

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 7:04 pm on Thursday, January 5, 2017 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 7:04 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: Marian Copus, Mike Birr, Tom Lins, Fred Iausly, Fred Gruber and Pat Blair.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2016 regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Shelton reported beginning balance of \$201,121.96 with receipts of \$4,951.84 and disbursements of \$38,294.66 leaving a balance of \$167,779.14. 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:
 - December 2nd received an email from Jaron McCallum from the PSC with actual Broadband Community! Forward ordinances from the first four communities that passed one; Town of Clam Falls, Village of Kronenwetter, City of Thorp and Iowa County. I will show these later in the agenda.
 - December 6th Drove to Wisconsin Rapids to attend the Statewide Bootcamp on Broadband (187 miles)
 - December 10th Pulled boom lift back home from cemetery. Filled with premium gas at my place and had Brad verify the gallons. Made bill for Town for gas.
 - December 12th Spoke with Kevin Bauer from Thermo Dynamics about the timeline for converting the Town Hall to natural gas. He indicated it would not be this week and didn't know about the following week, saying it depended on the weather. I then called Consumers Coop and ordered 400 gallons of propane, since our tank was below 10 percent and cold weather was in the forecast.
 - December 13th Spoke with Angie Dickison, Wisconsin State Broadband Director, for the PSC about possible conflicts between our driveway ordinance and becoming certified as a Broadband Forward! Community. She stated repeatedly that the PSC cannot offer legal opinions, but our \$1000.00 deposit could be considered reasonable for an engineering review for a driveway application and we would not call it an application fee. In any case, if someone challenged us to the PSC, the most that could happen is we would lose our certification. We would not have to limit our deposit requirement to \$100.00
 - Attended Plan Commission monthly meeting at the Town Hall
 - December 16th Received an email from the County about property transfers.
 - December 18th Fred and I received an email from Kolby Hirth with 16 attachments. I read it all. I'm glad she highlighted parts so I can follow her train of thought. Talk about frac sand conference.
 - December 19th Brad and I moved left over steel siding to one of my buildings to get it out of the way.
 - I sent Brad to get a new ballast for one of the shop lights and then later, I installed it.
 - December 20th Repaired wiring and replaced incorrect bad mercury vapor lamp with proper high pressure sodium lamp in the outdoor lighting fixture above the overhead doors at the Town Hall Shop.
 - Jenny left correspondence from Alliant Energy addressed to me at her office. They wanted updated contact information for the responding department/agency for their "Local Area Gas Crisis Plan"
 - December 21st Had a packet dropped off at my house from Carl Thorsen with Scott Construction, Inc. Carl also left me a voicemail informing that John Delmore has retired and that he, Carl, is now the Sauk County representative for Scott Construction. In the packet were business cards, planners and pens.
 - December 24th Received an updated will tracking report from Jenny.
 - December 24th Received an email from Jenny with an Open Records request from a Reedsburg law firm about Rainbow Road. I had already had a lot of this done when I was searching the minutes over the last four years to see how the PSD mess started, so I pulled all the Rainbow Road items too and gave a copy to Cheri Knerr at an earlier meeting. So I gave my copy to Jenny. I'll talk about the rest later as an agenda item.

- December 27th I called a Bug Tussel representative and asked if they would upgrade our Town Hall internet connection from 2Mbit to 4Mbit. They checked our signal quality and said it wasn't good enough for the higher speed.
- December 27th Received a letter from WDOT showing a General Transportation Aids amount of \$135,246.84.
- December 29th Received a letter from Blackstone Technologies, LLC of Lake Delton advising they will be the exclusive supplier of BST-360 High Performance Patch Mix which we previously purchased from Scott Construction, Inc. I passed this on to Brad.
- January 3rd Thermo Dynamics completed the Town Hall & Shop building conversion to natural gas.
- January 4th Received a phone call from a resident in the Township off of Greenway Lane wondering what could be done about the smoke from the burning from the Lone Rock Recycling Center. He said it started Tuesday night (January 3rd) and was still burning and that his house smelled like smoke. I told him I had noticed it at 9.00 a.m. and was wondering what was on fire and drove over to take a look. I told him I would try to get the business cards of the DNR employees who inspected the Spring Green Recycling center.
- January 5th Had a meeting with Dan Werner, Waste Management Specialist from the Bureau of Waste Management (DNR), David Youngquist, Conservation Warden from the Bureau of Law Enforcement (DNR), Scott Lancaster, Forest Ranger Spring Green Ranger Station (DNR), Dean Ewers, President Village of Lone Rock and Adam Reno, Maintenance Person for Village of Lone Rock and also Lone Rock Fire Chief at the Village of Lone Rock Recycling Center about the burning of trees affecting Township residents.

Supervisor Report/Dave Radel:

- 1/3 – conversation with Greenway Lane resident regarding the Lone Rock burn site

Supervisor Report/Mike Bindl:

- 12/13 – Plan Commission Meeting

9. **Comment from the Public:** John McKenna – spoke about the Lone Rock Village burn site; urged the board to take corrective action to prohibit any recurrence of an event that causes financial and/or health issues, Mark Berg – commented on the Lone Rock Village burn site; still burning as of this meeting and is burning unsupervised, family members felt ill, home is full of smoke. Mike Eppley – commented on the Lone Rock Village burn site; can't continue like this – house and cars smell like they've been in a fire. Bill Mertens – stated the gate to the site is open all the time which is an issue. Pat Blair – commented on the Lone Rock Village burn site; was unable to leave her house for several days due to health issues.

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported working on the following during the month of December: plowing/sanding (have used 226 yards of sand, last year at this time used 75 yards), truck maintenance, natural gas conversion.
- b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas reported no permits were issued for December.
- c. **Emergency Planning:** No meeting.
- d. **Plan Commission:** Continued to look at the comprehensive plan/goals & objectives.
- e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** No meeting.
- f. **Fire District:** Met last week, continued review of insurance for buildings and equipment. Decided to go with Dave Zwettler – Rural Insurance which is less expensive.

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

- a. **Discussion/possible action regarding amending contract with Jewell Associates to include all of Rainbow Road, along with the curve, for an engineering contract. Discussion/possible action regarding dip in Rainbow Road adjacent to Hwy 60. Discussion/possible action regarding parking in Town Right Of Way along Rainbow Road by Edith Lins and possible need for a driveway permit. Discussion/possible action regarding Relocation Order Approval and Right of Way Plat Review for Rainbow Road:** Fred Gruber of Jewell Associates brought an amended contract for Rainbow Road and went over it briefly. The updated contract includes Rainbow Road from Hwy 14 to Hwy 60. Birr stated the curve does not need to be changed, just re-paved. Birr stated changing the curve is a waste of money. Lins stated the changes to the curve have already been decided and the subject will not be hashed over again. Tom Lins asked about the dimension of the right-of-way and asked if items located in the right-of-way would have to be moved. No action was taken on the amended engineering contract with Jewell Associates.

No action was taken regarding the dip in Rainbow Road adjacent to Hwy 60.

Lins stated Tracy Johnson went and took a look at the Edith Lins property and determined that Ms. Lins is parking in the right-of-way which is not allowed. Kevin Lins showed several pictures of the parking location along with a legal opinion from Cross Jenks Mercer & Maffei. Kevin Lins explained once the town is aware of an issue and decides not to do anything about it, it can be a risk to their immunity. Lanita Schulz asked what brought this on. Edith Lins stated she has been parking here forever. Tom Lins asked the board to call the Sheriff for fisherman that park on the curve. The cost of a driveway permit was discussed. Iausly stated the board is trying to get Ms. Lins' car out of the right-of-way, they are not picking on anyone. Kevin Lins went over an email he received from Lori Lins. Lanita Schulz asked if parking of her mother Edith's car was moved to the other side of the road if a driveway permit would not be necessary. Kevin Lins responded that was correct. Marit stated if the curve is built for a speed limit of 50 mph, by the time they get to his house they will be going 70 mph. Marit asked for a posted speed by his home. Kevin Lins stated a motion was made previously to install a 50 mph curve and wait two years. If speed is an issue, the board will discuss lowering the speed. Kevin Lins told Edith Lins it was her choice on what she wanted to do, either a) apply and acquire a driveway permit or b) park on the other side of the road. No action taken.

Lins stated the Relocation Order and Right of Way Plat for Rainbow Road was originally filed in May, 2016. A mistake was found, corrected, signed and emailed to the Sauk County Treasurer in November, 2016. The corrected document was not subsequently filed with the Sauk County Clerk, so it is no good and will have to be done again. Radel moved and Bindl seconded to sign the amended Relocation Order and Right of Way Plat for Rainbow Road as presented. Motion carried.

- b. **Discussion/possible action regarding policy for Town Treasurer for delinquent personal property tax and for keeping a log of valid comments made about the Town's Assessor by residents to the Town Treasurer and/or Town Board. Review language in Town's contract with Assessor as to possible effects by new policy:** Lins stated he had the Town Attorney draw up a personal property tax policy that will help deal with delinquent personal property tax in various situations. Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve the Personal Property Tax Procedure as a temporary policy. Motion carried.
- c. **Discussion/possible action regarding language for becoming a Broadband Forward! Community:** Lins received four sample Broadband Forward! Ordinances from various communities and asked Pappas to put them on the Town's website. No action taken.

12. **Adjourn:** Radel moved and Lins seconded to adjourn at 9:33 pm. Motion carried.