

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 4, 2016**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was held at the Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI. Board members present were Chairman Kendall Schneider, Supervisor George Franklin, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Building Inspector Bob Fahey and Clerk Bridgit Larsen. Constable Eric Larsen was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Franklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk's Minutes (January 7, 2016)

Franklin made a suggestion that strike Yamar 2001. Gruebling made motion to approve minutes as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of January 31, 2015:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,501.95
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$ 973,369.84
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 3,456.33
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$ 21,377.70
Escrow Accounts:	
Mastec, LLC	\$ 207.04

Constable's report

Constable Larsen emailed his report. There were no calls in January to report.

Building Inspector's report

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

Sharon had a comment from a resident that burning is taking place in properties close to the City that they would like to see not allowed.

Alvin Francis commented on the Planning & Zoning meeting from last week and he would like to apply the base of the farm track on buildings and ignore the track for separations of land. Count of buildings for the track, not the land.

Recycling Center Update

Krueger stated garbage and recycling volume has decreased. People still want punch cards. The Piggly Wiggly sent people to the dump to buy punch cards at the Center and they are not available there. \$15 is the current rate of the punch cards and people are now willing to pay \$20 for a punch cards since the cost of bags is now \$2.

Sharon would like to see it noted on the daily record if they bought the punch card.

Krueger would like the punch cards to live at the Center along with a separate log for the day as to who bought the punch card.

Franklin suggested a packet of ten punch cards to begin with to live at the Center at the cost of \$20.

Roadwork Report

\$21 will be the rate going forward for the work in the Town of Center for Patrolman's.

Motion by Schneider to charge \$21/hour for Patrolman's wages for work performed outside of the Township and the rate for equipment/unit costs will be based on WisDOT State's standard pricing. Franklin second. All in favor by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

The plow truck has a new gas tank.

80 tons of salt remaining of the 150 tons we started the season with. New bid process starts in March with WisDOT.

Discussion: Purchase of truck(s) for Town plowing

Nells from the Town of Rutland was hit with the truck by a car and it dented the fuel tank and required some cosmetic work on fender. Truck will be in better condition than prior to purchase. It will probably be ready the first of April. The cost will be \$40,000.

Motion by Gruebling to place a \$1k deposit on the truck. Franklin second. All in favor by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Gruebling suggested using a loan over two or three years to purchase this truck so our budget is not immediately depleted. Schneider would like action item placed on the March agenda.

Discussion: Building for equipment storage and Town Hall

Patrolman Wiser and Supervisor Franklin met with Kevin Fanning who gave them an estimate on a Blu Scope building. A 120 x 50 x 20 with 16 H x14 tall doors will be \$300,000. This bid is for a turn-key building.

Fahey pointed out that since it is a *commercial* building the Township will be required to put in a restroom, well and septic system.

Franklin wants a building before we have a salt shed.

Discussion: Brooklyn Fire & EMS

Brooklyn wants an audit performed and would like to purchase a new computer software.

The agreement is in the process of being rewritten.

Discussion: Approach to archiving website information

Schneider suggested purchasing an external hard drive to store the old web files that will be removed from the website as well as the Township's electronic files.

Gruebling would like the Wind Tower and Ordinance 2007-02 Temporary Stay on Construction of Large Wind Energy Systems removed.

Action Item: Appoint Board of Adjustment member

Schneider spoke with Mike Exum. Alvin Francis suggested Paul Hagen but has not talked with him. Motion made by Schneider to appoint Mike Exum of BOA. Gruebling second. Motion carried.

Motion by Gruebling to adjourn and pay bills at 7:43. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

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