

# TOWN of UNION

## Monthly Board Meeting

### Minutes of February 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schneider at 7:03 PM. Members present were Chairman Schneider, Supervisors Franklin & Gruebling. Clerk Ylvisaker, Treasurer Sharon Franklin and Constable Larson were absent.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2013 made by Franklin second by Gruebling. Passed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Supervisor Franklin, see page 3. Passed.

Constable's Report. None.

Building Inspector's Report. Inspector Fahey reported no activity this month.

Public Comment: Deputy Villapando Rock County Sheriffs Dept. reported that the gun show at Geno's was closed down because it was in violation of State law to conduct other sales in a liquor establishment (this is also against Town Ordinance). Other than the gun show there have been no other problems that he is aware of. Chairman Schneider pointed out that the Town had nothing to do with closing the gun show. Villapando thought the Sheriffs Dept. was pursuing action to revoke Geno's liquor license. Supervisor Gruebling advised that the Town Board issued the liquor license and would be the government body that would revoke the license and we have not received any information that this is being pursued at this time. He also requested that the Sheriffs Dept do a better job of keeping the Town Board informed of problems and any actions that are taken. When the gun show was closed down none of the Town Supervisors were aware of the action until days later.

Recycling Center: Jerry Krueger reported that Geno's filled up 1 ½ containers with recyclables leaving very little room for the rest of the town residents. He also was wondering about charging for tires. Discussion The board felt it is cheaper to

accept tires with a minimal charge than it is to have to pick them up out of ditches along the road. Motion by Schneider to accept car tires at the recycling center and to charge \$2.00 per tire. Second by Franklin. Passed 3-0.

Krueger also would like a generator for the recycling center. In winter it is dark in the morning and on overcast days it is dark in the office. Further on hot days it would be nice to have a fan. The recycling center currently does not have electricity. Motion by Franklin second by Gruebling, to have Gruebling purchase a small generator for the recycling center. Passed 3-0.

Follow up: Schneider brought up implementation of Smart Growth and felt we should look at what still needs to be done. He thought as part of the plan we should be looking at bringing WiFi to the Town. He also talked of erecting our own tower. No action discussion only.

Adoption of Resolution2013-01, Resolution In Support of a Constitutional Amendment For Fair Share for Local Roads. Discussion: The WI Towns Assoc is in favor of this. Towns are getting less road aid every year while the cost of road maintenance keeps going up.(See page 4 for resolution.). Motion by Schneider, second by Franklin to adopt the resolution. Passed 3-0.

Discussion on Fire Numbers replacement. Decided that many numbers don't need replacing so we will replace them as need with the cost borne by the land owner.

Snowplowing: Franklin reported that we have received the new blade for the front end loader. The big truck needed repairs to the plow. It will also need a new muffler and repairs to the exhaust. He feels we may need to start thinking about a new truck.

Josh Wisner has been parking the snow plow truck at his house and has been plugging in the electric engine heater to his own power supply. He would like to be reimbursed for the cost of electric power. He was advised to send a bill to the clerk for whatever is reasonable.

Motion by Gruebling, second by Franklin to adjourn to pay bills. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

**TOWN OF UNION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY 31, 2013**

**UBT-SWEEP ACCOUNT**

DECEMBER BALANCE	\$1,607,844.60
INTEREST-JAN	\$210.09
M H PARK TAXES	\$1,882.57
DUMP TICKETS	\$1,079.62
LAND DIVISION CONDITIONAL USE BUILDING PERMITS	
ASSES. LETTER	\$30.00
DOG LICENSE	\$330.00
TRANS. AID	\$28,457.77
OPERATOR LICENSE	
R.E.TAX COLLECTION	\$751,080.20
OVER PAYMENT OF R.E. FROM ESCROW ACCOUNT	\$3,820.03
FIRE CALL	\$636.98
COPIES	\$500.00
NSF FEES	\$2.00
CITY OF EVANS ANNEX.	\$90.00
	\$527.53
JANUARY TOTAL	\$788,646.79

TRANSFER TO CHECKING	-\$1,590,465.00
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JANUARY 31 BALANCE	\$806,026.39
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<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	\$15,000.00
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**BANK OF EVANSVILLE**

MORNING RIDGE RD CD	\$20,706.33
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**LGIP-GENERAL FUND**

JANUARY 1 BALANCE	\$0.00
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**WD PASS BOOK**

DECEMBER BALANCE	\$2,727.32
INTEREST-JAN	\$0.23
JANUARY 31 BALANCE	\$2,727.55

**ESCROW ACCOUNT**

BAKER CROSSING-JANES	\$813.77
BK OF MONTICELLO	\$1,160.94
MICHAEL KIPP	\$386.97
nsoro Mastec,LLC	\$3,218.99
ATT Legal fees	-\$636.98
BALANCE	\$4,943.69

MATURED	12/23/2013	INT.PD. 6&12
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**LGIP-PARK FUND**

DECEMBER BALANCE	\$12,461.37
INTEREST-JAN	\$1.38
JANUARY 31 BALANCE	\$12,462.75

## **RESOLUTION 2013-01**

### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR FAIR SHARE FOR LOCAL ROADS**

**Whereas**, Local roads are the backbone for Wisconsin commerce and industry, stimulate growth and promote a healthy economy; and

**Whereas**, Roughly 90% of Wisconsin's public roads are local roads which carry 40% of the state's traffic yet only 30% of Wisconsin's segregated Transportation Fund spending in 2012 will go for local road projects – down from 40% 20 years ago; and

**Whereas**, Road user fees such as gasoline taxes and vehicle registration only pay for part of the costs of repair, maintenance, repaving and replacement of local roads and streets; and

**Whereas**, The state Transportation Fund is shrinking because roughly 30% of its funding comes from gasoline taxes and the high cost of gasoline has motorists driving less, driving more fuel efficient cars, buying fewer gallons of gasoline, and paying less in gasoline taxes; and

**Whereas**, Eighty percent of local road costs are paid by non-user funding sources like property taxes; and

**Whereas**, Most user fee revenues are spent to fund new highway expansion, leaving little funding for local road repair, maintenance, repaving and replacement; and

**Whereas**, Town governments in 2010 received state funding for only 37% of eligible road maintenance costs; and

**Whereas**, Local governments are subject to tight levy limits on local levies, and state shared revenue has been cut for local governments, which further restricts the Towns', Villages', Cities' and Counties' ability to fund local road maintenance.

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin supports an amendment to the State of Wisconsin constitution that requires that one half of all revenues in the state Transportation Fund be distributed to local governments in the State of Wisconsin.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

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Kendall Schneider, Chairman

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Date

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George Franklin, Supervisor

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Kim Gruebling, Supervisor

Attest:

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Regina Ylvisaker, Clerk

Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_