

TOWN OF UNION

Special Board Meeting

Minutes of January 19, 2010

The Town of Union Special Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 6:42 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the home of George and Sharon Franklin, 13847 W. Hwy. 59, Evansville, WI. In attendance were Chairman Schneider, Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, and Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis.

George Franklin and Don Krajeck attended a meeting in the Town of Center on January 12. Center is considering negotiating with Al Miller from Footville Rock and Lime for the snowplowing for the Town. The Town would then use it's small truck to plow their subdivisions themselves. Center had paid Cal Larson \$16,000 up front each year in the past to do the plowing, and once that amount was used up they were billed at an hourly rate. If it was less than \$16,000, they didn't get a refund - that was their yearly minimum and it guarantees Larson a contract minimum. It was three years ago that Center worked with Larson. Schneider recalled that while contracting with Larson, there was one month that he was unable to plow and Center had to request that the County plow during that time, and it cost them a great deal more. Miller would be interested in working with both Union and Center. Sharon Franklin asked if a smaller truck could be used to open up the subdivisions, and a larger truck come in later for clean up? Yes, per Krajeck, the Town could use a small truck to open up certain areas and Miller could come in later to widen out the roads. Miller would be able to use his own pit for sand and salt for Center, but to haul salt to Union would be costly. Sand is available at the pit off of Highway 59. Salt has to be stored on cement to avoid leaching into soil. Liability insurance is another issue; currently Rock County carries liability insurance as they maintain the roads. The Town would need to assume liability. Krajeck reported that his research indicates that the Town of Rutland is paying between \$8,000-\$9,000 yearly for highway liability insurance, per their published budget. Franklin feels the Town should have their own truck no matter which way they decide to go, to be able to take care of issues such as drifting, etc. that come up on short notice and which the County or a contractor can't immediately take care of. Krajeck noted that another issue is having 24 hour service, as well as being able to get out to handle limbs down, etc. Getting emergency services into the Town, especially in the winter, is yet another issue. Krajeck spoke with Mary Beaver at Evansville EMS, who stated that they have a kind of agreement with the City of Evansville which states that if the EMS needs it, the City will try to get a plow truck out ahead of an ambulance. On February 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm the Town of Center is having another meeting, and Miller should have figures available by then. Regina Ylvisaker noted that any referendum questions would need to be prepared, reviewed by legal counsel, and submitted to the County clerk by February 23 for inclusion on the April 6 ballot.

It is Krajeck's understanding that Miller is looking at a minimum 3 year contract, as he has start up costs that he needs to recoup. Possible locations for storage of equipment include across from Worthington Tractor Parts, or South 2nd Street. The recycling center is a poor location as it is out of the way, and has no electricity. The Town could talk to the City of Evansville about parking trucks at their location. Salt/sand storage is another issue.

Krajeck will check on liability insurance, and the Board will plan on attending the February 10 meeting in Center. Ylvisaker will post notice that a quorum of Board members may be in attendance at the February 10 meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by George Franklin. Second by Don Krajeck. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 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.