

# TOWN OF UNION

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

### Minutes of Thursday, July 7, 2011

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The Town of Union Board monthly board was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 7:02 p.m. at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Kendall Schneider, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Building Inspector Bob Fahey, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, and Constable Eric Larsen. Also in attendance was Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis. Supervisor George Franklin and Treasurer Sharon Franklin were absent.

**Clerk's Minutes (June 2, 2011)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Board meeting as written made by Kim Gruebling. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Minutes of June 2, 2011 Board meeting approved as written.

**Treasurer's report**

In the absence of Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Gruebling reported the following balances as of June 30, 2011:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,433.72
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	63,098.10
UB&T Checking Account	\$	15,000.00
Leedlemill Bridge CD	\$	19,158.19
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,394.35
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,352.56
Escrow Accounts:		
Robert Janes/Bakers Crossing	\$	813.77
Teresa Lane		
Bank of Monticello	\$	2,891.25
Michael Kipp	\$	963.75

**Board Action: Budget Line Adjustments if Required**

No action required.

**Constable's report**

Constable Eric Larsen stated he met with the RCHS. They clarified that the current contract covers all animals; the RCHS stated they have found that people rarely call about cats or other animals. Many people and municipalities were afraid that there would be a large volume of cat calls but this has not been the case thus far. Larsen felt was a good meeting, and RCHS was happy he came down to talk to them.

Larsen reported receiving two calls during June, including one from Harold Abey Jr. about his neighbors dogs coming over onto his property and wondering how to handle it. Larsen told him to confine the dogs and contact the Humane Society. Schneider also recommended calling the Sheriff's Department.

**Building Inspector's report**

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported issuing two building permits during the month of June:

Date	Permit #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost
6/6/2011	11-6-B	Jerry Marshall	15933 W Holt Rd	New detached garage	\$13,000.00
6/19/2011	11-7-B	Rob Schroeder	13121 W Harvest Moon Dr	Addition to home	\$95,600.00

6/15/2011		Donald Maas/Carol Prudhon	7337 N Pleasant Prairie Rd	Variance for addition to home	
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**Discussion/Update: Evansville Comp Plan Amendments**

The amendments were discussed by Plan Commission at their last meeting (June 30), no action was taken. Next Town/City joint meeting is scheduled for August 8.

**Discussion: Plan Commission Suggested Zoning Ordinance Changes**

At the June 30 Plan Commission meeting, a motion was made to recommend to the Town Board a change in the language of Town of Union Code of Ordinances – Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance Section 17.08 (2) (j) to strike “There shall be no more than two (2) accessory buildings per lot” and replace with “there shall be no more buildings on the parcel than there are acres in the parcel.” The Plan Commission would like public hearings on the amendment at the next Plan Commission and Town Board meetings.

Schneider feels that open space percentages would be a consideration in this type of issue. Also noted that there are a lot of non conforming properties the Town with more buildings than are allowed in their current zoning classification, and this suggested change brings up the question of fairness when considering such properties.

Regarding the history of this requirement in the zoning code, Fahey stated the previous Town zoning code from the mid-1970s had same requirements, and was created by the County. The language was carried over into the current code.

**Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues)**

Resident Gary Messinger commented on the accessory building issue, as did Alvin Francis.

**Board Action: Request made by Plan Commission for Town Engineer to Participate in the Drafting of Tower and Antenna Ordinance**

Gruebling stated that he felt the input provided by Greg Hofmeister at the last Plan Commission meeting was valuable, he knows more about the issue than anyone else involved at this point. Gruebling feels he will be needed at more than one additional meeting.

Motion to approve attendance of the Town Engineer at the next two Plan Commission meetings and review the draft ordinance made by Kim Gruebling. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Gruebling stated that it is important to address this issue, and noted the October moratorium deadline. He believes it is imperative that the deadline be met so the applicants can proceed yet this year and the Town can do what it can to improve telecommunications for Town residents.

**Public Hearing: Repeal of Resolution 2011-02, A Resolution Establishing Voting Wards and Polling Place Location**

Public hearing opened at 7:36 p.m.

Clerk Regina Ylvisaker explained that the original resolution (2011-02) needed to be repealed as clarification was received from the County Clerk that very small portions of the Town are located with in the same supervisory district as the City of Evansville, and those portions must have their own ward created. The Town will therefore end up with four wards, versus the three created by the original resolution.

No public comments. Public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Motion to repeal Resolution 2011-02, A Resolution Establishing Voting Wards and Polling Place Location made by Kim Gruebling. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution 2011-03, A Resolution Establishing Voting Wards and Polling Place Location**

Public hearing opened at 7:39 p.m.

Ylvisaker gave new population totals for each ward: Ward 1 - 551, Ward 2 – 862, Ward 3 – 361, and Ward 4 – 325. These totals fall within the required population numbers for each ward, 300-1,000. Ylvisaker also explained the description for Ward 4.

Public hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-03, A Resolution Establishing Voting Wards and Polling Place Location made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Kim Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Roadwork**

Josh Wisner reported putting down 10 loads of gravel shouldering today, 15-18 yards of gravel total.

George Franklin attended Leedle Mill Road Bridge pre-construction meeting yesterday, and reported to Schneider that the Town is responsible for clearing brush 100' on either side of the bridge. Guard rail and signs have been removed by Wisner.

Franklin has located a one year old stainless steel 9" auger for shouldering, at a cost of \$3,000.

Motion to approve purchase of 9" stainless steel auger for \$3,000 made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Kim Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Gruebling expressed concerns about getting lettering applied to trucks, identification for employees, hats, shirts. Jerry recommended vests for winter, shirts for summer, fluorescent and with reflective stripes.

Motion to approve expenses of \$250 for safety clothing for Town road employees and \$50 for truck lettering for Town vehicles made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Kim Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Wisner would like to purchase a telescoping pole saw; following last storm they were in need of one. The model he researched and would like to purchase has a 14' extendable pole, which provides approximately 20' total reach. Cost is \$600.

Motion to approve purchasing telescoping pole saw for \$600 made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Kim Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Wisner would additionally like to purchase stop/slow paddle and sign brackets from Decker. Approved to proceed with ordering.

Wisner explained that "all way" signs are needed to place under stop signs at intersections, and the set up of the stop signs at Morning Meadow Lane/Weary Road needs to be changed, additional signs added.

Motion to change stop sign positions and add additional stop signs at Morning Meadow Lane/Weary Road made by Kim Gruebling. Second by Kendall Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Per Jerry Kruger, there are no issues at present. The driveway needs mowing, several passes out from edge of drive.

### **Pay Bills**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to pay bills and adjourn was made by Kendall Schneider. Second by Kim Gruebling. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Regina Ylvisaker

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