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to purchase 10 first aid kits for use in each truck, town hall and town shop. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding policy development of town shop employees wearing of protective gear as assigned: no action taken

Discussion on La Crosse County speed limit adjustments on County Roads within the Town of Onalaska specific to the Brice Prairie and Midway areas: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed unanimously. Jolene Heise, W8327 Prairie Pine Lane, is concerned about the recent speed limit changes on Brice Prairie and Midway areas. She stated there were 795 calls in 2018 requiring a sheriff. She is concerned with the additional development of both residential and commercial properties that the traffic problem will only be getting worse. She stated that she has spoken with Ron Chamberlain at the County and the traffic survey that was done to support the speed limit changes was contracted out to a third party. She feels the type of traffic survey (laser

gun) was insufficient and the survey was executed prior to the large development of Dynamic Recycling as well as other larger residential developments began. It was also done during the off-season when less traffic is using the area's recreational amenities. Chamberlain told her that the Town could do their own survey but it would have to be paid for by the Town. She is asking the Board to enforce the speed limits to ensure safety. One primary concern of board members is having the ability to enforce the limits because the sheriff's department cannot always monitor one isolated area. Chairman Bogert brought up the concept of establishing a law enforcement department for the Town as we are the fourth largest populated Town in the state of Wisconsin. Supervisor Hauser offered to research funding options for a law enforcement staff. Motion to close the floor by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on complaint regarding possible ordinance violations along Hanson Road: Motion to open the floor by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously. Craig and Jean Nagel, 1104 Hanson Road, spoke about their ongoing concerns regarding a neighbor who is cutting trees and brush and leaving it on her property. It is noted that Nagel's live in the Village of Holmen but the neighbor lives in the Town of Onalaska. Jean stated that it is a safety hazard and provided photos to the board to show specific examples of where the brush and trees have been placed or are moving. Bogert re-stated that the board can only communicate regarding code violations on the town right of ways and ditches. Motion to close the floor by Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to contact the Town attorney to find out what the Town can do to help mediate the situation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding smoking policy development for smoking within 50 feet of Town buildings: No action taken.

Discussion on shoreline committee member suggestions: Four names were forwarded to approach for committee assignment.

Discussion on proposals for electrical upgrades to the Town Hall: Two bids were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Chairman Bogert to accept Klich Electric proposal with overrun of \$1500 if needed for exterior lights.

Discussion on cleaning of carpets at Town Hall: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to proceed with carpet cleaning of Town Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on pressure washing and window cleaning of Town Hall: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to move this to May agenda to evaluate budget at that time. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on clearing out of old dumpsite (superfund site) building N8650 Sportsman Road, Onalaska Discussion and possible action on disposal of green recycling dumpsters: Supervisor Fogel feels our town crew is not staffed to work on that project and would like to see it moved to 2020. Chairman Bogert said that selling the scrap metal on the site would be close to covering the costs to remove the remaining items. Supervisor Fogel asked if the Town could get a quote from Runde Scrapmetal. Other ideas discussed were to use the use the building as an emergency shelter when cleared and to use the mixer to make brine for winter road treatments. No action taken.

Discussion on disposal of green recycling dumpsters: The town received a bid of \$500 per each of three (\$1500 total) to remove them. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to check with Town attorney to determine if sale and receipt of funds is legal. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Park Committee

Discussion on vacating land dedicated to the Town for use as a playground as related to action of September 12, 2017 board meeting for Maple Shade playground: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to give parcel to Holmen School District. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Plan Commission

Discussion on recommendation from Plan Commission in regards to proposed La Crosse County zoning ordinance changes and possible effects on Town of Onalaska properties: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to postpone for 30 days. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation from Plan Commission in regards to City of Onalaska annexation of N5560 Abbey Road: No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on recommendation from Plan Commission in regards to Village of Holmen annexation of Lee Property along Keppel Road tax parcel 10-116-0: Motion by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the annexation of Lee Property along Keppel Road tax parcel 10-116-0 and request to the Village of Holmen to also annex Keppel Road when annexing the Lee property. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on making recommendation to La Crosse County regarding variance request relating to setback from side yard in regards to proposed addition to dwelling for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend to La Crosse County the variance request relating to setback from side yard in regards to proposed addition to dwelling for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on making recommendation to La Crosse County regarding variance request relating to setback from ordinary high-water mark for construction of shed for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0. Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend to La Crosse County the variance request relating to setback from ordinary high-water mark for construction of shed for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on making recommendation to La Crosse County regarding variance request to exceed limit of impervious soil due to building of a shed for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend to La Crosse County the variance request to exceed limit of impervious soil due to building of a shed for Robin Schmidt and Mike Bohn at W8009 County Road ZB Tax Parcel 10-1829-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on making recommendation to La Crosse County regarding variance request relating to exceeding the size limit for a detached accessory building for Andrew LeFebre W5616 County W, tax parcel 10-68-0: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to recommend to La Crosse County the variance request relating to exceeding the size limit for a detached

accessory building for Andrew LeFebre W5616 County W, tax parcel 10-68-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Storm Water Utility

Discussion on recommendation regarding completion of 2019 MS4 by General Engineering

Corporation: Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to have General Engineering Corporation complete the 2019 MS4. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommendation regarding flooding of County Roads on Brice Prairie: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to follow recommendations of Storm Water Utility to manage anticipated flooding of County Roads on Brice Prairie. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding recommendation on hiring of General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Lawrence Place and Eric Avenue: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to hire General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Lawrence Place and Eric Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding recommendation on purchase of high volume trash pump including inlet and discharge hoses: Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to purchase high volume trash pump including inlet and discharge hoses and to recommend to Storm Water Utility and April board agenda to purchase a utility trailer for the new pump. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Fogel; seconded by Supervisor Hauser passed unanimously at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by Sara Kessler, Deputy Town Clerk