

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

Minutes for January 3, 2008

The Town of Union Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Eager Free Public Library, 39 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI by Chairman Kendall Schneider. Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2007 Board Meeting were reviewed. Don Krajeck moved to approve as written. Second by George Franklin. Minutes of December 6, 2007 approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Franklin, Treasurer, reported balances as of December 31, 2007 as follows:

Local Government Investment Pool General Fund	\$ 1,066.83
Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 11,996.14
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$1,331,573.19
Of which \$50,000 is Contingency Fund	
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 15,000.00
Leedlemill Bridge Certificate of Deposit	\$ 16,887.20
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 1,721.17
Morning Ridge Stub Road Certificate of Deposit	\$ 18,129.38
Escrow Accounts:	
Conifer Hills 3 rd Addition	\$ 3,190.00
Prairie Homes LLC	\$ 2,000.00
Affholder	\$ 4,000.00
Jeff Trumpy	\$ 2,000.00

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey was not in attendance; Chairman Schneider reviewed the report for the Board.

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description
26-Dec-2007		6-20-5	Hatlen Bros. Farms	12826 W Hwy 59	Zoning change request

Constable's Report

Constable Kim Gruebling reported a call from the Rock County Sheriff's Department for 2 dogs on Territorial Road, Supervisor Franklin authorized a Humane Society hold. Additionally, one dog was reported on Cain Road, and one on Porter Road; the Township may be liable for Humane Society costs associated with those calls.

Brush Report

Chairman Schneider reported receiving a call regarding brush overhanging on the corner of Pleasant Prairie and Emery Roads, on the north west corner. Visibility around the corner was compromised by the brush. Supervisor Franklin will check on the situation and address appropriately.

Public Comment: 3 minutes max per issue

Opened at 7:13 pm

Supervisor Franklin reported receiving a call from Cindy Brzezinski, owner of Birchwood Mobile Home Park, who stated that the park currently has one trailer whose owner has moved out and taxes are due, she wanted to know how to proceed? Chairman Schneider stated that it is the responsibility of the park to remove the trailer, and the park must continue to pay lot rent until the trailer is moved or otherwise dealt with.

Sharon Franklin and Regina Ylvisaker have been working with River Title to resolve issues related to deeds filed during the Territorial Road reconstruction and incorrect legal descriptions attached to the deeds. Rock County Real Property needs copies of engineering maps from the project to compare to the legals, in order to advise Clerk Ylvisaker how to proceed in rectifying the problems with the deeds. Chairman Schneider will locate the maps for and give to Clerk Ylvisaker for delivery to Real Property.

Doug Lee stated that the snow plowing quality has been poor in his area of the Township, wondering if the Board has had any complaints from other citizens? Chairman Schneider has had several citizens call with mailboxes knocked over by plows, as well as other plowing concerns. The Board is reviewing the Rock County Road Maintenance contract.

Closed at 7:20 pm.

Wind Turbine Study Committee Status Update

Jim Bembinster reported that the Committee is expecting to receive the last two responses to questionnaires today. The next scheduled meeting is January 12, at 7:30 am, at the Village Square Restaurant. A public hearing will be scheduled for review and adoption of the ordinance, at both the Plan Commission and Town Board levels. The Committee is on schedule at this point in time, plan to be done by August.

Review and approval of 2008 Annual Maintenance Agreement with Rock County Department of Public Works with Town Attorney input

The Board reviewed the letter from attorney Bryan Kleinmaier regarding the 2008 Annual Maintenance Agreement with the Rock County Department of Public Works. The Board must make a decision by July 1, 2008, if they intend not to renew the agreement. Supervisor Franklin feels that eventually the Town will end up with its own plow, and currently there are several citizens who know how to plow. The sooner the Town begins doing its own plowing the better off it would be, with training employees, etc. Chairman Schneider spoke with some citizens who felt it was time for the Town to have its own snowplowing operation, and two plows may be in order to have a backup. Schneider stated that it was especially obvious this year that if the Town had its own plows it could have kept the roads in better condition with more prompt attention than the County provided. There are many issues to address, including buying equipment, employees, insurance, truck/salt storage, etc. The Board agreed that the issue should be on the agenda for further discussion.

Regarding Old 92, Chairman Schneider shared with the Board emails between himself and Ben Coopman from Rock County Public Works. Regarding the loads of asphalt given to the City of Evansville, Schneider has spoken to Rock County and they stated that the Town would have to bill the City directly for the asphalt; Schneider is still waiting for numbers from the County on amounts/costs so a bill can be prepared.

Motion to approve 2008 Annual Maintenance Agreement with Rock County Department of Public Works made by Chairman Schneider, second by Supervisor Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

*Town of Union Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007*

Review of 2008 Meeting Schedule

The Town Board meeting scheduled for July 3, 2008 was changed to July 10, 2008.

The Town Attorney is open to meeting with all Board members to review the Cavalier Village situation; Chairman Schneider will schedule a date and time and the meeting will be noticed if needed.

Regarding the vacancy at the Recycling Center: Clerk Ylvisaker will place an ad in the Review.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chairman Schneider, second by Supervisor Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Bills were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Regina Ylvisaker, Clerk*

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