

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**08/07/2012**

**Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 6:30 pm**

**ATTENDING:** Board Members: Keith Seward, Dean Streiff, Chris Narveson, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins, Pattie Salter and Dennis Nielson

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Maggie Wagoner, Library Director, Jane Martinson, Library Board President and Dale Hustad, Town Attorney

K. Seward called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Proof of Posting - Clerk-Treasurer Salter confirmed proper posting.
2. Approve 07/10/12 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes – D. Streiff moved approve the minutes as presented; J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: Maggie Wagoner, New Glarus Library Director introduced herself to the Town Board.
10. Library Funding Discussion – K. Seward noted that there were members of the Library Board present and suggested moving item 10 up on the agenda to accommodate Library Board Members. The agenda was amended without objection.
  - a. Appoint Liaison to work with the Library and Village Board on Possible Town Office in New Library – K. Seward reported that the Joint Negotiation committee had created a subcommittee to work through potential negotiation and funding issues associated with Town office space within the new library. The subcommittee will consist of members of the Library Board, Village Board and Town Board. K. Seward explained that the Town Board needs to appoint 2 members to the subcommittee and suggested that he and J. Hoesly be appointed. J. Hoesly declined the invitation stating that his wife is on the Capital Campaign Committee and was concerned that his involvement may be perceived as a conflict. He also expressed concern over a petition objecting library funding currently circulating by local businesses. D. Streiff volunteered to help with the committee if C. Narveson would serve as a backup member. Without objection, K. Seward and D. Streiff will serve on the subcommittee with C. Narveson as an alternate.
  - b. Follow up to Discussion with Key Library Capital Committee Members - K. Seward reported on the issue of using sinking fund dollars as a contribution with the idea that the town would receive reduced rental space upon completion of the new library. In order to use the funds in this manner, the board will need to get approval from the electorate at a special meeting. Without objection the special meeting of the electorate will be held in conjunction with the budget hearing on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Resolution 120807 Cooperative Agreement Between Green County and The Town of New Glarus to Provide Educational Efforts Regarding Clean Sweep: P. Salter reported that Cara Carper of Green County Extension has applied for a grant to implement a Clean Sweep program within Green County. The agreement states that there would not be a cost to the Town. The Town would agree to provide the information to our constituents and keep information at the office to hand out to residents requesting information. C. Narveson moved to approve the Clean Sweep program, J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
5. Consider Resolution Supporting Constitutional Amendment Corporations Are Not People & Money is Not Speech: C. Narveson read an article in support of the resolution. He expressed concern that big money and corporations could threaten the original intent of the constitution.

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Narveson proposed adopting the resolution then adding a referendum question to the ballot for the fall election to gauge electorate interest. If successful, the resolution could be used to send a message to State and Federal representatives. D. Streiff suggested the idea had merit, but thought it may receive better attention if the Wisconsin Towns Association were to support similar legislation at Capital Days.

In response to Narveson's Frac mining example from last month, K. Seward handed out information on Frac mining showing that Green County is not in danger of dealing with corporations' interest in Frac mining. In addition, Seward noted several items of opinion written into the resolution that he felt were not true. He referred to examples found on Wikipedia to support his claim. Seward suggested that before the topic is voted on that the board debate the issue at a later date. No action taken.

6. Patrolman's Report:

- a. Hoesly Pond Shared Mowing Expense – Without objection, K. Seward will contact the Village and offer to provide the manpower if the Village rented the equipment.
- b. Road Maintenance Update – Eddie Klitzke has completed the work. Vierbicher will be out to inspect the work and will issue a payment request upon approval of the project.
- c. Recreational Trail Crossing Signs – The Town has one site on Valley View that would require two signs. It appears that there may be some grant money available for the signs. D. Nielson will follow up on this.
- d. Bridge Maintenance Report – D. Nielson reported that several recommended maintenance items on this year's bridge inspection were completed last year. D. Nielson will report the work to the bridge reviewer.
- e. Handheld Radio Request – D. Nielson requested two hand held radios to create better communication with Green County's emergency dispatch. Nelson reported that General Communications has a special discount for purchasing two radios. The cost to purchase radios is approximately \$500 for two or \$300 for one radio. Without objection, Nielson can purchase two hand held radios. If the radios are more than \$500, Nielson will need to come back to the board for approval.

J. Hoesly asked if D. Nielson had done any work to improve visibility on Exeter Crossing Road. Nielson reported that he installed signs with bigger reflectors. P. Salter noted that Alliant Energy had sent information on Solar lighting options. Without objection, a discussion item for solar lights will be added to next month's agenda.

7. Finance Committee Report:

- a. Accounts Receivable Aging List - \$72 was billed in July and \$84 has been billed so far in August. There are three outstanding invoices, 2 For D. Smith Appraisal for \$12 each and one in the amount of \$25 billed to Dennis Fazel for property record research. Mr. Fazel feels the fee is too high and asked that the board review the fee schedule.
- b. Review and Payment of Driveway Refund – None submitted
- c. Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation – D. Streiff confirmed that the July bank accounts balance.
- d. Approval and Payment of Bills – D. Streiff moved to approve July checks 16750-16758, D. Streiff noted that check number 16754 was a voided check for a payroll misprint, R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

D. Streiff moved to approve August checks 16759-16779 & ACH 04704, 14074, 16779, 74223 & 92508 C. Narveson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

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- e. Consider Fee for Property Search Requests - Mr. Fazel feels the fee is too high and asked that the board review the fee schedule. Without objection the Clerk will contact him and let him know that he will need to pay the bill or come before the board and state his case.
8. Clerk-Treasurer Report:
- a. Correspondence
    - i. Duane Pope Street Light Payment Request – Mr. Pope is requesting to have the electricity bill of approximately \$27.69 per month transferred to the Town for future payments. Without objection, the Clerk will write a letter stating that our past practice has been not to pay for subdivision lighting.
    - ii. New Glarus Public Library Update – P. Salter noted that the monthly library reports for June and July are in the packets.
    - iii. Rural Mutual Insurance Company Update – Salter explained that Rural Mutual had sent a letter congratulating Roger Mulkuch and Craig Kamholz merged their agencies and formed JMB Insurance Group LLC on July 1, 2012.
  - b. Deputy Clerk/Plan Administrator Update – P. Salter reported that we have received 12 resumes for the position. Keith and Pattie have scheduled to meet with the top three applicants tomorrow.
  - c. Noxious Weed Ordinance – Without objection, the issue will be added to the next agenda. Clerk Salter will remind board members to review sample ordinance prior to next month's meeting.
  - d. Troxler Tree – P. Salter reported that she ordered a Sienna Glen Maple from Winterland Nursery for \$200. The tree will have an approximately 2 ½" diameter trunk and will be about 8' tall. We still need to settle on a date for the dedication and decide if the tree should be planted prior to the dedication. Without objection, P. Salter will coordinate the planting with the school. P. Salter will contact Craig Jon McMann to see if he would be willing to say a few words.
9. Chairman's Report – No report this month.
10. Library Funding Discussion  
Without objection moved up on agenda.
11. Plan Commission Report
- a. Review of Comprehensive Plan Revision Recommendations with Possible Action – K. Seward reported that the public hearing for the Cooperative Boundary agreement is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> followed by a Joint Negotiation Committee meeting.
12. Set Next Town Board Meeting – The next meeting was set for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items should include, Noxious Weed Ordinance and solar lighting options.
13. Closed Session per §19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations – D. Streiff moved to go into closed session, R. Elkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried. The board excused D. Nielson and P. Salter. Remaining board recessed into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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14. Return to Public Session –R. Elkins moved to return to open session, J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried. Returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.
15. Action on Closed Session – No action taken.
16. Adjourn: Discussion ended at 8:27 p.m. J. Hoesly moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Narveson. Motion carried.

Patricia I. Salter, Town Clerk-Treasurer