

MINUTES
06/09/2015
Town Board Minutes

ATTENDING: Board Members: Chris Narveson, Dean Streiff, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins, Pattie Salter and Dennis Nielson. Susan Crum was absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: Patrick McGowan, Architect and Kevin Budsberg, NG Library

C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Proof of Posting: P. Salter confirmed proper posting.
- 2) Approve Town Board Minutes:
 - a) 05/12/15 Board of Review: D. Streiff moved to approve the minutes as presented, R. Elkins 2nd. Motion carried.
 - b) 05/12/2015 Regular Town Board Meeting: J. Hoesly moved to approve the minutes as presented, D. Streiff 2nd. Motion Carried.
 - c) 05/26/2015 Town Board Meeting: R. Elkins moved to approve the minutes as presented, J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion Carried.
- 3) Patrolman's Report:
 - a) Consider Road Discontinuations: D. Nielson presented the board with an updated list of roads he would recommend discontinuing. D. Streiff was opposed to discontinuing all the single service roads just because we had problems with one road. Streiff noted that the single purpose roads have been in our inventory since the early 1950's. He did not oppose discontinuing Morris Lane since the plow cannot safely maintain it. He especially disagreed with discontinuing roads where residents paid to bring their driveways up to town specifications prior to the Town accepting them as town roads.

M. Hazelbaker explained that in the 1970's Wisconsin Towns Association encouraged towns all over the state to add long driveways to their road inventories with the hope of increasing their road aids, which never happened. He noted that the cost to maintain these single use roads are much more than the aids we get. Hazelbaker noted that both Wisconsin Town's Association and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation now suggest that it doesn't make economic sense to keep those single purpose roads on your inventory. He went on to say that if you do carry the single access roads, they should be held to Town road standards. Hazelbaker noted that he is counsel for Springfield in Dane County where they have offered residents a choice of bringing their drives up to town standards or let the town discontinue them. Only one resident chose to bring their drive up to the town standards. M. Hazelbaker suggested using Springfield as a model for the policy. Carolyn Hacker is the contact there. Hazelbaker also suggested inviting the affected landowners to a special meeting and offer the property owner the option of upgrading their driveways to a mid-standard quality or take it back.

Without objection, M. Hazelbaker will provide information to the board on how other communities have handled this issue and then report back at our next meeting.

Without objection, item 8 will be moved up on the agenda for attorney review.

- 8) Consider Expansion/Remodel Project Recommendation: C. Narveson reported the project came in over budget by approximately \$100,000. P. McGowan discussed options for bringing the project in closer to our budget, he reported that we probably couldn't get the project done for our original \$150,000. C. Narveson suggested rejecting all the bids and rebid the project. M. Hazelbaker did not think we needed a performance bond. He suggested have a \$500 liquidated damages clause which would replace the bid bond and would eliminate some of the fly-by-night contractors while allowing more local builders an opportunity to bid on the project.

C. Narveson asked if it made sense to build the addition on the west side of the building which would take care of the water flow.

J. Hoesly moved to reject all bids, R. Elkins 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Without objection, architect will come back with an alternative plan at a special meeting to be held June 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.

- 4) New Glarus Village Library Board Appearance: Kevin Budsberg of the New Glarus Library Board was present and updated the Town Board on recent developments at the Library. The Village Board has approved the Glarner Park site. There is also renewed commitment for borrowing. The Library Board will be meeting with the Architects to translate the plans from the Hwy 39 site to the Glarner Park site. The New Glarus Library Capital Committee is now focusing on fundraising 2x the difference in operating costs for two years. K. Budsberg also noted that they have been searching a website called Dsire for energy grants that may be available in our area. The committee is hoping to have a plan within 8 weeks. The School District is planning to replace the ballpark.
- 5) Consider Steve Zuber, Ashdon Builders CSM: C. Narveson reported that the Plan Commission reviewed and approved the Zuber neighbor exchange CSM, with the provision that the property will not transfer until land contract is completed. J. Hoesly moved to approve the Zuber neighbor exchange as recommended by the Plan Commission. D. Steiff 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Public Comments: D. Nielson reported that road damage has occurred on Edelweiss road due to the use of heavy farm equipment. He and Susan reviewed the damage and took pictures today. S. McCallum drafted a letter to the land owner for board review. Without objection the discussion will be revisited next month.
- 7) Consider Board of Review Resolution: P. Salter reported that she and S. Crum reviewed Board of Review Ordinance samples and drafted a resolution for consideration. The Town Board reviewed the draft and D. Streiff moved to go forward with adopting the board of review resolution, J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion carried. Clerk will publish the notice as set up a Public Hearing for our July meeting.
- 8) Consider Expansion/Remodel Project Recommendation: Handled earlier in the meeting.
- 9) Finance Committee Report:
 - a) Accounts Receivable Aging List: \$1,041 was billed in May. \$24 was billed so far in June. There are currently \$0 outstanding receivables.
 - b) Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation: D. Streiff reported that the May accounts balance.
 - c) Payment of Bills: D. Streiff moved to approve checks 18050-18079 and ACH payments as presented. R. Elkins 2nd. Motion carried.
- 10) Clerk-Treasurer Report:
 - a) Correspondence:
 - i) Upcoming Local Government Programs Handout
 - b) Green County Agreement for Delinquent Special Assessments and Charges – M. Hazelbaker did not feel this was advantages. Without objection, M. Hazelbaker will talk with the Green County Treasurer and report back. No action taken.
 - c) Consider Master Academy Scholarship – without objection P. Salter can attend.
- 11) Chairman's Report:

Discuss Parks Sinking Fund: P. Salter reported that when the Park's Sinking Funds were established there was a requirement to review the funding mechanism in 2015. Without objection the topic will forwarded to the Parks Commission for a plan.
- 12) Parks Report: Distributed.
- 13) Plan Commission Report: Distributed.

- 14) Schedule Next Board Meeting: Special Town Board meeting was scheduled for 6/23. Regular Town Board meeting was scheduled for July 14 at 7 p.m.
- 15) Adjourn: J. Hoesly moved to adjourn at 7:49, 2nd by R. Elkins. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.