

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, March 1, 2012**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisor Kim Gruebling and Building Inspector Bob Fahey. Supervisor George Franklin, Treasurer Sharon Franklin and Constable Eric Larsen were absent. Clerk Regina Ylvisaker was absent on maternity leave. Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis and Plan Commission member Dave Pestor were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (February 2, 2012)

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

Treasurer's report

No report tonight.

Board Action: Budget Line Adjustments if Required

No action.

Constable's report

Eric Larsen was absent but said he had nothing to report. Kendall Schneider said he had a call from a Rock County deputy about 2 small black labs running loose today in the Franklin Road and Union Dane Road area. Schneider contacted Supervisor Gruebling and tried to contact Larsen to see if they had received any calls. Schneider had approved having the deputy take the dogs to the Rock County Humane Society however in the mean time the deputy found the dogs' owner.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported that he had issued 2 building permits in February. That's the total for the year as well.

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported that it was a quiet month. Krueger noted that the road is breaking up and needs some work. Krueger feels a double seal would help. The board agreed that something needs to be done.

Discussion-Addition of "Old Town Business" Agenda Item & Intent

Kim Gruebling asked if this could be changed to "Follow-up Report". It was agreed upon that this would be appropriate. There wasn't any follow-up topic to discuss tonight.

Public Comment

Barbara McCorry, an attorney, introduced herself as a candidate running for Rock County Circuit Court Judge. McCorry gave the room an overview of her personal background, professional qualifications and experience and asked for support in the upcoming election.

Kim Gruebling asked that the board schedule a special board meeting to discuss how the town

should proceed in the completion of the Telecommunications Tower, Antenna, and Facilities Siting Ordinance. Attorney Dregne is about to exceed his authorized hours on this. Kendall Schneider said they will schedule a meeting after George Franklin gets back on March 15, 2012.

Kim Gruebling said that Clerk Ylvisaker had sent materials out to the board about a training program in June for town responsibilities in disasters, i.e. emergency management. Kendall Schneider said there was also a district meeting coming up on the 17th and Gruebling expressed an interest in attending that meeting. Schneider said he would contact Ylvisaker and get the reservations made for the district meeting. Schneider also noted that there was Board of Review training as well. Gruebling said he was going to go but he was certified last year. If Schneider and Franklin wanted to attend this year, he would wait until next year. Gruebling suggested the June training program be put on the agenda for discussion at the April board meeting.

Road Work/Snowplowing

Kendall Schneider received a letter from Tom Alisankas. Alisankas has had to replace his mail box 3 times this year. Al Miller has been notified. One of his drivers apparently didn't know where the end of the blade was on the snow plow.

Some signs and stands are needed, the board approved getting those. George Franklin had given Kim Gruebling a list for repairs for the truck. Kendall Schneider noticed that the Hwy 14/ Holt Rd. sign is gone and the pole is bent. Josh Wiser has it ordered and is waiting for a sign order. Delineator signs are in that order as well. The driving tool Wiser needed to install signs has been built.

Schneider asked if Wiser has looked at any culverts that have issues. Wiser said there is some shoulder work that will be needed. The county usually asks about culvert repairs so they can put this on their schedule. There is a 50/50 cost share with the county for repairs of culverts over 36 inches in diameter. Wiser will also pick up some cold patch material for patching when the weather warrants it.

Rock County Planning Dept. MOAs

George Franklin and Kim Gruebling attended a meeting in Rock County in regard to the Rock County Planning Dept. MOAs. Gruebling said it was really informative, he was glad he attended the meeting and said he understands it more. Gruebling concluded that he doesn't see a need for it in our town. He can see the need in other townships where they don't have their own ordinances and have to rely on the county for zoning. Big part of it is developing new roads, which the Town of Union hasn't a need for and the town has its own engineer. There are also more hoops for citizens to jump through concerning building permits etc. Gruebling recommended that we pass on it at this time.

Motion to not sign the Rock County MOA made by Gruebling/ Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alvin Francis mentioned that he will probably be contacted by the county concerning Farmland Preservation meetings. Schneider wanted to know if there was a deadline we should be concerned about. Schneider requested that if Francis becomes aware of something the town should be taking action on Francis should let the board know.

Public Hearing: Review and Action on Request made by the Plesay R. Berg Trust,

201 E. Main St., Evansville, WI to change the zoning classification of parcel 6-20-280A.2, located at 6528 N. Hwy. 213, Evansville, WI in the W ½, NE ¼ of Section 34 from A-1 to A-2.

Public Hearing opened at 7:23 PM.

Roger Berg confirmed that this was just a procedure to correct the zoning classification on the parcel for the parcel size.

Public Hearing closed at 7:24 PM.

Motion to approve the request made by the Pleasy R. Berg Trust, 201 E. Main St., Evansville, WI to change the zoning classification of parcel 6-20-280A.2, located at 6528 N. Hwy. 213, Evansville, WI in the W ½, NE ¼ of Section 34 from A-1 to A-2 made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 the portion of parcel 6-20-280A.2 located to the north and west of the field of delineated wetland area shown on figure 4 of the Wetland Delineation Report. The parcel is located at 6528 N. Hwy. 213, Evansville, WI in the W ½, NE ¼ of Section 34.

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 PM.

Bob Fahey couldn't attend the Plan Commission meeting in February. Fahey wanted to bring up the fact that there were other areas in the town as well as Roger Berg's property that were on the lowland conservancy map. There had been building permits issued earlier on Berg's property and other parcels that may have been in error. This is something the town needs to check into for future permits in those lowland conservancy overlay areas. Berg noted he is looking to have some cattle and horses. Berg contacted Rock County about complying with the appropriate regulations to do this.

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 PM.

Gruebling says it falls in line with the town helping out agribusiness.

Motion to approve the 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 the portion of parcel 6-20-280A.2 located to the north and west of the field of delineated wetland area shown on figure 4 of the Wetland Delineation Report and map that was provided by Roger Berg. The parcel is located at 6528 N. Hwy. 213, Evansville, WI in the W ½, NE ¼ of Section 34 made by Gruebling/Schneider.

Roll call: Kim Gruebling-Yes; Kendall Schneider-Yes.

Motion carried 2-0.

Public Hearing: Review and Action on Request made by Prairie Home LLC, 5440 Willow Rd., Ste. 101, Waunakee, WI 53597 to separate off 3.4 acres from the existing 156.4 acre parcel, 6-20-32, located at 17202 W. Holt Rd., Brooklyn, WI in the SE ¼, NW ¼ of Section 5. The resulting 3.4 acre parcel would be rezoned A-3

and the parent parcel would remain A-1. The Plan Commission recommended that approval be contingent upon receipt of a conversion fee and the receipt of a deed restriction restricting any further development on the 153 acre parcel.

Kim Gruebling informed the board that he may have a conflict of interest so he wouldn't be able to take any action on this.

Kendall Schneider noted that they had 60 days to act on the request with the additional criteria.

Motion to postpone: Public Hearing: Review and Action on Request made by Prairie Home LLC, 5440 Willow Rd., Ste. 101, Waunakee, WI 53597 to separate off 3.4 acres from the existing 156.4 acre parcel, 6-20-32, located at 17202 W. Holt Rd., Brooklyn, WI in the SE ¼, NW ¼ of Section 5. The resulting 3.4 acre parcel would be rezoned A-3 and the parent parcel would remain A-1. The Plan Commission recommended that approval be contingent upon receipt of a conversion fee and the receipt of a deed restriction restricting any further development on the 153 acre parcel until the April town board meeting made by Schneider/Gruebling.

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 7:32PM.

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.