

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, September 7, 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 7:00 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 Carla Carmody and Clerk Jenny Pappas. Treasurer Karen Shelton was absent. Also present were: Bill Mertens, Marian Copus, Louis Weston, Doug Enke, Jason Falteisek, Kolby Hirth, Fred Iausly and Irene Golembiewski.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Radel moved and Carmody seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approve Minutes:** Carmody moved and Radel seconded to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Pappas reported a correction for July – receipts should have been \$58,575.95, leaving a beginning balance for August of \$417,397.14. August receipts of \$173,877.19 and disbursements of \$152,581.92 left a balance of \$438,692.41. Radel moved and Carmody seconded to file the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Monthly Bills/Invoices:** Radel moved and Carmody seconded to approve the monthly bills/invoices for payment as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Chairperson & Supervisors Reports:**
Chairperson's report/Kevin Lins:
 - August 6th Karen received payment for delinquent personal property tax, interest and fees in the amount of \$6,235.03 for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016.
 - August 8th I attended the Plan Commission meeting.
 - August 14th I checked the basement of the cemetery chapel for water and found it to be empty and for the most part dry.
 - August 16th I received a site survey from Lori Lubinski, attorney for Rural Mutual representing the Town in the Joost lawsuit. This survey shows 109 acres of easement area and 6.499 acres of non-easement area on the Joost property. I also received a draft copy of an easement from Lori as well. Natalie has suggested some changes which she is currently drafting.
 - August 17th Attended the quarterly meeting of the Sauk County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association at the University of Wisconsin Baraboo campus. Dave will give more details in his report.
 - August 25th Jenny and I had a meeting with David Jones from The Peoples Community Bank about a loan for the Joost lawsuit settlement. This is on the agenda for later.
 - September 1st Received the latest well tracking report from Jenny.
 - September 7th Received a call from Mike Eppley indicating he has received full reimbursement including deductibles for his claim for smoke damage to his house and car from the smoke from the Village of Lone Rock's Recycling Center fire that occurred last winter. He thanked the Town and myself several times for the work that was done concerning the issue of burning at the recycling center.

Supervisor Report/Dave Radel:

- Aug 17th Attended WTA meeting held at the UW Campus in Baraboo with Carla and Kevin.
 - County Administrator Alene Kleczek Bolin gave a third quarter financial report: 92% of taxes have been collected totaling 8 million dollars, 1.7 million is still outstanding, Sales Tax collected to date is 3.3 million, New Construction is up 1.02%
 - Clean Sweep to be held at the end of September at the old county landfill
 - New highway commissioner named – Patrick Lavinski
 - Matt Steve – Parks Director for Sauk County reported the following: Great Sauk Trail is under construction, Sauk County has 2,000 acres of park land, White Mound Park to construct new building; the State has recently sold the property to the County for \$1.00. Lake Redstone dam is still being reviewed. Boring samples are being taken and the dam gate was not operating. With the help of divers this summer, the gate is not operating. County forest timber sales has netted the county \$150,000. Rick Mantie – Attorney for the WTA talked about fencing disputes. Town has limited responsibility. Town decides who pays and where the fence goes

in a line fence dispute. The Town is considered fence viewers. A line fence is only required for farming practices and cattle grazing. Towns should have a fee set for fence viewing.

- Charles Clark – Dean for Southwest UW Colleges reported that the UW budget for the past biennium has expired. The last budget had a \$1M budget cut. Mr. Clark is hopeful with the new state budget that this money comes back. New budget may be tied to a performance metric. The FoxConn proposal may have an effect on the budget.
- Dorothy Harms reported that this year's Fermentation Fest that runs the first two weekends of October will add a farm tour as well. The farms not only will be giving tours, it will also be selling produce, giving canning lessons and a barn dance in Lime Ridge.
- Catherine Heigtman from Representative Ed Brooks office gave an overview of Ed's health after being diagnosed with Leukemia a few months back. Ed is still undergoing chemo, but remains active with the state government as well as being Town Chair for the Town of Reedsburg. Ed is very supportive of the FoxConn project. The project is a \$10 billion investment. Tax credits not granted until the first 13,000 jobs are in place. Concerns of losing wetland has been addressed through wetland mitigation being conducted within the same watershed.
- Next WTA meeting scheduled for November 16th.

Supervisor Report/Carla Carmody:

- Aug 17th Attended WTA meeting at UW Campus in Baraboo
- Aug 28th Cemetery Committee Meeting – discussed plowing and mowing for next seasons. Will place bid advertisement in Home News and will bring back to November Board for discussion/approval.

9. **Comment from the Public:** Lins: Keith Oxburger home destroyed by fire, Benny Stenner has an accident and broke his back.

10. **Reports:**

- a. **Patrolman:** Haas reported working on the following during the month of August: finished second round of mowing, worked on patching, landscaping at the Town Hall, mowed the park and boat landing, cut/chipped several trees. Horseshoe and Paulus roadwork is completed. Will work with Dave on PASER Rating.
- b. **Building Inspector:** Pappas reported (5) five building permits issued for August – Demolition, Remodel, Detached Garage, Manufactured Home and a Shed.
- c. **Emergency Planning:** No meeting.
- d. **Plan Commission:** lausly stated there was a lengthy discussion regarding land available in the ET; discussed options available for the Township to purchase this land for development. There is merit looking into this idea, but it comes with a fair amount of risk.
- e. **Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** lausly stated there was a public hearing regarding a re-zoning/Kuhse property. There was a robust discussion regarding the ESR District and conditions connected with a Zoning Permit. Town is arguing that a Driveway Permit should be a requirement of the Zoning Permit process. Will continue to discuss this issue at future meetings. Discussion regarding Accessory Structures in the ET and Village.
- f. **Fire District:** Special meeting held on August 10th – worked on the following policies that were recommended by the recent audit: Payroll (ambulance & fire), Invoice Payments, Investment, Capitalization, Credit Card usage. September 5th – The board held its regular and budget meeting. Fire Chief Lin Gunderson gave the board a power point presentation to discuss possibly purchasing a ladder truck. New ladder trucks cost between \$850K and \$1.2M. Lin admitted that a new truck would never be possible for a district our size. Lin recently came across a used truck that the city of Sun Prairie is replacing. The truck is a 1992 model with 14,000 miles, a 100' ladder and they are asking \$50K for it. There is a group of firemen with mechanical backgrounds who will go and look over the truck next Monday. The board took no action at this time. The board worked with department heads Lin Gunderson (fire chief) and Derek Miller (ambulance chief) after going through each budget line item and approved the following budget increases: Fire \$1,005 and Ambulance \$350. If the ladder truck is approved, the money would come from the new equipment fund balance. There is \$80K each year that is put to this account. Current dollar amount is about \$385K. Last purchase made from this account was four years ago to purchase an ambulance.

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

- a. **Discussion/possible action regarding contract with Town & Country Sanitation:** Doug Enke, Owner of Town & Country Sanitation stated they are upgrading some of their collection trucks and proposed the Township sign a new contract whereby Town & Country would provide 90 gallon toters for recycling. Enke stated with this change, Town & Country would pick up the recyclables every other week and would be able to collect garbage/recycling in one day as opposed to two. Enke proposed a seven year contract, with no cost increase for the first three years and no more than a 4% increase over the last four years. Enke stated he would like to get the toters ordered and would like to make the change beginning November 14. Town & Country will send information to residents regarding the change and the new rules for collection. The board was receptive to the proposal and discussed placing the new contract on the October agenda for discussion/approval. Lins asked Enke to send him a copy of the proposed contract as soon as possible. Radel moved and Carmody seconded to have Town & Country Sanitation order new recycling toters; approval of new contract will be given upon review and acceptance of contract at the October Board Meeting. Motion carried.
 - b. **Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution R-1704: Consideration of an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances – Recycling:** Carmody moved and Radel seconded to approve Resolution R-1704: Consideration of an Amendment to the Code of Ordinance – Recycling as presented. Motion carried.
 - c. **Discussion/possible action regarding borrowing for the Joost lawsuit:** Lins explained the Joost settlement and stated the Township will have to pay \$270K. Lins presented the rates and payments for a one, two or three year loan as provided by Peoples Community Bank. The board discussed the length of the term and Lins recommended a two year term. The two year loan term would equate to two equal payments of \$138,513 and the interest rate for this option is 1.73%. Radel stated most people he talked to were in favor of two years. Radel moved and Carmody seconded to borrow \$270,000 from Peoples Community Bank for a two year term at 1.73%. Motion carried.
 - d. **Discussion/possible action regarding borrowing for equipment purchase:** Lins stated the older truck is a 2007 and the plan is to replace equipment every ten years. Carmody moved and Radel seconded to have Brad Haas obtain pricing to replace the 2007 plow truck. Motion carried.
 - e. **Sauk County Clean Sweep:** Saturday, September 30, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.
12. **Adjourn:** Radel moved and Carmody seconded to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.