

TOWN OF UNION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of Thursday, January 8, 2009

The Town of Union Board monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2009 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, Clerk Regina Yvisaker, Building Inspector Bob Fahey, and Constable Kim Gruebling were also in attendance.

Clerk's minutes (December 4, 2008)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 Board meeting as written made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Franklin presented the treasurer's report, balances as of December 31, 2008.

Local Government Investment Pool General Fund	\$ 0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,338.69
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$1,313,152.13
Of Which \$0 is Contingency Fund, And \$5,000 is Re-Valuation Fund	
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 10,000.00
Leedlemill Bridge Certificate of Deposit	\$ 17,543.72
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 2,015.01
Morning Ridge Stub Road Certificate of Deposit	\$ 19,113.64
Escrow Accounts:	
Robert Janes/Bakers Crossing	\$ 813.77

Constable's Report

Constable Kim Gruebling reported receiving three calls. One dog from N. Franklin Road was picked up by the Humane Society; one dog reported at the Union Tavern was picked up by the Humane Society; and one dog on N. 6th Street was running at large, and was not picked up by the Humane Society.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey presented the report. Fahey reported the year-end totals for 2008: 56 total building and driveway permits issued; 5 new homes built; total construction costs \$1,694,548.90

Date	Permit #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost	Permit Fee	Inspector's Fee Due
12/5/08	08-48-B	Joe Kowal & PJ Barne	7811 Territorial Rd	Remodeling	\$7,650.00	\$60.00	\$55.00
12/8/08	08-8-D	John L Schneider	15542 W Francis Rd	Driveway		\$400.00	\$80.00

Discussion: Snowplowing Issues

There have been a number of calls and complaints about snowplowing thus far this year.

Terry Matt, 13932 W. Hill Drive, Stoneridge subdivision: Has issues with timeliness and quality of snowplowing. He does not live on a cul-de-sac, although he is near one and has spoken to some people who do live on the cul-de-sac and they have complaints as well. Matt is located in Stoneridge 1. He has noticed that the quality of the plowing has improved during season, however the timeliness has not. Following the first large snowstorm of the season, his road was not plowed out until the following afternoon. People were getting stuck in the streets. The mailman struggled delivering, and asked that Matt attend the meeting to help his situation out. Schneider explained that there are new drivers this year

on the route that plows Union, and one new driver started the day of the first large snow. Rock County has a snowplowing policy that is online and can be accessed by the public; it states that driver coverage may be sparse on the weekends and if the snow total is less than a certain amount, roads will not get plowed until Monday. Schneider suggested that those with issues keep track of dates, and specific issues related to snowplowing. Matt stated that he drove around during the snows, and it seemed that Stoneridge was the last area to get plowed. Gruebling stated that he had problems last year, and he's still having problems this year. Schneider has spoken to Rock County; they assured him that the plowing would get done. Schneider stressed that citizens should always call and/or email any problems to the Town Chairman and/or Town Clerk for documentation and follow up. Tammy Pomplun asked where the issue of the Town having its own plowing equipment was at; Schneider stated that it is still an issue being discussed. The Evansville/Union implementation Committee is talking about the issue as well. Thus far, it has not seemed more affordable to have Evansville do the plowing in some areas of the Town. The issue is still on the table, with one possibility being purchasing a truck large enough to just do subdivisions.

Discussion: Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) Ordinance

Schneider has asked that this agenda item be included. He has spoken to a Town resident who would like to be able to drive to the country club using a NEV. However, the State will not approve NEV ordinances which allow people to cross State highways, which would be the case for this individual. The City of Evansville has approved an NEV ordinance, along with many other communities throughout the state. Sample ordinances were distributed for review. NEVs are not allowed on any roads with a speed limit over 35 mph. The issue will be investigated further and discussed again in the future.

Board Action: Review of Town Engineer's Report on Travis Trace Road; Town Acceptance of Road and Termination of Letters of Credit

Documentation was received from Ron Combs detailing the invoices related to the road which had been paid. The Rohloffs stated that there are no outstanding bills that they know of; one check written to the construction company has been lost but was replaced. A stop payment was put on the check that was lost. As far as they know, the seeding etc. has been completed. Schneider reviewed the letter regarding the road from the Town Engineer, recommending that the Town accept the new road and terminate the letters of credit for the third addition roadway and the previous phase road repairs.

Given engineers report, and the fact that all bills related to the construction of the road appear to be paid in full, Schneider suggested taking over the road as a Town road. Don Krajeck asked who has been plowing the snow; Rock County.

Schneider reported that he turned in a report to the DOT in December regarding how many new feet of road has been added to the Town's total road mileage as a result of the third addition in December.

Motion to approve Travis Trace Road, given that the conditions for acceptance have all been met, and termination of the letters of credit for Travis Trace made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin.

Roll call vote: Kendall Schneider – Yes; George Franklin – Yes; Don Krajeck – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Delores Rohloff requested a letter from Town stating their approval of the road. Clerk Ylvisaker will draft, Schneider will sign. Ylvisaker expressed concern about having not received the deed for parkland in Conifer Hills; Rohloffs were of the opinion that the deed had been executed and they would work on obtaining a copy of it.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Resolution No. 2009-01, A Resolution By The Town Board Of The Town Of Union Outlining A Public Participation Plan For Amending The Comprehensive Plan

Attorney Matt Dregne drafted the Resolution during the November Plan Commission meeting, and it outlines the Plan Commission's intentions regarding the process for amending the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-01, A Resolution By The Town Board Of The Town Of Union Outlining A Public Participation Plan For Amending The Comprehensive Plan made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Resolution No 2009-02, A Resolution To Forego A Treasurer's Bond

Ylvisaker explained that the previous Ordinance 2001-05 Exemption From Tax Collector's Bond ss. 70.67 (2) expired at the end of the Treasurer's term in April 2003. Krajeck is uncomfortable with leaving the Town open to such a large liability by foregoing the bond.

Motion to table action until further information is obtained regarding possible existing insurance coverage related to the Treasurer made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Sharon Franklin noted that Union Bank and Trust recently informed her that they would no longer accept checks made out to "Sharon Franklin, Treasurer" or "Rock County" or "Sharon Franklin" or "State of Wisconsin." All checks must be made out to **Town of Union**. Checks received with the incorrect payee will be returned to the payer for correction.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Humane Society Contract

Schneider reported that the Town of Porter has issues with the cat language in the contract, as well as the per capita fees. They are working with the Humane Society on the issue. We should wait and review the contract again following the outcome of the issue.

Motion to table the approval of the Humane Society contract until the next meeting made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recycling Center Update

A new heater has been purchased for the shed. Jerry Krueger reported that he plans to do some painting in the spring. Krueger noted that the new contractor for snowplowing forgot to come out for the first snowfall, but did arrive, just late. They are coming out in the middle of the week to clear the driveway for garbage trucks. Scrap metal prices have gone down significantly, can't get aluminum cans picked up due to the low scrap price.

Public Comment

Tammy Pomplun requested that Ylvisaker discuss who had submitted nomination papers for the positions up for election in April, and the candidates outline their history in their position.

Ylvisaker stated that all current incumbents filed nomination papers for the positions of Town Chairman, Town Supervisor 1 & 2, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, and Town Constable. No additional candidates filed papers.

- Sharon Franklin has been in her current position of Treasurer since August 1993.
- Kendall Schneider was Town Supervisor from April 1997 until the passing of Town Chairman Wayne Disch in December 1998, at which time he was appointed to the position of Town Chairman and has served in that capacity since.
- George Franklin was Constable in the 1990s, prior to being elected Supervisor in 2001. He served on the Planning & Zoning Committee prior to that. He also served as weed commissioner.
- Don Krajeck was elected Town Supervisor in 2003, replacing Ray Weigand.
- Kim Gruebling was elected Constable in April 2003.
- Regina Ylvisaker was appointed to the position of Town Clerk in July 2007.

Alvin Francis reported that the dredging of Lake Leota is fully underway, and the contractor is working 24 hours a day on the job.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Kendall Schneider, second by George Franklin. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Regina Ylvisaker, Clerk*

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