

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING Minutes for March 6, 2008

The Town of Union Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Eager Free Public Library, 39 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI by Chairman Kendall Schneider. Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, and Clerk Regina Ylvisaker were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's Minutes (February 7, 2008 Board Meeting)

The minutes of the February 7, 2008 Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting made by Don Krajeck. Second by George Franklin. Minutes from February 7, 2008, 2008 approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Franklin, Treasurer, reported balances as of February 28, 2008 as follows:

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| Local Government Investment Pool General Fund | \$ 1,077.42 |
| Park and Recreation Fund | \$ 12,115.27 |
| UB&T Money Market Sweep Account | \$ 93,722.33 |
| 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 |
| Robert Janes | \$ 4,000.00 |

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Treasurer Sharon Franklin asked the Board if they would like the funds set aside for the property reevaluation to be listed as a line item on the Treasurer's report; the Board agreed that they would like the funds listed separately.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported issuing 2 permits.

| Parcel # | Name | Address | Description | Construction Cost | Permit Fee | Inspector's Fee Due |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 6-20-25 | Magee Const/Paul George | 11215 N Hwy 14 | Kitchen remodel | \$18,000.00 | \$230.00 | \$220.00 |
| 6-20-370.73 | Lindsey Mc Donnell | 13065 W Woodworth Dr | Basement remodel & Deck | \$43,000.00 | \$180.00 | \$165.00 |

Constable's Report

Constable Kim Gruebling has been on vacation; Board had nothing to report.

Brush Report

Nothing to report.

Public Comment: 3 minutes max per issue

Jerry Krueger asked the Board if, now that there was a female employee working at the Recycling Center, if it would be appropriate to obtain a port-a-john for the Center. He also asked if the Town should schedule a roadside trash pickup date in April, as has been customary in the past. Both items will be added to the agenda for the April meeting.

Alvin Francis stated that Tom Davis had contacted several Plan Commission members about water problems in his driveway from the gravel pit located on North East Union Road. Francis, George Franklin, Marty Johnson and Eric Larsen went to look at the problem. Francis stated that he spoke to the Frank Brothers who operate the gravel pit and they stated they would address the problem to the best of their ability, but could only do so much until spring. Franklin stated he did a little work to the driveway area and felt that it helped correct the problem for the time being.

Krajeck brought up the letter to the editor which was published in a recent issue of the Review, addressing snowplowing concerns the Town has had this winter. It was Krajeck's opinion that the letter writer made derogatory comments about former Rock County employees, while extolling the virtues of current employees. He felt it was important to note in reading the letter that the author is married to a current Rock County employee who is responsible for road maintenance in the Town of Union.

Wind Turbine Study Committee Status Update; Board Review of Plan Commission Request to Release Attorney Letter to Large Wind Energy Committee Members.

Jim Bembinster stated that the process had stalled following the receipt of the letter in question from Attorney Dregne, and the Committee now needs to know if they can review the letter and if they can work directly with the attorney to address the questions raised in the letter. Krajeck stated that Attorney Dregne advised the Board that it is their decision to release the letter, and it was his (Krajeck's) own opinion that the letter should be released, to address the questions from Attorney Dregne. The Plan Commission received copies of the letter. Franklin agreed with Krajeck that the letter should be released. Motion to release letter from Attorney Dregne to Town of Union Board dated February 25, 2008 to the members of the Wind Turbine Study Committee made by Don Krajeck. Second by George Franklin. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Krajeck distributed 5 copies of the letter to Bembinster for distribution to the Committee members.

Kendall Schneider discussed the wind energy bill currently in the state senate. He had attended several hearings regarding the bill during the last week. Rick Stadelman from the Wisconsin Towns Association advised that the Town pass the ordinance it has been working on despite the bill in the senate.

Francis stated that he felt that the draft ordinance should not be reviewed by legal counsel until after a public hearing has been held; it was his understanding that the original procedure stated such. Additionally, he felt that a public hearing should have been held at the February Plan Commission meeting but Co-Chair Doug Zweizig did not want a public hearing until after legal counsel review. Bembinster felt that it was not appropriate to have a public hearing on something that would likely be revised by legal counsel before being finalized.

Bembinster suggested that the Committee be authorized by the Board to meet with the attorney for a set amount of time (i.e. 2 hours, 4 hours) and that at the end of the meeting the ordinance would be in final form and all questions would be addressed and resolved. Conversely, the Town could go ahead with the draft ordinance as it is now with no further changes as suggested by Attorney Dregne. Krajeck felt that the comments and concerns of Attorney Dregne must be addressed; Bembinster stated that Tom Alisankus will review the letter and make appropriate changes to the ordinance, and bring the draft back to the Plan Commission for further review.

Goodwill Sand for Town Resident Safety

Schneider reviewed the recent incident with Town resident Mel Janes attempting to procure sand from the County shed on Highway 14 for use on his driveway and receiving a ticket from the County for doing so. The ticket was later dismissed by the County. After speaking with a number of other towns who provide residents with sand if needed for safety, he felt that the Town of Union should have its own supply beginning with the winter of 2008-2009. The Refuse & Recycling Center is a possible location for the sand; Krueger stated that an area could be blocked off with concrete blocks to locate the sand. If the sand is mixed with salt it can be left uncovered and will not freeze.

The Board agreed to plan to have sand available for residents use for the winter of 2008-2009.

Pollworker Wages

The current hourly wage of \$6.50 for pollworkers was brought up, with the question of whether the wage should be increased to be more in line with other towns/villages/cities and to acknowledge the skills and knowledge required of the pollworkers and election inspectors. The budget for 2008 has been set, which includes budgeting for election wages. It was decided that the issue would be addressed again when budgeting for 2009.

Board Review of Committee and Commission Appointments Expiring April 2008

Schneider reported that Plan Commission member Rich Templeton does not wish to continue serving on the Plan Commission when his term expires in April; Dave Pestor's term on the Board of Adjustment will expire in April and he had indicated that he would like to move to the Plan Commission. The appointment of new members to fill expired terms will be on the agenda for the April Town Board meeting and Schneider would like suggestions for other possible members. Francis stated that Doug Lee is interested in being on the Plan Commission; Doug Lee was in attendance and confirmed his interest. Schneider will confirm with Mike Exum what his intentions are regarding continuing on the Plan Commission, Lee could fill his spot if Exum decides to resign. Lee stated that he feels representation of ag land usage will be lost with Templeton leaving the Plan Commission, and that this representation is needed. Members of the Parks Committee also have terms expiring; Schneider will see if they will serve another term.

Evansville-Union Implementation Committee Update

Krajeck reported that at the last meeting the Evansville Police Department and Evansville EMS voiced concerns, including ambulance service, financial problems, and lack of insurance coverage (Medicaid/Medicare) for some runs. They stated that they are happy to attend Board meetings and provide updates, figures, info, etc.

Operator License Approval – Trish Kelm, Geneo's Red Barn

Motion to approve operator's license for Trish Kelm, at Geneo's Red Barn made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Chairman Schneider, second by Supervisor Krajeck, 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.

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