

## 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 2, 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 7:05 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: Brad Haas, Marian Copus, John McKenna, Michelle Thomas, Carla Carmody, Mike Birr, Irene Golembiewski, Fred lausly and Benny Stenner.
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 February 2, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and February 15 2017 Special Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Shelton reported beginning balance of \$411,500.44 with receipts of \$949,103.76 and disbursements of \$803,735.06 leaving a balance of \$556,869.14. 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:
  - Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Received an email from a resident about needing a variance for a pole shed on his property off of Phylane Road. I forwarded this to Fred and I believe we figured he didn't need one if he did it right, but I advised him to do a lot line survey before he started building if he was planning on building as close as possible to the setback area.
  - Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Received a copy from Lamers busing company thanking our plow truck employees for the good work this winter. I made copies for Brad and Tony.
  - Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Sent Fred an email about a Boundary and Annexation Survey and asked if he would complete it. I dropped it off at his house at a later date.
  - Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Received a call from Don Brander asking for my perspective about the fire at the LR Recycling site.
  - Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Talked to Tyson Miller from Mid-State Equipment in Prairie du Sac about a JD tractor and loader for the Town.
  - Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Received an email from Jenny which was forwarded from Sauk County concerning the Department of Revenue Bureau of Equalization appraisers doing a review of selected real estate parcels that sold during 2015 throughout our county. This work is expected to be started in February and completed by the end of April.
  - Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Received from the DNR a letter summarizing the January 27<sup>th</sup> DNR Enforcement Conference at the Village of Lone Rock.
  - Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Talked to Dan Werner about the LR permit including a portion of the Town of Spring Green in which he was going to follow up.
  - Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Received an email response from Madeline Gotkowitz, hydrogeologist from Wisconsin Geological Survey, stating she would send updated information from our SG-1 well on Jones Road after the data was collected sometime in March.
  - Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Received a final quote from Tyson Miller for a JD 5100M tractor and loader. They don't have any in stock at any of their stores and it would be at least June before they could get one. That and the fact that their trade-in value of our equipment was considerably lower than expected, made Brad and I decide we didn't need to go look at a similar tractor they might have at one of their locations.
  - Feb 14 Talked to Dan Werner about the LR permit and found out he had given permission for them to bury the remaining pile without inspecting it first. I asked that he inspect it first, but they had already started to bury the remaining portion. Dan had repeatedly told me this wasn't a landfill and they were not allowed to bury anything on site.
  - Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Attended Plan Commission monthly meeting.
  - Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Attended Special Meeting with closed session here at the Town hall to discuss final offer for Rainbow Road property.
  - Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Attended WTA Sauk County Unit meeting at the Town of Westfield Hall in Loganville with Dave. Dave said he would take notes for our meeting.

- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Had a meeting with Adam Reno and Jr. Marshall at the Spring Green Town Hall to update each other with the issues with the fire at the Lone Rock Recycling Site. They indicated they had it cleaned up and spent \$8000.00 for landfill fees and another \$2000.00 for trucking and burying. They also indicated they are applying for a composting permit. I informed them about the Town creating a Waste Burning Facility Ordinance and how it would affect them as well as the Village of Spring Green.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Had a meeting at the Spring Green Town Hall with Fred and some representatives from the Village to see if there was a way to collectively improve broadband for both communities. There is another meeting scheduled here for March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> I spoke with John Calloway, ATC Local Relations, about some positions a local area group, Driftless Defenders, wanted to present as an agenda item at our meeting. I also consulted Village President Gene Hausner about what they had done with this group. The group has since postponed their presentation request.
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Called and sent an email to Village President Gene Hausner with some information about controlling Emerald Ash Borer. This was in response to an agenda request about being included in the Village's research. According to Gene, the Village consulted with a forester about which trees to save and which to remove. There isn't any research. If you want to save your ash trees, you have two choices; either a drench or hire an arborist to chemically inject a systemic insecticide into the tree. Several years ago, I had an Emerald Ash Borer trap board on my ash tree from the State.
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Received a forwarded email from the Town's attorney from Amanda Bowen, attorney for Luther Family Farms LLC indicating they accepted our final offer for the land needed for the Rainbow Road project with the condition in writing we remove the old road, which we were planning on doing. Fred Gruber from Jewell Associates sent out the same day the necessary documents for them to sign.
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> I received the final draft copy of a Waste Burning Facility Ordinance from Natalie which I have since forwarded to Fred to be reviewed and revised by the Plan Commission.
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Received an update from Lori Lubinsky about the Big Hollow Ditch lawsuit. "The Judge will be issuing a decision on the inverse condemnation claim by the end of March or early April. If we win that motion, there will be no trial. Rural will pay the \$50,000 limit, and the Joost's can appeal the trial court's decision if they want. If we lose the motion, then we will need to go to a trial where the jury will determine the value of the property taken."
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Received a telephone call from a realtor about a property near County Line Road to the east and what can be done with it. I referred him to Fred.
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Today, at 6:00 p.m. we had the bids opening for the Town's LP tank. The highest bid went to Kevin Lins for \$1,389.00. After the bid opening, the PSD held its quarterly meeting at the Hall for which the Town is the Commission.

Supervisor Report/Dave Radel:

- Received several phone calls regarding large pot holes on Rainbow Road
- Received phone call from Pineland resident concerned with a specific lot that is accumulating a lot of garbage/junk
- 2/16 – attended the WTA Sauk County Unit meeting at the Town of Westfield Hall in Loganville. The meeting began with the introduction of Scott Construction's new area representative Carl Thorson. Carl gave a check to the WTA for \$400 to help offset the cost of meals for the quarterly meetings. Speakers at the meeting included:
  - Steve Muchow – Highway Commissioner for Sauk County: gave an overview of road repair projects set for 2017. New bypass on Hwy 12 Baraboo scheduled to be complete October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The county is now taking applications for 2017 local road improvement grants - \$13M is available.
  - Morgan McCarther – UW Extension Baraboo: discussed drinking water testing available for residents of the towns of Westfield, Reedsburg and Freedom. Tests are conducted in different parts of the county each year. There are three different testing packages a homeowner can choose from. Cost of testing is paid for by the homeowner.
  - Chip Meister – Sauk County Sherriff: discussed the Life Saver program in which seniors with dementia or children with autism are fitted with bracelets that are monitored in the event of a disappearance. The county averages 18 such calls per year. The program works throughout the United States; cost of the bracelet is \$300. Residents that cannot afford the \$300 can get their bracelets paid for through private donations. Meister also discussed a program called Bar Buddies in which local resident volunteers give rides to people that choose not to drive after a night out. This program has been working well across the country with new start up coming soon to Plain and Spring Green. This program has reduced OWI arrests and most likely deaths. The County Sherriff's Department also has a program in place for residents that will be out of town where they will check on your home while you are away. Meister also discussed the continued problem with

heroin and meth in the county. Meth is a drug that is being mixed in thermos or plastic bottles. Warning was given not to open any bottle that you may find along roadside ditches; the fumes can cause great harm or death.

- Charles Clarke – Head of UW Colleges for Baraboo, Richland & Rock County: discussed a few things facing two-year programs. The 2015-2017 budget was cut; non-educating staff was cut by 100 people. We were assured these cuts would not affect the quality of education that each student receives. Many students attend these two-year schools because they are not able to get into four-year state schools. Clarke said the three schools he oversees does an excellent job of preparing these students to move on after two years to get into the very school they had been turned away from. Tuition has been frozen the past seven years at a cost of \$5,126. Many of these students are first generation college students – 25% being 24 years of age or older.
- Marty Krueger: announced the next inter-governmental meeting will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Placemaking will be the topic of discussion. Marty said the County is blazing a trail with its placemaking agenda. New County Administrator Irene Bolin will begin her duties on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The DNR and DOT have signed an offer for the Great Sauk Trail.
- State Senator Howard Marklein: discussed upcoming State budget. Public hearings will be held across the state to review the Governor’s budget. Howard said he feels this budget will be better for residents than the one signed two years ago. The state is working to get residents off of Badger Care. If one works 18.7 hours or less in a week, it allows for a resident to be on Badger Care and/or other programs. The state is working on different criteria. Howard said he has introduced a bill in the senate to expand broadband. He is working with the Governor to add \$35M to rural broadband this spring. Local municipalities should be planning projects to submit for grant funding. Road funding continues to be a problem for the state – 26% - 59% of the roads in southwest Wisconsin rate only better than fair. Howard pointed out that he sees what the rest of us see that the roads in the southeast part of the state are in better condition and 80% - 93% of their roads rated better than fair.
- The last item of the night was the introduction of two US Senate aides, one for Ron Johnson and the other for Tammy Baldwin. Both stated what a pleasure it was to sit in on a local government meeting and hear about the issues local government is experiencing.

Supervisor Report/Mike Bindl:

- 2/14 – Plan Commission Meeting
- Citizen contact regarding if the vacant land behind the Round Barn could be turned into a park
- Congratulations to River Valley Wrestlers who sent seven students to state, three of which received first place

9. **Comment from the Public:** John McKenna – high nitrates/providing potable water. Carla Carmody – flooding on farm. Haas – news reporter or lack thereof at various Townships.

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported working on the following during the month of February: plowing/sanding (have used 617.5 yards of sand & 16 yards of salt to date), truck maintenance, set up Town Hall for the February Primary Election, sick for one week, vacation for one week.
- b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas reported no permits were issued for February.
- c. **Emergency Planning:** Weather radios are available for \$25 and can be picked up at the Sauk County Courthouse.
- d. **Plan Commission:** Continued work on the Comprehensive Plan – Element 6. Discussed the Boundary Annexation Survey for the US Census Bureau; have email in to Sauk County to see if they will offer assistance. Strict confidentiality measures (Title 13). Program starts late July, 2017.
- e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** No February meeting. Potential TIF District in the Village; meetings regarding the TIF District to be held on Wednesday, March 15 at the Village Office.
- f. **Fire District:** No meeting.

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

- a. **Discussion/possible action regarding approval of Attachment A of the Kennedy Road Recycling Center/Burn Area Agreement:** Bindl moved and Radel seconded to approve Attachment A of the Kennedy Road Recycling Center/Burn Area Agreement as presented. Motion carried.
- b. **Discussion/possible action regarding the Lone Rock Recycling Center/Burn Site:** Lins reported a draft ordinance has been started and is currently at the Plan Commission level for review. No action taken.

12. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment.

13. **Adjourn:** Radel moved and Bindl seconded to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.