

## 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 7:05 pm on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the Town Hall located at E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, and Wisconsin:

1. **Call to Order:** Kevin Lins, Town Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Clerk Jenny Pappas and Treasurer Karen Shelton. Also present were: Bill Mertens, Marian Copus, Mike Birr, Louis Weston, Carol Jefferson, Cheri Knerr (Luther), Doug Jones, Jessica Neils, Tom Ringelstetter, Judy Ettenhofer, Ted Bindl, Benny Stenner, Patty Brooks, Fred Gruber, Elaine Radel, Fred lausly, Lori Lins, Gloria Schauf and Ellery Schaffer.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Karen Shelton made a correction to the February minutes, noting the \$0.01 adjustment to the December ending balance was not necessary and should be \$51,547.23. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Shelton reported beginning balance of \$299,977.45 with receipts of \$905,166.41 and disbursements of \$827,571.12 leaving a balance of \$377,572.74. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Monthly Bills/Invoices:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the monthly bills/invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Chairperson & Supervisors Reports:**  
Chairperson's report/Kevin Lins:
  - 2/6 – Received invitation from DL Gasser Construction for a Lunch & Learn Seminar on fixing roads on March 17 in Dodgeville
  - 2/18 – Attended a meeting with Dave at the LaValle Town Hall for the Sauk County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association. Brent Michalek, Interim Sauk County Administrator discussed: amending Ordinance Chapter 8 Shoreland Protection and Chapter 26 Manure Management to match state ordinances, County Clerk reported the new election machines worked well, Sauk County working on changing White Mound Park to a "Dark Sky Park", and updating the office there. Steve Muchow, Sauk County Highway Commissioner discussed main highway reconstruction project for the County for this year, which will be 9 miles of County Road D from State Road 154 to County Road PF. Chip Meister, Sauk County Sheriff discussed: staffing changes, fatal vehicle accidents, drunk driving incidents/"Bar Buddies" program, internet fraud complaints, thefts/burglaries and Heroin use (the biggest issue in Sauk County). Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UWEX spoke on doing research on why more women are not in local government
  - Spent many hours since the last Town Board meeting working on the PSD and the lawsuit against the Town over the Big Hollow Ditch. Will participate in mediation tomorrow morning at 9:30 am in Madison/expected to take all day.
  - 2/21 – Received a proposal from James Harwood, J & J Total Lawn Care, LLC for mowing the cemetery – forwarded to the Cemetery Committee
  - 2/25 – Received a letter from Steve Muchow directed at all truck owners/drivers asking for cooperation through the coming Spring thaw period. Sauk County does not temporarily post roads unless they have problems in certain areas
  - 2/28 – Received letter from the DNR about the Lower Wisconsin Riverway Draft Master Plan
  - 3/3 – Received an email from the WTA about an upcoming Implements of Husbandry (IOH) Presentation on March 10 at McFarlanes in Sauk City
  - 3/3 – Held the first PSD Commission meeting since the Town constituted itself as the Commission since Resolution 5-2013 was passed on December 5, 2013

Supervisor Report/Dave Radel:

- 2/18 – Attended the Sauk County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting with Kevin
- Inspected the Egge Road curve site referred by Tom Lins at the last Board Meeting
- Checked with the post office regarding Edith Lins' mail delivery. Paperwork has been filed by Edith's family to have her mail delivered to her door
- Spoke with Dale Clark in regards to his plans for the next phase of mineral extraction and utilizing Pearl Road for his hauler. Dale currently has a line of credit at his bank and has a bond agreement with the Town of Spring Green and Sauk County to cover any damages caused by the hauling of sand. The agreement was drafted by the Town's Attorney. Dale recently had to renew his bonds, because they are only good for one year. If Dale's hauler does use Pearl Road, the Town will need to go through the same process. Dale also stated that he is in no hurry to start the next phase of his mineral extraction. Dale plans on removing the rest of his sand stock pile and proceed with the final reclamation that is part of his mining agreement. The site will need to be leveled out and covered over with topsoil and put back into AG production

Supervisor Report/Michael Bindl:

- No Plan Commission or Cemetery Committee Meetings
- Received a phone call regarding a washout on Horseshoe Road. Contacted Brad Haas and he took care of it right away.

9. **Comment from the Public:** There was no comment from the public.

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Patrolman:** Worked on plowing/sanding, truck maintenance, patching on WC and Phylane and put up weight limit signs.
- b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas reported no building permits issued in February.
- c. **Emergency Planning:** No meeting.
- d. **Plan Commission:** No meeting.
- e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** Hearing and approval for re-zoning on the Dave Liegel property on Hwy 23, approval of a conditional use for a micro-distillery for Enos Farms on Kennedy Road.
- f. **Fire District:** No meeting.

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

- a. **Resolution R-1601 International Migratory Bird Day:** Lins stated the Township became a Bird City four years ago and further explained the Resolution which needs to approved every year as part of the Bird City designation. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve Resolution R-1601 International Migratory Bird Day as presented. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion/possible action regarding Relocation Order Approval and Right of Way Plat Review for Rainbow Road:** K. Lins discussed the traffic count on Rainbow Road. Initially it was thought to be 650 per day, but it is closer to 475 per day. K. Lins stated the Town Patrolman and others have told him that Rainbow Road is dangerous; if there is a problem it should be fixed. Lori Lins asked how K. Lins would feel if the road is changed and someone dies. K. Lins stated he did not think upgrading the road will make it more dangerous. Lori Lins read a letter she wrote in opposition of the change to Rainbow Road and urged the board to try something less expensive. Cheri Knerr (Luther) stated this is her grandfather and father's property and she questions the board regarding their concern for safety. Knerr urged the board to try a less expensive alternative, such as signage. Knerr stated she spoke with Hutter who would be willing to plant low growing crops to improve the line of sight. Schaffer spoke to the landowner's concerns and stated the road would be brought up to current design standards. Schaffer noted the difference in the traffic count (475 vs. 650) does not affect the design class. Schaffer also discussed the limited sight distance and number/severity of crashes since 1996. K. Lins stated both he and Radel inspected the road that Tom Lins discussed at the last board meeting and it is not a comparable curve. Brian Schulz recommended trying other measures before spending \$180K. Schaffer went over the estimates which came in at \$140K/\$120K. Gloria Schauf stated she is concerned and objects to a

50 mph curve. The public discussed improving the line of sight by planting low growing crops and ideas for changes to the road such as signage, lights, etc. K. Lins read an email from the Janotta's in support of the change. Bindl stated he has heard so much support for changing the curve, but no one is here tonight speaking to that side. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to table the item for one more month and asked Luther and Lori Lins to draft an alternate proposal on improving the line of sight and Jewell to provide information on flattening out the curve. Lins opposed. Motion carried.

- c. **Approve Assessors sales study for Rainbow Road Easement**: No action taken.
  - d. **Ordinance 2016-0303, Addition of Chapter 19 – Nonmetallic Mine Exploration Ordinance**: Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve Ordinance 2016-0303 as presented. Motion carried.
  - e. **Discussion/possible action regarding Alliant Energy Conversion to Natural Gas Survey**: Radel moved and Bindl seconded to complete the Alliant Energy Conversion to Natural Gas Survey. Motion carried.
12. **Convene into closed session**: at 9:07 pm, Radel moved and Bindl seconded to convene into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for “Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property or the investing of public funds as competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”. Roll call votes ayes: Lins, Radel and Bindl. Motion carried.
  13. **Reconvene into Open Session**: At 10:43 pm, Radel moved and Bindl seconded to reconvene into open session. Roll call votes ayes: Lins, Radel and Bindl. Motion carried.
  14. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Joost property**: Radel moved and Bindl seconded to authorize Kevin Lins settlement authority for an amount determined in closed session. Motion carried.
  15. **General Public Comment**: There was no general public comment.
  16. **Adjourn**: Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adjourn at 10:47 pm. Motion carried.