

TOWN OF UNION

Monthly Board Meeting

Minutes of January 7, 2010

The Town of Union Monthly Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Eager Free Public Library, 39 W. Main St., Evansville, WI. In attendance were Chairman Schneider, Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, Building Inspector Bob Fahey, and Constable Kim Gruebling. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (December 3, 2009)

Regarding the process for approving Attorney attendance at Plan Commission meetings as recommended by Plan Commission and approved at the December 3 Board meeting, George Franklin does not agree with the automatic attendance of legal counsel at Plan Commission meetings at which applications for new land divisions, conditional use permits, etc. are on the agenda. Believes consideration of attorney attendance should be on a case-by-case basis across the board, whether a new application or renewal.

Correction: strike "Second by Eric Larsen" from process. Motion to approve as corrected made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of December 31, 2009:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,398.13
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	1,504,781.37
Of Which \$0 is Contingency Fund, And \$5,000 is Re-Valuation Fund		
UB&T Checking Account	\$	10,000.00
Leedlemill Bridge CD	\$	18,050.54
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	1,836.99
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	19,739.88
Escrow Accounts:		
Robert Janes/Bakers Crossing	\$	813.77

Franklin reported the Leedle Mill Bridge CD matured on 12/23/2009, and it was reinvested. Clerk Regina Ylvisaker reported receiving \$27,084.52 from the City of Evansville for annexation penalty and ag use penalty fees from 2007-2009.

Constable's report

Constable Kim Gruebling reported receiving no calls during the month of December.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported a total of 43 driveway and building permits issued during 2009, and total construction costs of \$1,273,296.00. Permits issued during December are as listed:

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost	Permit Fee
11.29.09	09-41-B	6-20-370.3	Robert & Mary Flaherty	7636 N Morning Meadow Ln	Bathroom remodel	\$10,000.00	\$120.00
12.19.09			Caviler Village Inspection	10808 N Hwy 14	Zoning Inspection		

Cavalier Village Status Report/Board Action**

Motion to table agenda items 6 (Cavalier Village Status Report/Board Action) and 7 (Phelps Pit CUP Status Report/Board Action) until legal counsel is present made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Phelps Pit CUP Status Report/Board Action**

Tabled.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Revised 2010 Purchase of Services Agreement from Rock County Humane Society

A revised agreement was received from the Humane Society, with the following revisions:

1. The time of remittance for each municipality has been increased from 15 days to 45 days.
2. RCHS will call the municipality for pre-approval before accepting stray animals when the number being picked up or dropped off at the shelter is greater than five at one occurrence.
3. A separate listing of each stray animal's address of origin will be provided to the municipality with the monthly invoice.
4. An expense "cap" for each municipality will be honored and will be based on a per capita fee of \$1.50 per estimated 2008 population.

The revisions were apparently a result of a meeting between the Humane Society and Wayne Udulutch, Merle North, and Phil Hamilton.

Motion to approve contract with changes to "Shelter Drop off service only" noting "for cats with owner paying \$15", and approving the expense cap of \$2,956.50, based on \$1.50 per capita/2008 population estimate, but not approving acceptance of police requested wildlife service made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Review and Approval of 2010 Rock County Local Road Maintenance Contract

Motion to approve 2010 Rock County Local Road Maintenance Contract made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Snowplowing**

Schneider reported receiving a large volume of calls following the December 9 snowstorm, most being received on Thursday, December 10. Some residents were told by the County when they called to contact their Town Chairman. Most problems seemed to be with subdivisions and some cul-de-sacs, even into Friday evening. Schneider has since learned that Rock County had 50 equipment breakdowns during the course of the snow event. Schneider noted that this snow was unusual in amount, as well as being a heavy, wet snow. He had been in Towns west and northeast or Union following the storm, and to him it seemed that Union had a larger snow total than surrounding areas. Other Towns had similar situations with snow removal. Schneider had heard rumors that the Town didn't have a snow removal contract with the County, which is

untrue. Schneider received a letter, unsigned, regarding the snow removal situation. The Board will not recognize the letter if the writer does not identify themselves.

The Town pays \$850 per mile for winter maintenance, which includes snowplowing. The Board has discussed getting their own truck, plow, patrolman, etc. It has been suggested that the cost could be shared among several Towns for one large vehicle. Employment, insurance liability, etc. are other related issues. Costs for equipment and labor for neighboring Towns would be a worthwhile piece of information to obtain.

Krajeck expressed his unhappiness with the way the County has handled the lack of staff, etc. on their end, as well as the content of a letter sent out earlier in the winter by Ben Coopman. Mary Beaver supervises the majority of subdivisions in the Town, and was concerned with the plowing and road conditions. The difference between road conditions between Dane County and Rock County is evident at the Highway 92 line; Krajeck feels this demonstrates the difference in management of services between the two counties.

Motion to schedule a special Board meeting to discuss the issue of the Town handling its own snowplowing, budget considerations, and related issues made by Don Krajeck. Second by George Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Plan to meet on January 19, 6:30 p.m., at Franklin's home.

Board Action: Approval of Draft Developers Agreement as Recommended by Plan Commission

Motion to table approval of Developers Agreement to the next Board meeting at which legal counsel is present made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operator License Approval Process Discussion

Clerk Ylvisaker distributed a list of issues to be discussed regarding the operator license approval process. Motion to table discussion until February meeting to provide Board time to review issues made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operator License Approvals: Korrine Sparks; Geneo's Red Barn

Motion to approve license for Korrine Sparks made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported the sand truck was needed at the Center last Saturday, as the landing was quite icy. The new cash rate pricing went into effect last Saturday, and Krueger stated he has had no problems thus far. Ed Levin has been doing a good job snowplowing. Krueger reports every week seems to be a busy week these days, and there are no more slow weeks at the center.

Public Comment

Mike Kipp, Teresa Lane, is in attendance to ask that the Board consider the situation on Teresa Lane. The road is currently a private road and the three other lots on the cul-de-sac are unoccupied and now owned by the Bank of Monticello. As Jeff Trumpy no longer owns the other lots, he is no longer plowing the road. The Kipps are the only residents currently living on the road. Kipp stated he is handling snow removal now, and has had to hire out for snow removal for heavy snows. Would the Town consider changing the road's designation to a Town

road? Schneider explained that when the lots were originally developed, there was frustration at the County level with Trumpy for creating two cul-de-sacs instead of a horseshoe drive, which would have been easier for the County to maintain. Kipp would like to know if the Board would consider revisiting the issue of maintaining the road; buses and garbage trucks are able to turn around in the cul-de-sac, and the road gets very little traffic so the maintenance costs should be minimal other than for snow removal. Franklin recommended that the Kipps purchase a pickup truck and plow so they can plow themselves out.

The Kipps may file a formal letter with the Clerk requesting the change and outlining the reasons for the change, and the issue will be added to the agenda of a future Board meeting. Ylvisaker will see what historical information she can locate regarding the initial decision to designate the road a private road instead of a Town road.

There being no further issues to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Don Krajeck. Second by Kendall Schneider. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Regina Ylvisaker.

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