

TOWN OF UNION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2009

The Town of Union Board monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 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 Ylvisaker, and Building Inspector Bob Fahey were in attendance. Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis and Plan Commission members Doug Lee and Dave Pestor were also in attendance. Constable Kim Gruebling was not in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (February 5, 2009)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 monthly board meeting as written made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of February 28, 2009:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$ 0
Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,357.69
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$ 11,851.98
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
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Franklin reported that the Leedle Mill Bridge CD will mature April 2, 2009. Kendall Schneider reported that he received a WTA notice that Federal stimulus dollars are available for towns for bridges over 20 feet, and Leedle Mill would qualify. Schneider will talk with Ben Coopman about logistics, and whether any work on the bridge is feasible. He believes he should have an answer before the CD matures, however it was agreed that the best course of action would be to renew the CD for 6 months, as the funds would then be available once any work would likely commence on the bridge.

Constable's Report

Constable Kim Gruebling was not in attendance, but reported via email that there were no calls to report.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported issuing 4 permits during the month of February:

Date	Permit #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost	Permit Fee	Inspector's Fee
24-Jan-2009	09-2-B	Weed Canfield	15213 W East Union Rd	Addition/remodeling to home	\$30,000.00	\$230.00	\$220.00
14-Feb-2009	09-3-B	Oscar Bjugstad	6215 N Hwy M	Demolition of Barn		\$60.00	\$55.00
16-Feb-2009	09-4-B	Ray Hendrickson/ Kool View Sun Rooms	10413 N Harold Dr	Sun Room addition	\$42,461.00	\$230.00	\$220.00
25-Feb-2009	09-5-B	Doug & Victoria Johnson	8733 N Cemetery Rd	Kitchen remodel	\$6,500.00	\$120.00	\$110.00

Board Action: Citizen Request to Change Name of “Dunphy Road” to “George Lane”

Motion to remove item from table to continue discussion made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jeanne Dunphy-Schoenenberger, as well as other Dunphy family members, was in attendance to voice their opposition to the road name change, citing costs, inconvenience to residents living on the road, and the length of time the road had held the name. Suggested naming a new road in the town George Lane or Paul George Lane. Schneider gave a brief history of the request, and acknowledged that there are costs and inconveniences involved in changing a road name.

Motion to leave name of Dunphy Road unchanged made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Humane Society Contract

Rock County WTA recommended signing the contract, striking the cat language, and returning it. Krajeck brought up the issue of the \$15 charge to the Town whether the animal is picked up or not by their owners; however everyone was in agreement that the Town could establish and maintain a facility to house stray animals for the costs paid to the Humane Society.

Motion to sign the Rock County Humane Society contract as recommended by the Rock County WTA sub committee, including striking all cat language, made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Authorization for Town Engineer to work with the City of Evansville Engineer to coordinate land use and zoning maps to facilitate reconciliation of land use differences

Krajeck explained that the request originated from an Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee discussion. He spoke with Greg Hofmeister, Town Engineer, who suggested using an overlay to create the desired outcome using designs such as hatch marks, bubbles, etc. No ideas on cost at this time. Bob Janes stated that part of goal is so that pieces in extraterritorial districts are colored the same on both Town and City maps to avoid confusion.

Motion to authorize the Town Engineer to work with the City of Evansville Engineer to coordinate land use and zoning maps to facilitate reconciliation of land use differences, with a cost cap of \$300, made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

It was clarified that if costs exceeded the \$300 cap, the request to exceed the amount would need to come before the Board again for justification and approval.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Proposal from City of Evansville requesting landowner cooperation in implementing erosion control measures for the Allen Creek watershed to help protect Lake Leota

Krajeck explained that the City wants to improve the stream banks to help prevent the lake from filling back in following the restoration work. Franklin felt that problems in the past stemmed from animals on the land along the streams, and as there are no animals in those areas now there shouldn't be issues any more. Krajeck recommended taking no action at this time until more information is received from the City. Agreed by all.

Board Action: Review of current practice regarding Town Attorney attendance at Plan Commission meetings, and establishment of guidelines for Attorney attendance.

Schneider provided some background information about the issue, explaining that the Plan Commission has been reviewing the Comp Plan and the Town Attorney has been attending all meetings. The Board is unsure of the need for the attorney to attend these meetings. Franklin would like the Plan Commission to review the Comp Plan on its own and make recommendations, and then have the attorney look over their recommendations and make any changes or suggestions. Alvin Francis agrees that the attorney does not need to be at all the meetings. Bob Janes believes he should be on an invite only basis, and items for him to look at should be at the beginning of the meeting. It was clarified that the attorney is paid for travel time as well as meeting time, including meeting preparation.

Francis requested clarification from the Board regarding what types of issues the attorney should be reviewing. Schneider suggested final comp plan review, perhaps land divisions if they appear to be potentially difficult or problems are anticipated. It was noted that any issues the Plan Commission does not feel comfortable addressing without attorney review and input may be tabled until the next meeting and attorney review requested.

Motion that the Town Attorney will not regularly attend Plan Commission meetings unless invited by the Board, specifically by the Town Chairman, made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Cavalier Village Status Update

Schneider reviewed recent discussions with attorneys Kleinmaier (Town) and Riley (Cavalier). No significant action has been taken since the last update; waiting for Kleinmaier to draft a letter to Riley to respond to the most current concerns from Cavalier.

Recycling Center Update

Driveway needs some work, as does Green Bay Road.

Scheduling of March Parks & Trails Committee Meeting

The Plan Commission had recommended at their February 26 meeting that a meeting be scheduled to address some issues brought up in the review of the Comp Plan. Schneider hopes to meet the 3rd or 4th week of March, on a Tuesday. He has not yet had a chance to talk to any of the committee members.

Public Comment

Bob Janes expressed concerns that a new culvert on Territorial Road near M was half filled in last year, has since filled in more and as a result water is running over the road. He does not believe the culvert is crushed, just filled in with gravel. Schneider made note and stated he will have it taken care of. Additionally, Janes stated that there have been at least 3 accidents which he believes have been due to the culvert in Marty Johnson's driveway being filled in, causing water to run across the road and freeze during the winter months. This too will be addressed by Schneider.

Doug Lee inquired if, regarding brush issues, the Board has done anything about changing their ordinance to make it more enforceable? Lee doesn't want Board members taking care of overgrown brush on their own time and expense for landowners who are not taking care of their property. Schneider explained that the State changed their laws to make the Town responsible for the brush in the right-of-ways; however there is still brush outside of the right-of-ways that is causing vision problems. The issue will be on the next Board meeting agenda for further discussion.

Pay Bills

There being no further issues to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Kendall Schneider, second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm and bills were approved for payment.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Regina Ylvisaker, Clerk*

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