

TOWN OF UNION

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes of Thursday, May 13, 2021

The Town of Union Monthly Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisors Kim Gruebling and Mason Barber, Clerk Regina Riedel and Treasurer Jessica Nellen. Plan Commission members Alvin Francis and Dave Pestor were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's Minutes (April 7 & 20, 2021 & March 11, 2021)

Motion to approve minutes of March 11 as written made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote (Barber abstaining as he was not elected at the time).

Motion to approve minutes of April 20 as written made by Gruebling/Barber. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Jessica Nellen reported balances as of April 30, 2021 (attached). Nellen noted that the CD the Town holds at Greenwoods State Bank matures in December; the Board will have to begin thinking about what they'd like to do with the money at that time.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported permits issued during April (attached).

Clerk Update

Clerk Regina Riedel reported the recycling grant from the DNR has been approved in the amount of \$4315.59. Waiting for further clarification regarding allowable use on federal grant money.

Recycling Center Update

Josh Wisner reported he has located and will be getting delivery of cement blocks for Recycling Center.

Brooklyn Fire District Update

Barber reported the old fire truck sold for \$8,000 last week on Wisconsin Surplus Auction.

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

Alvin Francis inquired about the status of meeting minutes on the website; Riedel stated uploading minutes and related info from 2020-present is in progress.

Dave Pestor asked for clarification regarding why not all elected officials were sworn in at the same time; Gruebling explained the process.

Public Hearing: Request by Gene & Carol Prudhon, 245 Clifton St., Evansville, WI for a land division and zoning change. The applicants request the division of approximately 11.8 acres from the existing 80 acre parcel 6-20-253, located at 6837 N. Pleasant Prairie Rd. in the NE ¼, of Section 31 to create a lot for residential use. The 11.8 acre parcel would be rezoned A2, the parent parcel would retain A1 zoning.

Public hearing opened at 6:44 p.m.

No comments.

Public hearing closed at 6:48 p.m.

Motion to approve request as recommended by the Plan Commission made by Gruebling/Barber. Roll call: Schneider – yes; Gruebling – yes; Barber – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Changes to Resolution 2006-06, Adoption of Permit & Application Fees & Per Diem

Field drive permit cost is currently \$60, Gruebling feels the Town is losing money on permits at that price, as the Town is sending the Building Inspector as well as Road Patrolman for inspections. He suggests raising the permit fee to \$150 to cover costs, retaining the current Building Inspector reimbursement amount.

Regarding the fees for replacement of existing driveways, Gruebling would recommend \$150; he does not want to discourage residents from improving their existing driveways but there will still be personnel costs to the Town for inspections. This would be a new line item.

Public hearing opened at 6:53 p.m.

No comments.

Public hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

Motion to approve with changes suggested by Gruebling made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution 2021-01, Authorizing an Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin for Loan from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin

Public hearing opened at 6:57 p.m.

Loan is for funding the replacement of Croft Road bridge, which has come in at a total cost of \$118,350. Cost will be shared 50/50 with Rock County, but must be paid in full by the Town before reimbursement will be received.

Schneider read in the Form of Record outlining the loan details and requirements.

Public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Gruebling stated that the bridge is over 80 years old and must be replaced; a loan through BCPL has very competitive rates and an easy loan process, additionally bridge replacement is a very long term investment, loan is for 5 years at 2.5%.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-01, Approval and Authorization of Application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin for Loan from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin made by Gruebling/Barber. Roll call: Schneider – yes; Gruebling – yes; Barber – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Action: Appointment of Park Board Members

Motion to appoint Ed Levin, Derek Blume, Roger Schmidt and Mitch Muchow to the Park Board made by Gruebling/Barber. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

One additional member will be sought. Schneider will provide contact info for Schmidt; Riedel will contact all members and schedule meeting.

Discussion: Single Use Roads

The issue is ongoing and will require further discussion.

Discussion: Permits & Fees for Street Openings, Fiber Optics Installations, etc.

There has not been a formal process to date for street openings, fiber optics installations, etc. within the Town, including forms or fees. Barber would like to see a performance bond included in whatever process is established. Board agreed that the issue should be pursued. Schneider will work on it.

Roadwork

Wiser and Gruebling will determine when to start roadside mowing.

Motion to approve work on Croft Rd. in the amount of \$44,513 made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Wiser stated residents should be notified of work and that a 2' shoulder will be installed.

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 7:32 p.m.