

## 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 5, 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 7:00 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, Clerk Jenny Pappas and Treasurer Karen Shelton. Also present were: Bill Meise, Louis Weston, Marian Copus, Doug Jones, Benny Stenner, Michelle Thomas, Sue Meise, Jerry Bindl, Carol Bindl, Caryl Sprecher, Kolby Hirth, Patty Brooks, Fred Iausly, Irene Golembiewski, Marc Higgs, Cheri Luther Knerr, Fred Gruber, Ellery Schaefer, Jerry Sprecher and David Williams.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Lins amended Item 11a and noted he spoke with the Town Attorney who informed him she had never been to the McCaskey property prior to last year. The Town Attorney did not give an opinion to the Township regarding liability in regards to the McCaskey property. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as amended. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Shelton reported beginning balance of \$263,654.95 with receipts of \$17,520.63 and disbursements of \$40,777.88 leaving a balance of \$240,397.70. 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:

- April 22 – met at the Town Hall with Gary from Bug Tussel, who upgraded the internet access modem to a 4G capable unit. This is a different unit than we had before as it has no built-in WiFi or switch ports. This is an agenda item for this evening.
- April 27 – signed a letter and Jenny sent it out certified mail to a farmer in the Township giving him a 15 day notice to bring his driveway into compliance. This issue started after the road tour a year ago, where Brad and the Board noted the farmer was breaking up a Town road.
- April 28 – opened up the Town Hall for some residents who wanted a place to meet to discuss the wetland proposal. This was not a Town meeting. 27 people attended.
- May 1 – received a letter from Governor Scott Walker confirming TRID funding for the Mercer Road project for 50% of the actual cost not to exceed \$322,894.11 which would be 50% of the projected \$663,862.25 project cost. I then sent a thank you email to Greg Jewell to let him know we got the funding. Jewell Associates was hired by the Town to do the application work.

Supervisor Report/Dave Radel:

- Attended wetland meeting on April 28
- Received an email on May 5 from a resident regarding proposed ATC powerlines. Informational meetings are scheduled for May 18 and May 19 at Deer Valley in Barneveld

Supervisor Report/Michael Bindl:

- No Plan Commission or Cemetery Committee meetings
- Attended informational bridge meeting in Lone Rock on May 4; this project is in the very beginning stages

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

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Patrolman:** Worked on picking trash, cut/trim trees at the Cemetery, washout on Butternut repair, attended training, patching, Town Hall landscaping, mowed the park and boat landing.
- b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas reported building permits were issued for the following in April: Three (3) remodels, One (1) Re-roof and One (1) Accessory Building.
- c. **Emergency Planning:** No meeting.
- d. **Plan Commission:** No meeting.
- e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** Preliminary consultation with Shawn Kuhse regarding a potential CSM and re-zone on Riverside Drive.
- f. **Fire District:** No meeting.

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

- a. **Discussion/possible action regarding selecting a roadway realignment alternative for Rainbow Road:** K. Lins stated if the 25 or 35 mph curve design is chosen, an exception from the state would be required, and the exception probably would not be granted. If the 45 mph curve design is chosen, the road would first have to be posted at 45 mph. All three of these options would incur additional design costs – up to \$6K. Lori Lins asked for an explanation and Schaefer went over the various design options noting the DOT needs to approve because the Town will be utilizing State monies. Gruber stated the road has to be designed to State standards, which in this particular project, is a 50 mph curve design; if the curve design is less than 50 mph an exception is needed. Lori Lins asked if it would make more sense to try to get the exception for the 25 mph curve design and make the rest of the road 45 mph. K. Lins stated if the road is posted at 45 mph, then the curve has to be designed for 45 mph. Radel stated since the Town has identified the road to be a safety concern, if nothing is done the Town could be liable. Stenner suggested posting the road at 45 mph and going with the 45 mph curve design. Hirth stated she agreed with Stenner to some extent and discussed the total cost of the 45 and 50 mph option. Hirth stated the consensus seems to be to rule out the 25 & 35 mph options. Radel stated he would be willing to compromise with the 45 mph option. A discussion ensued regarding the remnant parcel and property owners access to the slough bottoms. Hirth asked if the project would be pushed back to next year regardless of what design is chosen. K. Lins stated the project would most likely be pushed back to next year. Lori Lins stated this has come to a crossroads; some are against and some are for. If you go ahead and vote for this, the property owners are going to fight it and it will take longer – it will be a battle. Hirth stated she now supports the 50 mph design as there is no extra cost. Jones asked if the present owners will have access to the slough. Gruber responded that the access would not change. Knerr stated she is trying to protect the residents on the road; this will make it more dangerous. lausly stated if people are concerned with the speed on the road, it could be posted at 45 mph and then Sauk County can enforce that speed. K. Lins stated the 50 mph design could be done, and then the road speed could be changed to 45 mph later, if necessary. Lori Lins offered to pay \$5K to have Jewell explore the 25 mph option with the state. The board was not agreeable to this offer. Hirth stated if the road has a 30 year lifespan, it would be irresponsible to not build to design standard. Lori Lins suggested taking the issue to a referendum. Hirth stated this is a Town issue, not a neighborhood issue. Lins moved and Radel seconded to proceed with the 50 mph design proposal for Rainbow Road, and after a trial period of two years, post a speed of 45 mph if necessary. Bindl opposed. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion/possible action regarding Relocation Order Approval and Right of Way Plat Review for Rainbow Road provided the 50 mph alternate is selected:** Radel moved and Lins seconded to approve the Relocation Order Approval and Right of Way Plat Review for the Rainbow Road project. Motion carried.
- c. **Discussion/possible action on approving Ari Roberts of AJ Appraisals for providing an appraisal for the lands required for Rainbow Road provided the 50 mph alternate is selected:** Radel moved and Lins seconded to approve Ari Roberts of AJ Appraisals for providing an appraisal for the lands required for the Rainbow Road project. Motion carried.
- d. **Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance 2016-0505, Revision of Chapter 12 – Board of Review:** Bindl moved and Lins seconded to approve Ordinance 2016-0505, Revision of Chapter 12 – Board of Review as presented. Motion carried.

- e. **Discussion/possible action regarding Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Bank Proposal:** Lins stated the Town Attorney suggested the Town should respond to the Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Bank Proposal. Lins noted the town issues would include the ditch inlet, sediment pond and private landowner ditch. Stenner asked if the property would stay on the tax roll. Clark explained as far as the assessment, if he maintains his exemption the assessment would basically stay the same as it is now. If he does not have the exemption, the property would be assessed higher and he would have to pay more in taxes. Lins stated Mr. Clark would like to hold a public hearing sometime in the future. Hirth asked what the drivers of this project are. Clark stated the main motivations for this project are financial incentives and water quality. Clark stated water quality is important to me and this wetland would help stop/slow the sediment which will preserve the Big Hollow Ditch. Clark stated this would be an asset to everyone downstream. Clark stated if he cannot design a plan that will not meet neighbor concerns, he won't do it. Clark stated once he has a plan drawn up, he would like to make a presentation to ease any concerns. Clark stated the detention basin will not change as it is bound by easement, the east-west ditch will stay and will have some minor changes and the inlet will stay the same. Lins asked who would hold the easement to the property. lausly stated the easement would be held by the landowner; would stay permanently with the landowner. Lins moved and Bindl seconded to have the Town Clerk draft a response letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers addressing the concerns noted and to include the opinion of Jewell Associates. Motion carried.
  - f. **Discussion/possible action regarding Wi-Fi/Router at Town Hall:** Lins explained the new router installed at the Town Hall and recommended getting a switch. Lins discussed access point versus router. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to have Lins purchase the equipment necessary to offer WiFi at the Town Hall. Motion carried.
  - g. **Discussion/possible action regarding Alliant Energy Conversion to Natural Gas:** Lins stated he re-calculated the cost savings by utilizing a three year average cost of LP. Lins noted it would be approximately three years to break even if the Town were to convert to natural gas. Lins moved and Radel seconded to start the process of converting the Town Hall to Natural Gas. Motion carried.
  - h. **Discussion/possible action regarding quote from Blaser Pest Control, LLC:** Lins stated there is a bug issue at the town hall and cemetery chapel. A quote from Blaser Pest Control was acquired and the cost would be \$60 per month. The board discussed whether to utilize the service monthly, quarterly or seasonally. Lins moved and Radel seconded to use Blaser Pest Control for the Town Hall and Cemetery Chapel for one month, evaluate how it works and if successful, use the service on an as-needed basis. Motion carried.
  - i. **Discussion/possible action regarding Email Notification for meetings:** Lins moved and Radel seconded to establish an Email Notification Policy for Town Board meetings. Motion carried.
  - j. **Sauk County Clean Sweep – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**
12. **Adjourn:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.