

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, December 5, 2013**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013 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, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, and Building Inspector Bob Fahey. Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis was also in attendance. Constable Eric Larsen was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (November 14, 2013)

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting as written made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of November 30, 2013:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,472.80
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	27,565.51
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,874.07
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,778.60

Escrow Accounts:

Teresa Lane:		
Bank of Monticello	\$	1,160.94
Michael Kipp	\$	386.97
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.01

Regarding the reinvestment of the Morning Ridge CD, Franklin reported the following interest rates available for a 48 month CD:

- Greenwoods State Bank: 0.90%
- UB&T: 0.80%
- BMO :0.50%

Motion to reinvest the Morning Ridge CD at Greenwoods State Bank in a 48 month CD at 0.90% made by Schneider/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Constable's report

No report received.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported permits issued in November:

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost
11/9/2013	13-31-B	6-20-338.16	Jeff Hoke	13005 W Woodworth Dr.	30x40 Detached garage	\$ 26,000.00
11/10/2013	13-32-B	6-20-181.2	Larry Iverson/Dawn Steinhofer	8129 N Hwy 14	Remodel building	\$ 30,000.00
11/18/2013	13-33-B	6-20-16.3	Mari Katzenmeyer/Lloyds Plbg & Htg	11316 N Union Rd	furnace replacement	
11/21/2013	13-34-B	6-20-68	Templeton Farms LLC	16526 W Butts Corner Rd	Demolition of home, Electric service	
11/29/2013	13-35-B	6-20-293.001	Matt Eakins	6500 N Hyne Rd	remodel basement	\$ 10,000.00

Fahey reported that the AT&T cell phone tower is nearly complete, but there is no fire suppression system, no KNOX box yet. Fahey will wait another week or so and give them a call to check on status.

Public Comment

A Rock County Sheriff's Deputy was in attendance. Gruebling noted he had seen a Sheriff's car patrolling on his road recently and appreciated seeing their presence in the subdivision.

Schneider asked about the April Town meeting date, and the correct date due to change in election laws last year. Ylvisaker will double check and report back to the Board.

Fahey asked about including statement in the annual Town newsletter about the importance of residents having their driveways cleared for fire truck access. This is an ordinance issue; the Town has a driveway ordinance which addresses this issue and it should be enforced this way. The issue is a liability for the Town if it is not enforcing its own ordinance and has knowledge of violations. Agreed that individual letters regarding the ordinance and compliance should be sent certified mail to property owners who have driveways not in compliance.

Regarding the new fire numbers, Fahey noted how impressed he has been with their visibility especially during recent foggy weather. They were the only thing visible in the fog. He wondered if the Board would consider replacing all the fire numbers in the future. The Board noted that the initial replacement of damaged fire numbers did not get completed this year, and they have run into some issues regarding number placement. Specific issues have included placing numbers at locations where buildings do not and may never have existed, and actual fire numbers not matching the County's fire number records as listed on the provided map. Fahey stated that from a fire protection point of view, it is important to have fire numbers at all locations; someone could have a heart attack at a building on a property that is across the road from homes, or in a field with only a field drive for reference; minutes/seconds count in those situations.

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported that there have been some problems with backing up traffic at the dumpsters, but this should improve once the dumpsters are moved again in spring.

Public Works Building Status Report

Josh Wisner and George Franklin put gravel around the perimeter of the building. Franklin is disappointed in the door height; it is a 12' door and he thought it would be at least a 13' door. Schneider and Gruebling were both under the impression it would be a 14' door. Franklin was also unhappy to find that the concrete was poured up to the top of the sill board. Additionally, gutters were to be installed, however when the installers arrived they told Wisner that the building was not built to accommodate gutters.

Franklin felt that with some modifications, a 13' door could be installed. Franklin and Schneider could meet at the building to review the issues, and will plan on Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m.

The issues will be added to the March meeting agenda. Regina Ylvisaker is in the process of insuring the building.

Road Work/Snowplowing

Franklin reported the wing has been revamped so it works better. Wisner explained that the driver that plowed the Town the first year of working with FTC is plowing again this year, so they are working with him to learn the route.

Discussion: Speed Limit on Portions of Evansville-Brooklyn Road

No one was in attendance who had initially contacted Schneider about the issue. Schneider reviewed the process for changing a speed limit.

A motion to table the issue indefinitely, with no action taken at this time, made by Schneider/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Approval of Advertisement for Crop Land Bids 2014-2016

Motion to advertise for 3 year contract for crop land bids made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with George Franklin abstaining.

Ylvisaker will advertise immediately, for Board action at the January meeting.

Board Action: Appointment of Pollworkers

Ylvisaker provided a list of pollworkers to the Board. She noted that the list remains unchanged from the last appointment cycle, with the exception of the removal of Barb Dorsey and Doug and Karen Zweizig.

Motion to appoint by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Approval of 2014 Election Machine Maintenance Contract

Ylvisaker reported that the maintenance fee for 2014 is \$295, up \$5 from 2013. Motion to approve 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 was made by Schneider/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Regina Ylvisaker

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