

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Town Hall – 26 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New Glarus**  
**October 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDING:** Board Members: Chris Narveson, Dean Streiff, Susan Crum, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins, and Pattie Salter. Ron Roesslein (7:24)

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Kristy Mueller, Josh Wescott, John Eglsaer, Heidi River, Matt Ingham, Sean Karlen and Laura Durst, Deb Carey, John Ott, Judith Blank, and Rob Ready

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

- 1) **Proof of Posting:** Clerk/Treasurer Salter attested to proper proof of posting.
- 2) **Approve Town Board Minutes:**
  - a) 9/13/2016 Howden CSM Public Hearing: D. Streiff moved to approve the minutes as presented S. Crum 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - b) 9/13/2016 Regular Town Board: No Action Taken – Will review at 10/25 meeting

Without Objection, Chairman Narveson moved budget discussion up on the agenda to accommodate guests.

- 3) **Review Survey/Open House Mailer:** J. Hoesly moved to approve the postcard mailing, D. Streiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. C. Narveson asked if the open house invitation could be added to this mailer. S. Crum felt an invitation should be sent separately. S. Crum noted that she will not be back until October 31.
- 4) **Engineers Report/Pioneer Road Progress:**
  - a) Progress Report – No Action
  - b) Dahlk Road Update – No Action
- 5) **Budget Discussion:**
  - a) Consider Fire Budget – John Ott presented the 2017 Fire Budget of \$60,219.55 which includes the 2% fire dues that are reimbursed to the Town. He also noted that the Fire Department plans to build a \$300,000+ addition to the Fire Station. They are fundraising for all but \$100,000 and will need \$36,500 from the Town of New Glarus made in 2 payments. The first payment of \$18,250 will be due in the Fall of 2017 and the balance will be due in the Spring of 2018. John also wanted let us know that they plan to purchase their next truck in 2019 or 2020. S. Crum moved to approve the Fire Budget as presented. D. Streiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - b) Consider EMS Budget
    - i) Consider R. Ready Letter – R. Ready was given 5 minutes to introduce his letter.
    - ii) D. Carey spoke on behalf of the EMS. Service has been great. Training has been provided for brewery staff. EMS is important not only to homeowners but business owners and visitors to the community.

S. Crum noted that the letter is very strong and asked R. Ready what inadequacies he felt there were. Mr. Ready felt the shortcomings were operational. He would like to see Town representation on the EMS Board. He also felt there should be some consolidation in services and resources.

J. Ott spoke to the history of the separation of the EMS and Fire District. S. Crum asked why there was such a strained relationship between the EMS and Fire. In the past the Fire Department staffed firemen.

Heidi River, spoke to the question of can the Town of New Glarus have representation on the EMS Board. They went from a 7 member board to a 5 member board. The municipalities would need to approach the EMS Board to help define how to establish a board with representation. Annual meeting is held in November. They are trying to develop a letter to the municipalities to get input. 2 community members and 2 EMT's and 1 that could be either or.

Jason noted that the EMS Budget is before the Town, not the representation on the Board. They have displayed an interest to serve the community. They began dialog back in May to try to incorporate local opinions.

Deb Carey noted from a business owner, she loves it when a 3 year contract because it locks in the prices.

C. Narveson spoke in favor of the EMS. He felt we were getting a bargain.

S. Crum would like to see more local S. Crum moved to accept the EMS Budget as presented. D. Streiff 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried.

- c) Set Health Insurance Rate – S. Crum moved to set the rate at 83%, J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- d) Consider Income Continuation Resolution – J. Hoesly moved to opt-in to Income Continuation, S. Crum 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.
- e) Consider Additional/Supplemental Life and Family Coverage Resolution R. Elkins and D. Streiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.
- f) Review Budget to Actual Report - Report distributed.
- g) Consider 2017 Performance Rates
- h) Consider 2017 Purchases
  - i) Clerk-Treasurer PC and Additional Monitor - Susan will get a quote and present it at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - ii) Photocopier - Lease vs. Purchase - Susan will get a quote and present it at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - iii) New High Speed Laser Printer/Scanner - Susan will get a quote and present it at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - iv) ~~Wireless~~-Projector
  - v) Networking / Server - Susan will get a quote and present it at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - vi) Technical Support - No action taken.
  - vii) Tablets - No action taken
  - viii) I-Compass and/or Google Government - No action taken
  - ix) Tractor - Lease vs. Purchase - C. Narveson reported that he and R. Roesslein had discussed how to make our money work better for us. Ron suggested getting a fairly good sized skid loader. Would like to try one before we buy one. J. Hoesly moved to allow R. Roesslein to rent a skid loader to see if he can replace the Mower with a skid loader. S. Crum 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - x) Telephone Stipend – Revisit next meeting Ron will provide a copy of their cell phone bill.
  - ~~xi) Mower \$15,000~~
- 6) **Public Comments:** The New Glarus Brewery purchased the stockyards which now makes the Town Garage a blighted area.
- 7) **Parks Report:**
  - a) Consider Resolution to close Parks/Town Hall Sinking Fund and add G/L Line Item for Town Hall Beautification. R. Elkins moved to approve the resolution. J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - b) Consider Bee Club Request to Hold Meetings at NG Town Hall – No action taken.
- 8) **Plan Commission:** No report
- 9) **Utility Subcommittee Report:** No report.
- 10) **Finance Committee Report:**
  - a) Accounts Receivable Aging List: \$742.61 is a past due personal property bill.
  - b) Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation: August Statements and reconciliation were distributed.
  - c) Approval and Payment of Bills: D. Streiff moved to approve checks 18613-18642 ACH as presented. J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 11) **Clerk-Treasurer Report:**
  - a) Correspondence: No report.
- 12) **Chairman's Report:**
  - a) CAFO and Large Development Effects Committee: No Action.
  - b) Report of WTA Green County Meeting: No Action .
  - c) New Business:
    - i) Community Service Projects/Rehabilitation – No Action.

- 13) **Schedule Next Board Meeting**: November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Add parking lot and conference room rental to agenda.
- 14) **Adjourn**: D. Streiff moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.