

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, January 5, 2011**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisors George Franklin and Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Constable Eric Larsen, and Building Inspector Bob Fahey. Clerk Regina Ylvisaker was absent on maternity leave. Plan Commission members Alvin Francis, Dave Pestor and Renee Exum were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cathy Bembinster was appointed Deputy Clerk and was sworn in by Chairman Schneider.

Clerk's minutes (December 1, 2011 and December 12, 2011)

Kim Gruebling requested the following change to the minutes from the December 12, 2011 Special Board Meeting. In the second paragraph, the annual lease payments for the John Deere 524K Loader should be changed to \$25,628.34 from \$35,628.34.

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Franklin/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Minutes of December 1, 2011 and December 12, 2011 Special Board Meeting approved as amended.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of December 31, 2011:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,441.55
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	1,672,618.73
UB&T Checking Account	\$	15,000.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,537.97
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,561.75
Escrow Accounts:		
Robert Janes/Bakers Crossing	\$	813.77
Teresa Lane		
Bank of Monticello	\$	1,209.31
Michael Kipp	\$	403.10

Board Action: Budget Line Adjustments

Motion to move all surplus funds from other budget lines to the Transportation budget line made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Constable's report

Constable Eric Larsen reported receiving no calls during December 2011. Larsen also reported he had signed the contract with the Rock County Humane Society. Larsen noted that at last month's board meeting a question was asked why the Town of Union wasn't offered the same contracts as Beloit and Janesville. The cities and towns do not use the same contracts.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported issuing 3 permits during December:

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost	Permit Fee
11/29/2011	11-30-B	6-20-2	Chris Beebe	12628 W Leedle Mill Rd.	36x72 Shed	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 375.00
12/7/2011	11-31-B		Magee Const/Dennis Hatfield	14202 W Golf Air Dr.	Bathroom Remodel		\$ 120.00
12/14/2011	11-32-B		Jim Crans	6904 N Old 92	16x16 Shed	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 60.00

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported that by noon of last weekend the recycling bin was full due to the high volume of cans and bottles brought in by the Red Barn. The rest of the day they had no other choice but to allow residents to put their recyclables in the garbage dumpsters.

Kim Gruebling asked if they needed more dumpsters or recycling containers. Krueger replied that it's only when the Red Barn comes with a huge amount of recyclables that it puts them in a bind.

Krueger noted that something has to be done about the traffic problem at the Recycling Center. The volume of traffic has increased from when the Recycling Center was first opened. There have been a lot of near misses in reference to cars colliding. Krueger thinks the parking lot area needs to be reconfigured. He would like to order a speed limit sign the next time Josh Wisner puts in an order for signs as well. Krueger also requested approval to purchase some vests for the recycling attendants so they can be identified.

The fire extinguisher had not been refilled. The fire department doesn't have that service. Krueger said that it would be more economical to buy a new one than go back and forth to Janesville to have the other refilled.

Kendall Schneider authorized the purchase of the new vests and a new fire extinguisher.

Public Comment

Rock County Sheriff's Deputy, Deputy Barr was in attendance to see if there were any public concerns/issues that the Sheriff's Department can address. Sharon Franklin said she had heard of questionable activities on Elmer Road and perhaps the deputies could patrol it. Kendall Schneider said there had also been some reports about dumping activities on Pleasant Prairie Rd. as well. George Franklin asked how he could call back the County Dispatcher when she calls him; the number doesn't come up on the phone.

Deputy Barr reported that their department has had issues with the Rock County Humane Society, specifically about hours of operation and the pickup policies. Deputy Barr stated that there is some legislation that is being proposed by Representative Wynn from the 43rd district concerning licensing private kennels by a town:

"Animal control facilities licensing requirement exception created re: kennel license "- [AB346](#)

To note, a discussion about private kennels came up at the December town board meeting. The current consensus after evaluating other options at this point is to continue contracting with

the Rock County Humane Society.

Kim Gruebling asked that there be a line item on the agenda before Public Comments to address other town business. Gruebling asked about the status of the EMS Contract. Kendall Schneider said he had just received some information in the mail from the city but he hadn't time to review it.

Sharon Franklin questioned the method Accurate Appraisal used to assess the mobile parks. Franklin stated that the low rate drops the tax revenue. Schneider requested that mobile park assessment be put on next month's agenda.

George Franklin wanted to thank Kim and Gloria Gruebling for lettering the new equipment. He commented on the nice job they did.

Franklin also noted that John Winburn asked if the town was going to plow his driveway. Schneider noted that it is a town road. Currently it's on Al Miller's route.

Road Work/Snowplowing

George Franklin and Josh Wiser are going to meet with Al Miller to make an enlarged map of the town roads and designate the areas that each operator will be responsible for.

Kendall Schneider said he had received a call about some branches on Old 92 that were hanging over the road. Franklin acknowledged that there were some tree limbs to take care of.

Schneider asked if the delineators and chevrons have been put up. Wiser said he's still waiting for some. Schneider said there is still some needed on Evansville-Brooklyn Rd. and that he had looked at the Leedle Mill Bridge. Schneider thinks one of the chevrons may have to be moved and there is a need for more delineators there as well. It's hard to see the edge of the road at night.

Schneider shared some pictures of the new end loader. He asked Franklin and Wiser if they thought of putting a V- blade on the front. Franklin thinks that currently they don't need it.

Public Hearing: Review and Action on Extension of Ordinance 2011-03, An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Stay on Construction of Towers and Antennas in the Town of Union
{current moratorium expires on February 12, 2012}
Public Hearing opened at 7:36 PM.

Kendall Schneider asked Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis what the Plan Commission asked for as an extension date. Francis said he didn't recall, but they need 3 or 4 months.

Public Hearing closed at 7:39 PM.

Motion to extend the temporary stay on construction of towers and antennas in the Town of Union to June 14, 2012 made by Franklin/Schneider.

Further discussion: Kim Gruebling disagreed with the extension to June. Gruebling reviewed why he felt April was more appropriate.

Motion to withdraw motion on table made by Franklin/Schneider.

Motion to extend the temporary stay on construction of towers and antennas in the Town of Union to April 17, 2012 made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Review and Endorsement of “Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines”

George Franklin stated that he hadn't read the “Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines” yet. Kim Gruebling would prefer the Plan Commission looked at it first, but in an effort to free up the Plan Commission, he felt the town board could act on this. Motion to table the Review and Endorsement of “Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines” until next month's meeting made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Rock County Planning Dept. MOUs

(To note MOU now to be referred to as MOA as per Rock County's Corporate Council.) Colin Byrnes from the Rock County Planning Development Agency came to review the voluntary Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Al Sweeney, County Board Supervisor was also present; he offered his assistance to the town and encourages the town to sign on. After some discussion it was decided Kendall Schneider will have a meeting with Wade Thompson and Byrnes on January 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM to discuss the MOA.

Discussion: Combined Fire/EMS District

To date, Kendall Schneider hasn't had any discussion for a combined Fire/EMS district. Motion to table the discussion of a Combined Fire EMS District until after the election made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Cathy Bembinster

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