

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 2, 2015**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was held at the Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI. Board members present were Chairman Schneider, Supervisor George Franklin, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, and Clerk Bridgit Larsen. Constable Eric Larsen and Building Inspector Bob Fahey were absent. Plan Commission Chair Alvin Francis was present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Schneider/Gruebling.

Clerk's Minutes (June 17, 2015)

Clerk Larsen read minutes from June 17, 2015, meeting. Schneider made motion to approve. Accepted with unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of June 30, 2015:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,489.00
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$ 374,174.32
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 3,376.01
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$ 21,112.97
Escrow Accounts:	
Mastec, LLC	\$ 207.04

Constable's report

Clerk Larsen stated for E. Larsen that there were no calls in the month of June.

Building Inspector's report

N/A

Recycling Center Update

Recycling Center Attendant Krueger reported the Center will be open tomorrow due to the holiday. Larsen posted notice in *The Evansville Review* newspaper and at the three posting sites. Krueger placed a notice at the Center's office door.

The roll-off supplied from Advanced Disposal needs to be dumped. The Center has had high traffic. Recycling gets too full and residents begin dumping recycles and large items in the refuse dumpsters. Larsen was requested to contact Advanced Disposal in an effort to get the roll-off emptied.

Public Works Building

Gruebling checked with the DNR about having a salt storage shed build at the Recycling Center location. However, the person he's worked with in the past has been transferred. This agent had a history of the Recycling Center. DNR wants an engineering report performed on the site before they will consider investigating the area. Gruebling said the cost would be too high for the study and does not see a salt shed being built there.

Patrolman Wisner reminded board that the salt contract they signed with the state requires 160 tons be delivered by the first of November. 190 tons are ordered and need to be stored.

Gruebling reported the shelving purchased at Menards is up. Boxes could be disposed. He found documents as old as 1904 and 1945 while stocking the shelving. Cabinets all have separate locks. Gruebling laminated cards obtained from Menards to purchase items tax exempt and gave to board members as well as keys to the cabinetry.

Supervisor Franklin thanked Josh and Kim for assembling and stocking the cabinets with the files.

Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues)

Ray Anderson, 6645 Crull Court, Evansville, WI, stated that Gruebling approached his wife and daughter in their yard in what he believes was an unprofessional manner regarding their basketball hoop. Anderson stated that Gruebling told his wife the hoop was in the right-of-way and needed to be removed. Anderson said he was not told about the meeting date being changed in June after he spoke to Franklin. Since he was not present at June's meeting he was concerned it appeared he did not care about the matter. Anderson wanted a clear answer as to why the hoop needs to be removed since he spoke with Patrolman Wisner and said he would personally remove the snow away from the hoop in winter or that Wisner could push the road snow up into his yard.

Board Action: Budget Line Adjustments

Clerk Larsen requested to reimburse Dawn and Larry Iverson their Operator licensing fee totaling \$50. Their licenses are included as proprietors of E'Ville Spirits, therefore a separate Operating license is not required. Permission granted by Schneider to reimburse the owners.

Board Action: Create distribution plan for storm debris

Union encountered a severe thunderstorm with high winds a week prior. Franklin pushed 6-8 trees off the road with the end loader. Franklin said there are a lot of trees to take down. He wants to purchase a claw for the end loader so he can pick up trees. Tines can be used to rip up a road. Franklin said he doesn't want anything cheap and wants to purchase it now since it can take 30-40 days to get the claw.

Schneider questioned if we need to get out letters to property owners. The average property owners can't get the trees down themselves. On Travis Trace there is about 7 trees on the south side. Schneider asked to see a copy of previous year's letters to land owners about the trees.

Patrolman Wisner wants to know what to do with the tree debris they have picked up thus far.

Schneider does not have an objection to buying a claw for the end loader. All in favor. Motion carried.

Patrolman Wisner stated that we have a problem with wood debris. Wisner needs an answer for the distribution of the wood so he knows what he can tell residents that request the wood scrap. He knows that Dane County sells the wood on their surplus auction.

Franklin said he knows an individual that will take all the wood no questions asked.

Schneider asked if we have a problem with the supply of wood as it currently stands. Franklin said there are 8 trees down and they are not sawed. Wisner stated that the trees that have fallen in roadways are gone, but trees down in ditches are still in the ditch.

Board Action: Final review and authorization to send letter to Crull Court Resident

Schneider stated it was unfortunate that Ray was not notified about the change in June's meeting date. Schneider made a motion to rescind the motion to send the letter to Anderson made at the June meeting. Franklin second.

Gruebling made a motion to reopen the discussion about the basketball hoop. Schneider second. Discussion proceeded.

Schneider reminded the board of the petition signed by the Crull Court neighbors was in favor of the basketball hoop.

Ray Anderson stated he is willing to do whatever the Town needs in order to remove the snow from the area this winter. Ray states his son uses the hoop quite often and that he is willing to work with the Town Board and was not in attendance to cause problems.

Gruebling stated the problem with the hoop is the liability it causes for the Township and according to the Wisconsin Towns Association, Union is accepting liability if the hoop remains as is on Crull Court. Gruebling said the road {Crull

Court} is owned by all the residents of the Town as tax payers; that the petition is signed by 8 neighbors and that the hoop is permanent, not a portable hoop and that is the problem. Gruebling also said it is poor policy on the Town's part to accept the liability of having the hoop permanently set in Crull Court and that the State Statute is very clear on the issue.

Franklin said he understands the liability of the hoop being permanent. Anderson stated he thought the permanent one looked better, it is nicer for the neighborhood and he is willing to remove the snow around it in winter.

Franklin felt he could agree to have Anderson place a portable hoop at Crull Court as long as it's not permanent; set in concrete.

Schneider asked Franklin if he wants the letter sent. Franklin stated he trusts Ray and sees no need for the letter to be sent now.

Motion to rescind what was stated last month about the letter repeated by Schneider. Franklin second.

Gruebling made a motion to not send the letter and that the permanent hoop at Crull Court be removed within 30 days. A non-permanent hoop could be put in its place. Franklin second. Motion carried.

Board Action: Payment of Rock County snowplowing invoice dated February 2015

Decision on whether to pay for snowplowing was proposed. Motion by Franklin to not pay the bill because more details are needed. Second by Schneider. Motion carried.

Board Action: Approval of Provisional (Bartender) License Application

Larsen requested a motion to approve Beth Zee's provisional license. Schneider made motion to approve provisional license. Gruebling second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Action: Review and Approval of Mobile Home Licenses

Motion made by Gruebling to send letters to Val Halla and Midway that they are in violation of renewing their licenses and ordinances need to be corrected. Tabled the action since building inspector needs to be referenced.

Board Action: Appointment of Planning & Zoning Committee Member

Schneider has talked with a couple people. Ed Levin is gone until the 18th of July. Schneider suggested that it would be helpful if the person was involved in the Smart Growth process. Action tabled until next month for further search.

Board Action: Set date for Park Committee Meeting

Possible date suggested by Schneider was July 22. Requested Larsen to check the availability of Creekside.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Franklin/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen.

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