

TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, February 2, 2012

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 2, 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 Chairman Alvin Francis was also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes January 5, 2012

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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	\$	12,438.65
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	1,672,618.73
UB&T Checking Account	\$	15,000.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,538.29
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,561.75
Escrow Accounts: Robert Janes/Bakers Crossing	\$	813.77
Theresa Lane		
Bank of Monticello	\$	1,209.31
Michael Kipp	\$	403.10

Board Action: Budget Line Adjustments

No board action.

Constable's report

Constable Eric Larsen reported receiving 2 calls last month. One call was regarding coyote hunters on private property on the east side of the town. The complaint was concerning trespassing and fence damage. Larsen contacted the Rock County Sheriff's department about the incident. The second call was about some Huskies running loose on the west side of town.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported no building permits issued in January. He collected one permit fee for a zoning change.

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported that January was a quiet month.

Old Town Business

There was some discussion on the appropriateness of this agenda category. Kendall Schneider stated that the Towns Association's opinion was there shouldn't be any old business, if it's worth discussing it should be on the agenda. The board can't make any decisions on old business. Kim Gruebling said this wasn't for items that required any decisions; it was for a time to mention

things like the website has been updated. Gruebling noted that there should be some way to report on a follow-up action. Schneider stated that the alternative would be to add these points to future agendas. Schneider asked that he be given some time to tweak this.

Public Comment

Alvin Francis reported that he received a call from a resident in the Midway Trailer Park. The resident was interested in the town helping her get a shelter for storms in that trailer park. Chairman Schneider said the town would have to receive an official letter from the owners of the park before investigating this request. Francis asked if there were any shelters anywhere in the immediate area, that years ago there was a civil defense program. The Town of Dunn had received FEMA monies for a shelter for their town.

Deputy Brown from the Rock County Sheriff's department asked if there were any concerns the town would like communicated to the Sheriff's Department. There weren't any current issues to report. Brown also reminded those present to keep their cars and buildings locked and stated that if anyone observes any suspicious activities to call the non-emergency number.

Road Work/Snowplowing

George Franklin reported that he needed the attorney's assistance in filling out all of the paperwork that came with the purchase of the end loader. Franklin also said that the equipment dealer agreed to reimburse the town for the attorney's fees by giving the town credits for products used in maintenance for the end loader.

Franklin also reported that the town's big truck broke down. Franklin made a decision based on past service records, that 3 fuel injectors needed to be replaced. The cost was \$1200.00. The seals in the back axels also needed to be replaced. The mechanic said he would pay for them and gave them a special sealant. There is a backup plan in place for plowing in case the truck breaks down in the future.

Franklin and Josh Wisner met with Al Miller and went over the maps designating snow plowing areas. Wisner took one of Miller's drivers to shown him the Town of Union sub-divisions.

Kim Gruebling asked Franklin what happens with the snow plowing when Franklin is on vacation next month. Franklin assured Gruebling that Wisner has been fully responsible for the plowing all along.

There will be a bill from the Town of Center from last Saturday when the Town of Union's truck was out of service.

Gruebling reported he received a call from a neighbor about a missing patch of blacktop caused by the plowing. It will be patched when the weather warrants it.

Kendall Schneider noted there were a couple of signs that were off of the poles.

Gruebling questioned if the truck should be tarped. Wisner stated that this would be necessary only if they were hauling salt.

Public Hearing: Review and Action on Request made by the Pleasy R. Berg Trust, 102 E. Main St., Evansville, WI to remove the lowland conservancy overlay district (C-1) designation from parcel 6-20-280A.2, located at 6528 N. Hwy. 213, Evansville, WI in the W ½, NE ¼ of Section 34. The purpose of the request is to allow for expansion of existing A1 buildings for ag use only. {REQUEST TABLED UNTIL MARCH MEETING}

No board action.

Discussion: Accurate Appraisal's Mobile Home Park Assessment Methodology

Kendall Schneider reported that he had sent a question to the Towns Association about collecting per capita charges from the trailer parks. Some examples of these charges would be for EMS, solid waste/recycling, parking fees and fire protection. There are other charges to compile yet.

Sharon Franklin stated that the values have significantly decreased in the last few years.

George Franklin talked to Accurate Appraisal and their response was that trailers don't have much value. Franklin also noted that there appears to be some inconsistencies in the appraisal process.

This discussion is to be put back on the agenda for April.

Board Action: Review and Action on Plan Commission Request for Board Endorsement of "Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines" using the Town of Holland Resolution as the model, with the recipients of copies to be Governor Walker, Senator Lasee, Senator Erpenbach, Representative Ringhand, the Rock County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Motion to accept the Plan Commission's request for Board Endorsement of "Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines" using the Town of Holland Resolution as the model, with the recipients of copies to be Governor Walker, Senator Lasee, Senator Erpenbach, Representative Ringhand, the Rock County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission made by Schneider/Gruebling.

Discussion about the purpose of the resolution. It's just an endorsement that in principle the board agrees with these guidelines. The guidelines are similar to the wind siting ordinance the town already had adopted.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Clerk Ylvisaker to draft the resolution as per the Plan Commission's request. Copies to be sent to the designated recipients after obtaining the town officials' signatures.

Approval of 2012 Municipal Liability Insurance Proposal from Community Insurance Corporation

Motion to approve the 2012 Municipal Liability Insurance Proposal from Community Insurance Corporation made by Schneider/Franklin.

Kim Gruebling questioned if the town would need comprehensive insurance for the end loader. Schneider stated he believed it's covered as a requirement under the lease agreement.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Operator License Review and Approvals: Jessica A. Frank – Geneo's Wild Ride Saloon

Motion to approve the Operator License for Jessica A. Frank – Geneo's Wild Ride Saloon, Schneider/Franklin.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Rock County Planning Dept. MOAs

Kendall Schneider met with Colin Byrnes from the Rock County Planning Development Agency on January 16, 2012. Schneider reported that the MOA's don't appear to be so cut and dry. Schneider noted that Attorney David Moore from Janesville has been working with 8 other towns concerning the MOAs. Schneider also encouraged the supervisors to check out Chapter 38 in the Rock County Code of Ordinances. George Franklin stated that he is not interested in participating in the MOA, doesn't feel it's in the best interest of the town. Schneider said the county is not pushing participation at this time. Schneider is also interested in what happened with the 8 towns mentioned earlier.

Schneider also reported before a motion to adjourn, that after the Plan Commission meeting, January 26, 2012, he approved additional funds for the town attorney to apply the revisions to the draft Tower Ordinance.

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 7:54PM.

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.