

## Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Township of Spring Green

Proceedings of the Town of Spring Green Regular Board Meeting, held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Town Hall located at E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, Wisconsin:

1. **Call to Order:** Dennis Polivka, Town Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Legal Posting:** Jenny Pappas, Clerk certified compliance with the open meeting law.
3. **Roll Call:** Members present were Chairperson Dennis Polivka, Supervisor Dave Radel, Clerk Jenny Pappas and Treasurer Karen Shelton. Also present were: Marian Copus, Carla Carmody, Jerome Carmody, Louis Weston, Jerry Bindl, Mike Birr, Michelle Thomas, Jeff Sprecher, Fred lausly, Michael Bindl, Doug Jones, Kevin Lins and Katie Pfiefer.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Shelton reported a beginning balance of \$122,789.51 with receipts of \$1,058,304.02 and disbursements of \$752,191.96 leaving a balance of \$428,901.57. Radel moved and Polivka seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Monthly Bills/Invoices:** Polivka moved and Radel seconded to approve the monthly bills/invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Chairperson & Supervisors Reports:** Chairperson's report/Dennis Polivka: Bids for the Wilson Creek Bridge project were let on February 10, Larson Construction out of Chippewa Falls was the low bidder at \$268,200. The Town share of the project will be approximately \$27,000. The project will start after June 15. Attended a Wisconsin Towns Association Sauk County Unit meeting, per Kathy Schauf, the County Justice Consortium is looking at ways to cut back on jail time. Announced that CDBG funds are available for low to moderate income families for home remediation. At the Sauk County Board meeting, Steve Muchow reported road construction will be taking place on County H from Reedsburg to Wisconsin Dells, the bridge on PF between Leland and Prairie du Sac and County D starting at Hwy 154. An Inter-Governmental Meeting will be held on April 1 at the RVHS Little Theater beginning at 6:30 pm. Supervisor report/Dave Radel: Radel noted the Prairie Sanitary District (PSD) changes are working very well and Doug Feiner has been putting in a lot of effort. Radel discussed the PSD call system, and it is working such that issues are being resolved in a timely manner.
9. **Comment from the Public:** Mike Birr asked if any more discussion has taken place regarding the curve on Rainbow Road. Polivka stated it is on the radar and he would touch base with Jewell regarding the matter.
10. **Reports:**
  - a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported 306 yards of sand has been used to date, and is in pretty good shape in that regard. Haas noted he has been working on painting the interior of the town hall, sign maintenance and truck maintenance.
  - b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas stated no building permits were issued in February.
  - c. **Emergency Planning:** No Report.
  - d. **Plan Commission:** lausly stated a request to re-zone E4810 Snyder Road from residential to agricultural was submitted so as to erect a secondary pole barn on the property. The request was reviewed and subsequently denied.
  - e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** lausly stated the committee is continuing to work on language to modify the zoning ordinance regarding accessory structures. Letters to landowners regarding the Farmland Preservation Program will be mailed out soon to invite them to the March 18 Plan Commission and JEZC Committee meeting to receive information on the program. lausly stated a representative from Sauk County will be there to answer questions and it will provide an opportunity to evaluate whether there is enough interest to proceed with the process of modifying the zoning ordinance.
  - f. **Fire District:** No Report.

- g. **Sauk County Board:** Polivka stated the board met on the 17<sup>th</sup> and approved to amend the 2015 budget, approved resolutions commending various persons for years of service, approved squad car and truck purchases. Received approximately \$90,000 from the Ho-Chunk Nation.
11. Agenda Items for discussion and/or action by the Town Board:
- a. **UW Agricultural Extension Agent Katie Pfeifer:** Pfeifer discussed the work she has done recently in Sauk County. Her work began around mid-2012 when concerns arose regarding nitrates in drinking water. She has been working with a group of producers in the area to see how much nitrogen is being put into the system and studying the output results. She noted farmers in this area are following and going beyond the recommendations put forth by the UW. Pfeifer discussed a time-released nitrogen is being studied but does not have results on this yet. Polivka noted the CPZ is actively seeking grants and received a \$1M USDA Grant for the Baraboo watershed. The grant will be matched by Sauk County.
  - b. **Request to Exceed Town Road Weight Limits:** Polivka stated a request to exceed town road weight limits was received from Jason Fuller. Polivka went over the application and approval/denial process for such requests. Polivka noted the applicant can appeal if the application is denied. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to deny the request to exceed town road weight limits submitted by Jason Fuller, Ag Services. Motion carried.
  - c. **Resolution R-1501, Opposition to Proposed County Assessment:** Polivka stated the Wisconsin Towns Association is against the proposed county assessment, noting the cost to the township could rise from \$10-\$12K per year to \$50-\$60K per year. The board of review process would be removed from the local municipality and would most likely be held in a larger municipality, like Baraboo for example. Polivka noted area legislators he has spoken to are not in favor of the proposal. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to approve Resolution R-1501, Opposition to Proposed County Assessment as presented. Motion carried.
  - d. **Proposed Ordinance Chapter 16:** Pappas explained the Alternative Claims Procedure Ordinance, which allows payments from the town treasury for bills and vouchers that are of a routine nature, such as payroll and utility charges. In addition, the Alternative Claims Procedure for refunds of tax payments in excess of tax bill amounts allows for a more streamlined process of paying out a refund for an overpayment of real estate taxes. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to approve Ordinance Chapter 16: Alternative Claims Procedure/Alternative Claims Procedure for Refunds of Tax Payments in Excess of Tax Bill Amounts as presented. Motion carried.
  - e. **Town Chart of Accounts Review:** Pappas presented the Town Chart of Accounts set up in the new software system, noting changes may need to be made as necessary. No action taken.
  - f. **Repair/Replacement Spring Green Cemetery Chapel Roof:** Radel stated he has received one bid so far for the roof, which includes pricing for both metal and asphalt. Radel stated he would continue to work on procuring more bids and the board can proceed from there. No action taken.
  - g. **Prairie Sanitary District Committee Appointments:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to appoint Doug Feiner for a three year term and Dave Radel for a two year term to the Prairie Sanitary District Committee. Motion carried.
12. Adjourn: Radel moved and Polivka seconded to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion carried.