

TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Minutes of May 10, 2022

The Town of Union Board monthly board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kim Gruebling at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Town of Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Supervisors Gruebling, Mason Barber, Don Templeton and Dave Pestor. Plan Commission members Alvin Francis and Ray Legris, Clerk Regina Riedel, Treasurer Jessica Nellen and Roadpatrolman Josh Wisner were also in attendance. Chairman Kendall Schneider was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Updates: Broadband Grant/ARPA Funds

A representative from Rock County was in attendance to discuss plans for increased broadband availability within the County. \$6 million of the County's ARPA funds will be used towards this purpose, including installation of towers throughout the county; one tower will be located in Union. Construction is to begin in 2022 and may not be completed until 2024.

An internet speed test is available to County residents to assist in determining where services are most needed, and can be found on the Rock County website home page, <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/>

Clerk's Minutes (April 19, 2022)

Treasurer's report

Building Inspector's report

Clerk Update

Riedel reported receiving no calls or email responses from TownHall Software, the company that handles the accounting software the Town would like to institute. She has also tried scheduling a training session online and did not receive a call at the scheduled time. Has contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association for any info they may have about the company, as they do advertise with WTA and are a vendor at the annual conference; WTA had no additional insight to provide regarding contacting them.

Closed session meeting with the Town Attorney will be scheduled for Monday, May 16. Mobile home park and liquor license renewal packets have gone out to all current licensees and review/approval of licenses will occur at the June Board meeting.

Recycling Center Update

Recycled blacktop has been delivered and spread at the center to address potholes.

Fire District Updates

Evansville Fire Department has approved the purchase of a new truck; build time is 24 months.

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

Ray Legris requested pest control services for hall, as there is an ongoing issue with bugs collecting in overhead lights. The Board approved the request and asked that Legris handle locating a service provider.

Residents of Holt Rd. were in attendance with concerns regarding the continued operation of a dog kennel on Holt Rd. Gruebling encouraged residents to contact RCSD regarding barking dogs, and noted that the Town is in the process of handling concerns regarding operation of kennels with the Town's attorney.

Doug Lee expressed concerns about Marcus Boulware's brush in the ditch along his property; a Town employee told Boulware that the Town would remove it. Boulware is currently hospitalized, and Lee was in attendance to address the issue. He would like the Town to take care of the brush as a Town representative stated they would. Templeton has concerns that it would set a precedent for other residents, as the brush is technically located on Boulware's property. Wisner was unaware of the agreement until today, and was not the individual who told Boulware the Town would handle it. The Board agreed that the Town should take care of the brush; Wisner will take care of it and will speak with Town employees regarding how to address similar situations.

Nellen stated one of her neighbors has standing water in his ditch each year, and she is wondering if the issue is possibly related to the initial installation of the ditching and if it is an issue the Town could/should address. Dave Pestor will take a look.

Public Hearing: Action on Request from Carolyn Larson Revocable Living Trust, 11025 N. Union Rd., Evansville for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-74, 84.11 acres, located in Section 10. The purpose of the request is to divide the parcel in to 3 parcels to settle the estate. Requested parcels are 37.02 acres zoned A1, 40.19 acres zoned A1, and 20.87 parcels zoned A2.

Public hearing opened at 7:17 p.m.

The Plan Commission recommended approval of the request.

Public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Motion to approve request from Carolyn Larson Revocable Living Trust, 11025 N. Union Rd., Evansville for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-74, 84.11 acres, located in Section 10 to divide the parcel in to 3 parcels: 37.02 acres zoned A1, 40.19 acres zoned A1, and 20.87 parcels zoned A2 made by Pestor/Templeton. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing: Action on Request from Oakview Acres LLC/Karen Binger, 210 Waterway Ct., Marco Island, FL for a land division and zoning change for parcel 6-20-130, 112 acres, located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 16. The purpose of the request is to create a 3 acre lot rezoned A3 to allow for the construction of a residence.

Riedel reported that the updated map showing the change from a 5 acre lot to a 3 acre lot has not yet been received.

Motion to table the request until updated map with received made by Pestor/Barber. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Board Action: Recycling Center Employee Wages

Gruebling discussed the issue with Schneider today in preparation for tonight's meeting, as Schneider was ill and would not be in attendance. He noted that local businesses have starting wages above \$15/hr. Schneider is in favor of raising wages to \$15/hr for recycling center employees.

Motion to increase wages for recycling center employees to \$15/hr effective immediately made by Gruebling/Pestor. Motion carried 3-1, with Templeton dissenting.

Board Action: Appointment of Plan Commission Members

Per Gruebling, Schneider would like to appoint Larry Meier to fill Dave Pestor's seat on the Plan Commission. Additionally, Gruebling stated that Alvin Francis' appointment is up and Schneider would like to appoint Derek Blume to fill that seat.

Motion to approve Schneider's recommendations made by Pestor/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution for Inclusion Under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan

Motion to adopt Resolution for Inclusion Under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan made by Pestor/Barber. Motion carried 3-1, with Templeton dissenting.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution for Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance

Motion to adopt Resolution for Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance made by Gruebling/Pestor. Motion carried 3-1, with Templeton dissenting.

Discussion/Board Action: Dwelling Condition & Safety Concerns

The Board will be meeting with the Town attorney on the issue. Motion to table issue until meeting was held made by Templeton/Pestor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Board Action: Permits & Fees for Street Openings, Fiber Optic Installations, Etc.

Barber drafted an application for permitting street openings and distributed it to the Board prior to the meeting. Gruebling believes an ordinance may need to be enacted to back it up; Barber will look into it. Issue tabled until June Board meeting.

Discussion: Limited Use Roads

Following extensive discussion and input from residents, a motion to patch and maintain roads in a passable condition that allows for snowplowing made by Templeton/Barber. Motion amended to state that an official town policy stating such will be drafted for action at the next board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Roadwork

Board agreed to postpone discussion regarding roadwork proposals until tomorrow night's meeting at RCDPW, and possibly schedule a meeting to discuss proposals in conjunction with meeting with Town attorney.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Templeton/Pestor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.