

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2015**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisor George Franklin, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, and Clerk Bridgit Larsen. Building Inspector Bob Fahey and Constable Eric Larsen were absent. Plan Commission Chair, Alvin Francis and Rock County Conservationist Tom Sweeney attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Attorney David O'Leary, Rock County, District Attorney, introduced himself and stated he was in attendance to let the Board know he will be running for circuit court judge. O'Leary is a graduate of Marquette University and practiced with his father, Harry O'Leary.

O'Leary recently hired Mason Braunschweig, an Evansville resident. O'Leary stated he is very familiar with the area and the Town of Union. He was born and raised in Janesville. Ken Forbeck is currently the circuit court judge but has under gone a heart replacement and his health is questionable.

O'Leary mentioned criminal work piles up quickly and the County needs three fully functioning courts, therefore he is running. O'Leary said he likes being the DA but does not like politics. However, he is looking to help communities and see what success he can bring to the position.

Clerk's minutes (February 5, 2015)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015, meeting made by Schneider. Gruebling stated he would not second the motion because he had edits that needed to be made to February's minutes.

Gruebling specified that in paragraph two under the Recycling Center Update that *employee* will need to be added to the sentence, "no employee dogs allowed policy at the Recycling Center."

Gruebling's second correction was from paragraph ten in the Road/Snowplowing Report. Gruebling stated the word *isn't* (is not) versus *is* will need to be correctly added. The sentence will then properly read, "why Union isn't using sand?"

Supervisor Franklin suggested that the name of the property owner be added into paragraph 13 under the Road/Snowplowing Report. The paragraph referenced a situation in which the property owner failed to plow the right-of-way resulting in the school bus becoming stranded. Supervisor Franklin thought adding the property owner name will prove important to have in the meeting minutes if they are referenced in the future.

Schneider said the individual's name was not used during the February meeting. Gruebling stated the name cannot be added to the minutes because it was not mentioned in the meeting.

Motion made by Schneider to approve the minutes with the noted edits. Gruebling second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of February 2015:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,486.48
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	366,307.48
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	3,375.15
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	21,112.97
Escrow Accounts:		
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.04

Constable's report

Clerk Larsen stated on behalf of Constable Larsen that there was no activity during February to report.

Building Inspector's report

Inspector Fahey being able to join the meeting later gave the following report.

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	New Home ? =Y	Construction Cost	Permit Fee \$	Inspector's Fee Due	
4-Feb-2015	15-1-B		Adams Elect/ Phil Woodworth	6726 N Weary Rd	Generator install			\$120.00	\$110.00	
5-Feb-2015	15-2-B		IQ Elect/Janice Miller	4905 Walker St	Elect service, other wiring		\$3,975.00	\$120.00	\$110.00	
23-Feb-2015	15-3-B		Jim Crans	6904 N Old 92	15 x 24 Lean too for horses		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	
							Totals	\$ 9,475.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		3	\$ 9,475.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 355.00	
FEBRUARY 2015 TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		3	\$ 9,475.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	

Recycling Center Update

Jerry said there are summer projects coming up that he and Josh handle. Jerry would like to discuss the aluminum can storage issue in the future. Gruebling asked is it is worth the money to improve the area if the aluminum turn-in rate results in less than \$400 profit. Schneider stated this question can be placed on a future agenda.

Road Work/Snowplowing

Wiser mentioned that the State bid contract for salt mix will need to be signed and returned by March 20, 2015. Schneider asked what other communities are going in on the contract. Wiser said Union is it's own contract bid, separate from Footville. Schneider stated Union should error on the side of going over so we have enough material ordered.

Wiser stated the numbers that he has are from the tickets that he's used for material and is confident they are right. Wiser is at 150 tons of material used and Ellen, of Footville Trucking, is at 160 tons. Wiser said we could go higher than 160 tons since there is an opportunity to take a high reserve early. Gruebling asked Wiser if 175 tons sounded too high. Schneider said he thought a 160 tons sounded like a heavy season price.

Wiser restated he is confident of his numbers because he has the material tickets and he thinks 150 ton has been used and is enough for the November 2015-April 2016 season.

Schneider thinks we need to sign at 160. Supervisor Franklin made motion that the contract be submitted at 160 tons. Gruebling second. Motion carried. Wisner suggested not buying reserve amounts, that we take the 20% over the contract that is offered.

Supervisor Franklin motioned to amend the motion. Franklin made an amended motion that the contract be signed for 20% reserve ordered. Gruebling second. Motion carried.

Gruebling thinks there are currently too many chips on the road. Schneider asked if Gruebling received calls. Gruebling said he has not but feels there will be repercussions based on past year experience. Gruebling feels the melt this weekend will make an impact.

Gruebling inquired whether we could rent a sweeper. Wisner confirmed Union can and has in the past.

Gruebling restated there are a lot of chips on the roads. Wisner explained that chips are used to melt the ice and need to be put down but in order to move the chips along and have them dissolve completely you have to have a snow fall on top of them and we haven't had enough snow to get on top of the chips.

Wisner stated Town of Center will be posting their roads. Suggested Town of Union get involved in the advertisement along with Town of Porter to save money. The Chairman in Center is discussing with Porter. Schneider agreed Union should sign on to advertise roads with them.

Action Item: Accept application for operator's license for employee Audra Bair, Evansville Spirits

Schneider asked Larsen is applicant was approved. Larsen stated there was a clean criminal record for applicant. Schneider made motion to approve. Gruebling second. Unanimous voice vote.

Action Item: Authorize advertisement of Wayne Disch Park mowing contract for 2015 season.

Gruebling recalled the contract being two years. Gruebling asked if Union could extend the contract without a vote. Gruebling made a motion to extend the Wayne Disch Park mowing contract with John Morning for one additional year, if 2014's contract was not a two year contract so that the two park mowing contracts are then equal in contract length; that being the Wayne Disch Park and the Francis Addition Park if agreeable with current contract holder, John Morning. Schneider second. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Action Item: Authorize menu and expenditure for Town's Meeting at Creekside Place March 19, 2015.

Schneider talked to Phil Hamilton and the number is about 35 to attend. Phil suggested sandwiches. This is a Thursday night meeting. Schneider suggested getting a Subway Sub. Gruebling inquired if Creekside suggested a vendor. Schneider said they have vendors they work with but it can get expensive. Gruebling asked if we were going to spend about \$300 total. Gruebling said that's only \$3/head. The vendor from Creekside was \$200 according to Schneider. Gruebling suggested pizza.

Gruebling made a motion to authorize \$100 for meal. Schneider second. Supervisor Franklin stated that Treasurer Franklin priced Arby's for beef sandwiches. Gruebling suggested chips and a drink. Schneider offered to get desserts together from home as did Gruebling.

Schneider said the Board may need to meet before the April meeting to sign checks since we won't meet until April 23 due to the election. Schneider stated he will be gone on May 29 - June 9, 2015. Gruebling suggested having a meeting at the end of March to pay bills. Schneider suggested paying bills March 26 during P&Z meeting.

Action Item: Review and accept recommended ordinance revisions of Land Division and Zoning Chapters 16 & 17 from Planning & Zoning Commission and adopt said revisions by June 4, 2015.

Schneider asked Francis what he had for changes and Sweeney presented the edits in Chapter 17. Schneider asked for the new zone verbiage. Francis said the new zone is from 3 acres to 10 to encourage agriculture.

Schneider asked we had copies. Larsen stated they do not have new copies of 17 and asked Larsen for copies. Larsen will distribute new copies to Board members.

Francis stated the fee schedule for the animals is similar to other townships.

Sweeney said that under DATCP you cannot charge more than \$1K for applications of animal husbandry for farms with less than 500 animal units.

Schneider asked how the DNR gets involved with this process. Sweeney's witnessed some cases were they have refused to sign off on projects. We need it in our ordinance as an earmark to DNR that they cannot control a case if it is not in your ordinance.

Sweeney said Town Board needs to have a *public hearing* changes to ordinance to accept the chapters. Schneider suggested the March meeting of P&Z to have the edits reviewed and Town Board public hearing could take place on March 26 for the Chapters followed by a regular Town Meeting. Gruebling suggested the March 26 meeting be a public hearing and board meeting. Schneider second. Motion carried.

Schneider suggested a having a later May meeting. Skip June and reconvene in July. Treasurer Franklin suggested we meet in May when P&Z meets.

Action Item: Authorize attendance of both road patrolmen at the UW-Extension's Highway Workshop on Blacktop in Sun Prairie, March 12, 2015.

Schneider asked Wisner what the focus of the workshop was. Wisner said it is asphalt road maintenance and that Larsen can register both he and Perry Jorgenson. Schneider made motion to approve. Gruebling second.

Pay Bills

Gruebling made a motion to pay bills. Schneider second. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schneider. Second by Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.