

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, May 7, 2015 at the Town Hall located at E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, Wisconsin:

1. **Call to Order:** Kevin Lins, 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 Kevin Lins, Supervisor Dave Radel, Supervisor Mike Bindl and Clerk Jenny Pappas. Karen Shelton was absent. Also present were: Bill Mertens, Marian Copus, Charles White, Louis Weston, Irene Golembiewski, Tom LaBudde, Janet Gee, Leslie Schultz, Michelle Thomas, Sam Birr, Mike Birr, Dale Clark, Carol Bindl, Cari Stebbins, Own Brush, Jerry Bindl, Terry Shifflet, Benny Stenner, Thomas Ringelstetter, Jessica Neils, Barb Ringelstetter, Andy Ringelstetter, Joe Bradford, Fred Iausly, Timm Zumm, Caryl Sprecher, Jim Sprecher, Brad Peck, Jim Rossing and Kathy Rossing.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Pappas reported on behalf of Shelton a beginning balance of \$401,253.56 with receipts of \$44,263.51 and disbursements of \$19,206.06 leaving a balance of \$426,311.01. Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Monthly Bills/Invoices:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the monthly bills/invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Chairperson & Supervisors Reports:** Chairperson's report/Kevin Lins: will be attending Town Officials Workshop in May. Supervisor's report/Dave Radel: received a resident inquiry regarding permitted uses, met with Greg Jewell regarding Rainbow Road. Supervisor's Report/Mike Bindl: will be attending Town Officials Workshop in May.
9. **Comment from the Public:** Tom LaBudde stated per the April 3, 2014 Board Minutes it was stated a one-year review would be conducted in regards to Ordinance Chapter 15 – ATV & UTV Route. LaBudde requested the review be placed on the June agenda for discussion. Andy Ringelstetter stated an area along Jones Road has a steep shoulder and suggested blending the ditch out in this area. Benny Stenner wished the new board good luck and stated it is important to do a road review. Stenner asked the Board to look at Soeldner Road during the upcoming road tour.
10. **Reports:**
 - a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported 265 yards of sand/salt remaining. Items worked on included: removal of the plow equipment, patching, picking up trash, landscaping at the town hall, boat landing and park maintenance and cleaning out culvert ends.
 - b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas stated building permits were issued for four water heaters for the month of April.
 - c. **Emergency Planning:** No Report.
 - d. **Plan Commission:** Iausly stated there would be two items later in the agenda addressing a re-zone and conditional use at E4350 Horseshoe Road. Iausly noted the May Plan Commission Meeting will be cancelled due to no activity.
 - e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** Iausly stated the committee is working on an inconsistency in zoning at the former Prem Meats location; the current tenants plan on having a microbrewery at the location as well. In addition, the committee is working on a FEMA flood plan map update.
 - f. **Fire District:** No report.
11. Agenda Items for discussion and/or action by the Town Board:
 - a. **Rural Mutual Insurance Review:** Dave Zwettler of Rural Insurance went over the town's insurance coverages noting a \$500 deductible on all claims. Zwettler stated the cemetery can be added to the town's package and went over pricing for this option. Birr asked if there would be a price increase and Zwettler replied the price remains the same based on the same coverage.
 - b. **Fireworks Permit/Terry Shifflet:** Shifflet stated Wisconsin Riverside Resort is planning an end of the summer celebration on Sunday, September 6 which would include fireworks similar to the

Spring Green Country Christmas display. The fireworks would be shot off in a 200 acre field. Shifflet stated he has received the go ahead from Mark Cupp at the Riverway Board and the fire department would be on standby for the event. Shifflet stated if there are any fire restrictions, the event will be cancelled. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve a fireworks permit for Wisconsin Riverside Resort/Terry Shifflet for September 6, 2015 as long as weather conditions permit. Motion carried.

- c. **Spring Green Cemetery Lease & Chapel Roof Replacement:** Lins went over the map and history of the Spring Green Cemetery. Lins noted the original cemetery land was purchased by the township in 1862, a cemetery association was formed and subsequently entered into a lease agreement with the township. Lins stated the cemetery association is struggling with money issues and with finding people to run the association. Lins presented the idea of the township taking over the cemetery, form a committee to run it and to have the current association turn over their funds. Kathy Rossing stated the association has approximately \$12K and can probably stay afloat for one year. The only income is from the sale of graves. Lins stated an attorney would need to be brought into the equation to write up a lease termination via mutual agreement. Lins asked about the deed for the land expansion (parcel 032-0913). Rossing stated the association would sign that over to the township. Rossing noted this expansion land is currently leased to a farmer, but the association does not receive the money for the rental. Lins asked how much capacity remains in the current cemetery. Rossing stated with the rate of sales, it will suffice for quite some time. Lins stated the attorney could also take care of the deed transfer for the expansion land. A cemetery ordinance was discussed. lausly suggested having legal counsel review the ordinance and noted a hearing would need to be held before the ordinance is passed. Lins moved and Radel seconded to have the town attorney draw up a termination of lease by mutual agreement between the Town of Spring Green and Spring Green Cemetery Association, review the proposed cemetery ordinance and to work on a transfer deed of expansion land (parcel 032-0913) to the Township. In addition, a committee will be formed at the June Town Board Meeting to take place of the current Cemetery Association. Motion carried.

Radel went over the bid prices for the replacement of the chapel roof. Radel noted that patching the roof is not a recommended option. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to accept the bid from Hasheider Roofing in the amount of \$25K for a standing seem metal roof for the Spring Green Cemetery Chapel, price to include tear off and removal of asbestos; and an additional \$3K - \$4K if new sheeting is necessary. Motion carried. Bindl asked for comments from the public. Snyder asked why the chapel is being repaired/saved if it is never utilized. Lins stated there are many who feel it has historical and sentimental value. lausly stated we should preserve some of our history.

- d. **Re-zone request E4350 Horseshoe Road:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the request to re-zone E4350 Horseshoe Road from resource conservancy to recreational commercial to accommodate the use of the round bard for special events as presented. Motion carried.
- e. **Conditional use permit E4350 Horseshoe Road:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the conditional use permit for an eating establishment with alcohol, liquor or malt beverages and a recreational facility outdoors at E4350 Horseshoe Road, hours to be 10 am – 12 am daily with music and the serving of alcohol to end at 11 pm daily. Motion carried.
- f. **Plan Commission/JEZC Appointments:** Lins nominated Brian Frank, Michelle Thomas and Michael Bindl to the Plan Commission. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the nominations as presented. Motion carried. Lins nominated Jim Sprecher, Fred lausly and Sherryl Jones to the JEZC Committee. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the nominations as presented. Motion carried.
- g. **Support Letter Request WisDOT/WI & Southern RR:** Lins stated the WisDOT and WI & Southern RR send a request for a letter of support in their application for a TIGER federal grant to upgrade the rail. Citizen concerns about the increased speed were discussed. The board opted not to submit a letter of support.

- h. **Non-native Invasive Species:** Gigi LaBudde spoke about non-native invasive species found along the roadsides. LaBudde stated she and her neighbors commend Haas for the work he does and suggested the town purchase a hand-held sprayer for use on problem weeds. LaBudde stated everyone can help slow the growth of invasive species and she described several examples of species, where they grow and how to eliminate them. LaBudde handed out educational/control measure materials.
- i. **Town road ditch clean out:** The Paulus and Horseshoe ditches need to be cleaned out, which will be discussed at the May 16 road tour.
- j. **Big Hollow ditch maintenance:** Radel stated he received a call from Dale Clark - during the last 2-3" rain event, the ditch was flowing over and Clark was inquiring if he could build the corner up. Radel noted the easement states Clark can build this up if he wishes. Clark said he would fill up approximately 6" over a 15' length. Lins noted a road tour is scheduled for May 16, and the ditch would also be inspected. Caryl Sprecher requested only the board be present for the ditch inspection. There was some discussion as to whether the road tour/ditch inspection is an open meeting, which would allow the public to attend. Lins stated per Jewell, the ditch should be inspected annually and it has never been inspected to date. Lins further discussed Jewell's recommendation to set aside funds for maintenance as well as a contingency fund for major occurrences. Lins stated the three box culverts should be inspected as well: Kennedy Road, the county will inspect and repair and in turn bill the township, Hwy 14 will be inspected and maintained by the State and Mercer Road, which is complete township responsibility and needs to be inspected every 2-5 years. Zumm suggested taking water samples while on the inspection. Brander stated it has been dry since last August; there is no standing water to sample. Lins stated he asked Jewell what to do about the cattails. Lins explained the ditch checks and that there are quite a few of them; some or all of them could be removed to make it easier to mow. Lins stated the ditch checks are installed for erosion control during construction, and are not necessarily needed anymore.

12. Adjourn: Bindl moved and Radel seconded to adjourn at 9:42 pm. Motion carried.