

Town Board Meeting December 4, 2012

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:50pm following the Public Hearing and Town Meeting of the Electors. Board members present: Mike Hesse, Dirk Mulder, Arlan Pfaff and Betty Sacia. Absent: Steve Kirchner

The minutes from the November Town Board meeting were read. Motion made by Mulder to approve the minutes with three corrections, seconded by Hesse.

Public Concerns:

- Both the Town Hall janitor position and Township Building Inspector job openings have been posted in three places in the township and on the webpage.
- Chairman Hesse has been informed of a fencing issue that may need to be addressed in the Spring. It involves township property located in an area that allowed access to property in Trempealeau County due to low water during 2012.
- Doyle Gates inquired about the process for completing a deed restriction of part of his property.

The Board considered the recommendation from the Township Plan Commission to approve rezoning 3% of Randy Lockington's 50 acres to Rural Residential to allow a construction of a second farm home on his property. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the rezoning of a 1.5 acre parcel to Rural Residential on which the house and all residential utilities must be located, waiving the Town of Farmington lot size restriction of 2 acres. He further noted that the entire parcel is 10 acres so 1.5 acres Rural residential and 8.5 acres exclusive Ag. Also, the entire 50 acres must be deed restricted until such time as we amend our comprehensive plan. Seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Doyle Gates appeared before the Board seeking approval of a Condition Use Permit to allow his daughter and son-in-law to build a residence on part of his property. This comes to the town board recommended by our Town Plan Commission. Motion made by Hesse to approve Conditional Use Permit to construct a residence on property owned by parents (Doyle/Shirley Gates) at N7546 County Road M. Permit is contingent upon a deed restriction on an additional 35 acres owned by the Gates'. Seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Town Board reviewed the budget as approved at Town Meeting held prior to this meeting. Motion to adopt budget made by Hesse, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Motion made by Hesse to adopt Township levy of \$269,330.00. Seconded by Mulder, motion passed.

Roads:

- MSHA training to be held January 29th in La Crosse at WTC. Cain and Christianson will attend.
- Board was informed that the State Highway Dept is considering a proposal to make some changes in State and County Highways in our township. Under discussion is changing County Hwy C from Hwy 16 to Burr Oak to State Hwy 108 and the current State Hwy 108 to a County Highway probably with a scenic highway designation. Board members felt the change would have a negative impact on our township and therefore were not in agreement with the consideration. Leon Pfaff, County Board member, was present and will report input from our meeting to the County Highway Committee.

Solid Waste: Bruce Swenson continues to work on the refurbishing at the township refuse/recycle drop off site.

Caucus date set for: January 8th at 7:30 pm in the town hall. With the January Board meeting to follow.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Hesse to approve receipts #235544 through #235547, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Hesse to approve township checks #18726 through #18754 and EFT's. And the Fire Department checks 4047 through 4049. Seconded by Mulder

Motion to adjourn by Mulder, seconded by Hesse at 9:00pm.