

TOWN OF SPRING GREEN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 7, 2010

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Dennis Polivka and was posted according to law. The Clerk certified compliance with the open meeting law. Members present were Chairperson Dennis Polivka, Supervisor John McKenna and Clerk James Blau. Absent were Supervisor Dave Radel and Treasurer Anita Bindl because of the snow storm. Also present were Gene Dischler, Bill Mertens, Joe Fargen, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Schmidt, Kolby Hirth, Patty Brooks, Bob Ewers, Fred lausly, Jeff Sprecher and Jason Sprecher.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John McKenna and seconded by Dennis Polivka. M/C

The minutes from the previous were read and a motion to approve the minutes as read was made by John McKenna and seconded by Dennis Polivka. M/C

The treasurer's report was given by the clerk in the absence of the treasurer, starting balance of \$ 158,399.24 with receipts of \$ 2,532.54 and disbursements of \$103,535.57 leaving a balance of \$57,396.21 which is the yearend balance. A motion to approve the report was made by John McKenna and seconded by Dennis Polivka. M/C

The monthly bills of over \$160,000.00 were presented for approval and after discussion of a shortage of funds until tax money and funds from FEMA and Department of Commerce are received, the Clerk suggested that the Town borrow \$80,000.00 from Community Bank at 3.25% interest in short term. Dennis Polivka made a motion to borrow \$80,000.00 and pay the monthly bills as presented and pay off the loan as soon as we receive money from FEMA and others, John McKenna seconded the motion. M/C

Chairperson report by Dennis Polivka, Dennis received a letter from the state that the road condition report was received on Sep. 28. Dennis also stated that he received a letter from the Nature Conservancy that they will pay \$1350.00 in July for land in the township in lieu of taxes. Thanks to Allan Green for writing a letter to them asking for a donation. Dennis told the audience that the markers along Kennedy Road were for Surveyor's. Dennis also stated that the bid to demolish the remaining 13 homes will be approve at the February meeting.

Supervisors' report by Dave Radel was given by Dennis in the absence of Dave. Dave wrote that home buyouts were complete on 13 of the first 15 homes and the remaining two, one is in foreclosure and the other is awaiting County land division approval. Home buyout offers for the last 13 homes should begin sometime in January. Dave also has been talking with Joel Gaalswik from the county about the possibility of swapping land with the county for land that the town will own after a buyout of 40 acres. The swap would be for land on higher ground in the county forest north of Kennedy road.

Supervisors report by John McKenna, John stated that some items needed in the shop include a tool chest at a cost of \$100 to \$150.00 and for an acetylene torch kit to loosen nuts and bolts. Dennis suggested to wait for a few months until we had more money in the account. John also stated that the International snow plow truck needs a stabilizer for the wing at a cost of parts of \$953.48 and labor of \$400 to \$500. The truck will have to be taken to Monroe for the repairs. John also stated that BASE LINE Marker Monuments have been installed on the town's right of way for surveyors'. John also said that he attended a meeting for the trip fund and that the Town received money in 2009 that we have to wait

another year to reapply. John also will give a report to Sauk County on ground water in the Spring Green area. John is working on the US census report for land annexation.

Public comments: Fred Iausly, Michelle Thomas and Kolby Hirth all asked why the land swap with Sauk County was not given in the Supervisors report earlier. They did not hear about it until they read it in the paper. Kolby wants information like this to be included in the supervisor's report. Joe Fargen asked about the last 13 homes and wanted to know the status of them. Dennis stated that the appraisals are in the states hand and should be back to Jewell in mid January. Kolby asked John McKenna on the JETZ committee about moving tennis courts, John stated that the town has no tennis courts and the matter is a village concern.

Patrolman's report: none due to the storm and he was out plowing.

Emergency Management report given by Dennis in the absence of Dave, Dave wrote that the town needs to keep track of expenses of the Dec. snow storm because Sauk County is in the process of trying to get that storm declared a weather emergency. If the county is approved the town would receive money for all expenses. No information on H1N1 vaccinations to date. Also no Fire District meeting this month.

Buildings inspector's report: None as Tracy was not present.

Plan Commission report by Fred Iausly: Fred stated that they were in contact with Dale Clark about mineral extraction on his property. The commission also is working with Fred Gruber and ATC with the JETZ for a certified survey for the power substation. The Commission was also in consultation with Bob Ewers on a land division for his buyout parcel. The Commission recommended a 4 or 5 acre parcel instead of a flag shaped parcel as Bob suggested. The Commission goes on record opposing to Bob's request. The commission also had a special meeting Jan 6 to finalize the Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance to be presented at the Jan meeting.

ETZ report by John McKenna: John stated that at the meeting they approved the Shifflet demolition of a building and also the Spring Green Motel lot line w/ ATC.

The first item on the agenda was taxes on the buyout property, the clerk stated that he has talked to the title company and that the Town received credit for the taxes. The clerk stated that the town has not received any money for them as yet and he will check with Don Greenwood about them as they were deducted from the purchased price.

Next on the agenda was the CSM for Bob Ewers; Fred Iausly and others stated that it would be in the best interest of the town in the long term to have a 4 or 5 acre parcel rather than a flagged shape parcel. Dennis asked if the CSM was legal according to the County, Fred stated that it was. John McKenna agreed with the Plan Commission on the 4 or 5 acres rather than the flagged shaped parcel. Discussion followed and Kolby Hirth, Michelle Thomas and Bill Mertens all spoke that in the interest of the town that a 4 or 5 acre parcel was best for the town. Jeff Sprecher stated that if he would buy the other parcel he would not have access to it from Hwy 14 and Fred Iausly stated that since a CSM was needed the DOT would not allow the seconded driveway off Hwy 14. Dave Radel asked Dennis to state that he was in favor with Bob Ewers. After further discussion Dennis Polivka made a motion to approve the CSM of Bob Ewers as he presented it with the flag shaped parcel, there was no seconded as John McKenna would not second the motion. The motion died.

Next was the CSM of WP&L or ATC and it was tabled because it was marked as preliminary.

Next was the Speed Limits on Kennedy Road, it was noted that in the ordinance the signs were not placed in the right spots and that the patrolman will replace them in the spring when weather permits.

Next was the approval of a resolution to appoint election workers and compensation for two years from Jan 1 2010 to Dec 31 2011 per state statue 70.30. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dennis and seconded by John with the change to include if the workers could read and write in English as per stated in the statue. M/C

Weight restrictions on Jones Road were discussed and John and Brad will check with Sauk County on the issue and see if a Class B sign would do. John and Brad will review the options.

Next was the adoption of the Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance. A motion to adopt the Ordinance and do the necessary steps to activate the Ordinance was made by Dennis Polivka and seconded by John McKenna. M/C

Next was a resolution in support of Certification on RC-35 for Farmland Preservation. Motion by Dennis and seconded by John to approve the resolution. M/C

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis and seconded by John. M/C

Submitted by;
James Blau
Town Clerk