

Town Board Meeting April 12, 2011

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm following the Annual Meeting. All board members were present as well as Township Attorney Dick Heitman.

The Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to all Board members.

Agenda was adjusted to hear the rezoning recommendation from the Plan Commission at this time. Raven and Sam Granger appeared before the Board to request that their 2.32 acres located at W5728 CTH D be rezoned from Exclusive Ag to Ag A to be in compliance with La Crosse County zoning regulations. Motion to approve the recommendation by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The minutes from the March 1st meeting and were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns: No concerns brought before the Board.

The letter of resignation submitted by Paul Hanson was read to Board members. A motion was made by Mulder to accept the resignation, seconded by Kirchner.

The Board discussed the steps necessary to complete the hiring process in a timely yet fair and equitable manner. Attorney Heitman cautioned that since Paul had indicated a desire to return to work for the Township in his letter of resignation, it would be very important that the hiring process be completed in such a way that in no manner could it appear that the position was being held for him. Under the rules of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), a newly retired employee cannot work for an employer who contributes to the WRS for at least 30 days after starting to receive his WRS retirement benefits. The Board determined that a before the position could be advertised a job description must be in place. A special meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 18th at 7:45pm to write the job description. Chairman Hesse shared the job application form used by the County for filling positions of this type. This application was reviewed, corrections and additions were made. Final version to be completed at the special meeting. When the job description is completed, the position will be posted on the website and in the newspaper. Attorney Heitman reminded the Board that during the interview process there could be no discrimination for age, marital status, race, religion, etc. The Board discussed requiring a CDL and township residency, no decision made at this time, however, employment history and driving records would be reviewed. It was also determined that the interviews would be completed in closed sessions if being conducted by the members of the Town Board.

Board members reviewed the 2010 Census Count which put the population for our Township at 2,061 and agreed that the increased number was accurate, they will not appeal the conclusion of the Census.

Open Book and Board of Review were scheduled for Monday, May 9th with Open Book from 3 – 6pm and Board of Review 7 – 9pm.

The Operator License application for Joshua McBride was reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the application, seconded by Mulder.

It was determined that Chairman Hesse and Dennis Konze would attend the La Crosse County Disposal System Annual meeting scheduled for May 4th.

The following Board members plan to attend the New and Continuing Town Officials Workshop on May 10 in Tomah: Mike Hesse, Steve Kirchner, Dirk Mulder and Betty Sacia.

Roads:

- Glen Cain reported that township roads have held up good through the winter. And that he will be taking the weight limitation signs down soon.
- Culverts are being replaced on County Rd EE by La Crosse County Highway Dept.
- Chairman Hess stated that he had provided pictures of the breakdown of Anderson Road to Allied, who had done the resurfacing on that road last summer.
- The Board reviewed the price list from Kraemer Co. for 2011 and approved it.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #580538 through 580547, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks # 18085 through 18130. Seconded by Mulder.

Fire Department checks were reviewed. Kirchner approved checks #3957 through 3959, seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder at 10:40 pm.