

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, April 2, 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, Bill Mertens, Charlie White, Jerome Carmody, Carla Carmody, Jerry Noble, Emily Noble, Louis Weston, Doug Jones, Michelle Thomas, Edward McCaskey, Caryl Sprecher, Jerry Bindl, Pat Frischolz, Michael Bindl and Fred lausly.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Polivka moved and Radel seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen Shelton reported a beginning balance of \$428,901.57 with receipts of \$17,534.47 and disbursements of \$45,182.48 leaving a balance of \$401,253.56. Radel moved and Polivka seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Monthly Bills/Invoices:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to approve the monthly bills/invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Chairperson & Supervisors Reports:** Chairperson's report/Dennis Polivka: The Prairie Sanitary District Committee met on March 9; they have found another person to serve on the committee, which will be addressed later in the meeting. On March 18, the Plan Commission/JEJC met and discussed the farmland preservation program. An inter-governmental meeting was held at the River Valley High School on April 1. Executive Directors from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Towns Association and Wisconsin Counties Association attended. Some items addressed included: Criminal Justice Consortium Committee (CJCC)/alternatives to incarceration, potential voting equipment changes for Sauk County, heroin issues, and Fire & EMS volunteers and costs. Polivka noted he spoke with Greg Jewell regarding Rainbow Road and Jewell will look into the issues and have a report prepared within a week. State Representative Todd Novak sent a letter regarding the Town's Resolution opposing county assessment. Novak's letter was in favor of keeping the assessment process local. Supervisor's report/Dave Radel: Radel stated a local couple had made a request for a speed reduction on Highway 23 by the Leone Road intersection which will be addressed later in the meeting. Radel reported a joint labor force between the Towns of Spring Green and Franklin has been put in place. It is working well and Haas stated he is happy with the arrangement as both Townships benefit.
9. **Comment from the Public:** There was no comment from the public.
10. **Reports:**
 - a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported he has been working on tree trimming/brush cutting, plowing, finished painting the interior of the town hall, stripped and waxed the town hall floors with the assistance of Jerome, cleaned up the shop, truck maintenance and replaced some broken signs.
 - b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas stated building permits were issued for two new homes, one garage and one deck for the month of March.
 - c. **Emergency Planning:** No Report.
 - d. **Plan Commission:** A re-zoning request was received for a property on Horseshoe Road in which an old round barn would be converted into a rental venue for weddings and other events. This request will need to go through the county first.
 - e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** lausly stated Farmland Preservation was discussed and there is not enough interest to make any zoning changes at this time. There was a public hearing in regards to adding a conditional use to the ARN District for Landscape Contractor.
 - f. **Fire District:** There was a very brief meeting, no major decisions were made.
 - g. **Sauk County Board:** Polivka stated the board discussed the CJCC/alternatives to incarceration: they are starting with alcohol and drug violations, looking at successes from other counties and assisting people who have lost their driver's license to help get the license back or to obtain an

occupational license. Heroin is a huge problem across the county and it occurs across all income levels. Working on the mid-term assessment. The county will review election equipment from two different vendors on May 13. Polivka stated a letter was received from Sheriff Meister asking the Township to give Huber inmates projects to do. Polivka stated the problem is we are so far from Baraboo, which causes transportation issues.

11. Agenda Items for discussion and/or action by the Town Board:

- a. **Vacating a street in the Allens Subdivision:** Ed McCaskey has been working with the County in regards to vacating a street in the Allens Subdivision, which was platted in 1883. The township worked on this in the past, but the attempt failed because not all residents in the area were in favor. After much work McCaskey did with the county, everything is pretty much worked out and residents to the East of McCaskey will have access from Olson Road. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to go forward with vacating half of the right-of-way on the North side of the McCaskey property as presented. Motion carried.
- b. **Implements of Husbandry (IOH) Permit Application:** Polivka stated an IOH permit application was submitted by Kanables Dream Dairy Farm and there is no use considering it at this point until permits from the County and State are obtained first. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to table action on this item until the applicant has received confirmation of permits from Sauk County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Motion carried.
- c. **2016-2018 Memorandum of Understanding for SVRS Services:** Radel moved and Polivka seconded to approve the 2016-2018 Memorandum of Understanding for SVRS Services submitted by the Sauk County Clerk's Office as presented. Motion carried.
- d. **Roof replacement on chapel/shed & road maintenance at Spring Green Cemetery:** Polivka stated he looked at the building and currently there is a slate roof on the building which contains asbestos. There is some water damage on the front wall and a few water spots on the ceiling. Polivka noted per State Statute, when the cemetery association is short on funds, the municipality has to take over. Polivka noted the chapel was built in 1939 and it is a large part of the Town's history. Radel went over two bids he received: Hasheider's came in at \$15,050 & \$27,512 for asphalt and \$25,400 for metal (\$7,800 of the cost is for the asbestos removal). Frey Construction came in at \$27,500 & \$32,527 for asphalt and \$37,770 for metal (there was no break out for asbestos removal). Doug Jones suggested looking at samples before making a decision. Polivka noted samples could be obtained and presented at the next Cemetery Association Meeting. The audience discussed the potential of renting the space out after the rehabilitation. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to table the item until after the April 14 Cemetery Association Meeting. Motion carried.
- e. **Speed Restriction on Hwy 23 by Leone Road:** Polivka stated per Steve Muchow, an application would need to be made with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a speed reduction on Highway 23. The residents stated the curve on the road is so close to Highway 23 that they have nearly had accidents there and are not the only residents in that area who have experienced "close calls". A member of the audience asked if a petition would help. Polivka stated it couldn't hurt. Polivka stated he would get them a contact number to start the process of requesting the speed limit reduction. No action taken.
- f. **Prairie Sanitary District Committee Appointments:** Polivka moved and Radel seconded to appoint Terry Prem to the Prairie Sanitary District Committee for a one-year term. Motion carried.
- g. **Township of Spring Green Annual Meeting:** Polivka stated the earliest the Annual Meeting can be held is the third Tuesday of April. When the meeting date was chosen last year, it was non-compliant, so the Annual Meeting will need convene on April 21. Polivka moved and Radel seconded to call the Annual Meeting to order on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm and adjourn to a later date set at that meeting. Motion carried.

12. Adjourn: Radel moved and Polivka seconded to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.