

## **Town of Onalaska Board Minutes February 23, 2010**

Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Paudler, Shane Davis, Howard Kelly (7:07 PM), Steve Michaels and Marc Schultz. Clerk Sue Schultz was present.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the board minutes of 1-26-10. Supervisor Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve the bills. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Supervisor Davis asked why we are paying Murphy Desmond for a cost related to the Kitzman suit even though the insurance company is taking care of the legal fees for the suit.

The Town is required to pay the insurance and retirement costs (retirement double as the contract says). Murphy Desmond gave legal advice on this issue. Motion passed 4 to 1 (Davis).

### Citizen Concerns:

John Parsneau, W7859 County Road ZB, Onalaska, spoke against the Resolution on Cap X 2020. He did not like the wording and suggested alternative wording the board could consider.

Vicki Burke, W8349 North Shore Drive, Onalaska, spoke in favor of the High Speed Rail Resolution.

### New Business:

Mike Ratkin, Troop 21, spoke on a proposed Eagle Scout Project @ Swarthout Park. It will be a 10 X 14 foot addition to the existing shelter on the east side and be used for event concessions. A drawing was shared with the Board. Ratkin has been working with the Brice Prairie Time Trials and various building businesses (Balduzzi, Schaffer Woodworking, Kish Electric, Brad Olson Concrete) for the plans and possible donations of time and lumber. There will be a 4 foot cement apron around the outside of the addition. The Town would provide the matching metal roof (estimated \$250) for the addition and to obtain the permits once approval is given. The Board commended Ratkin for an excellent presentation. Assistant Master Jim Mulhausen spoke on how previous scout projects have benefited the Town. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project for the addition to the Swarthout Park Shelter with the cost coming from the Park Funding. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kelly asked that the Board begin the Town Newsletter with the first issue the end of April and done quarterly. The newsletter would be mailed to residents. All Town Supervisors will contribute articles and cover topics of interest to all town residents. Kelly is able to assemble the newsletter with his past experience and he asked the Sue Cejka be the editor to review the final copy. Ideas for articles could be "if you are new to the Town" where do you find out about trash pickup, etc. Inform residents of the amount of delinquent taxes owed the town.

The presented Resolution for Cap X 2020 Electric Line contained wording that was not agreeable to the Board.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to return the resolution to Village of Holmen and Town of Holland and remove phrase "preferred third option being proposed"—because we are not sure this is the preferred route and state that a substation would not be in the Holmen TIF district.

Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to approve the Government Rebate Agreement with LaCrosse County Solid Waste Department. Supervisor Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution for High speed Rail through LaCrosse from the Village of Holmen and the Town of Holland --JOINT RESOLUTION #1-2010 Supporting the existing Amtrak "Empire Builder" route for high speed rail service between Chicago and the Twin Cities was presented. Supervisor Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution #1-2010. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to accept the Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergencies with Town of Holland. Supervisor Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

As the Town of Onalaska continues to implement the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, a plan for Formalized Development Review Process, Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and Capital Improvements Plan (5 Year) from Schriever Anderson and Associates (SAA) was presented. The Plan includes a variety of action items to help the Town of Onalaska achieve the proper balance of compatible growth and preservation of unique lands. SAA has worked in the past to help Onalaska implement the comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to accept the 2010 Town Planning Program recommendations from Schrieber Anderson and Associates, Inc as presented. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion failed 5 to 0.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve the contract with Schreiber Anderson Associates, Inc. not to exceed the project cost of \$2500 for Part 1, Formalized Development Review Process and Part 3, Capital Improvements Plan (5 year); Part 2, Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan not to exceed \$7500 and to include mileage and expenses. If the Town does not meet the tasks, then SAA can charge the Town for mileage and expenses. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of a Plow Truck will be placed on next month's agenda when more information will be available.

Vermeer quote for a Brush Chipper with a trade in were presented.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of brush chipper from Vermeer with a trade in and the cost to be \$26,500. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports

##### Plan Commission

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve Dave & Julie Harter, W5726 Koss Road, Onalaska, #10-695-1; 10-694-1 request to rezone from Transitional Ag & Ag A to Ag A (LaCrosse County Planning, Zoning Permit No 1833) and to revise existing Certified Survey

Map (CSM) from 1-18-10 PC meeting. Supervisor Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Concerns:

Sandy Thompson, W7802 County Z, Onalaska, commended the Board on renewing the issuing of a Town Newsletter. She suggested to consider asking residents if they preferred to receive the newsletter electronically. Thompson asked why name Sue Cejka as Editor. The reason is Sue was the previous Town Newsletter editor and is a deputy clerk. Cejka will not receive compensation. Thompson suggested starting a committee with board members for the newsletter.

Jen Parsneau, W7859 County ZB, Onalaska said the Town Newsletter is a good idea and suggested using recycled paper and to encourage residents to submit photos of the Town.

Board Member Concerns:

The Town mailed out 2,771 Stormwater Bills

The Town paid \$3,000 for the Halfway Creek Maintenance as per agreement.

All Zoning Permits from the County for the Town have been reviewed and four were found that did not get Town Building Permits. The individuals involved said the previous Town Administrator had told them they did not need a building permit.

The previous Administrator's contract had him being paid double retirement. The Town paid the amount.

The Clerk reported on the February 16, 2010 Spring Primary Election. There were 417 residents who voted.

Chairman Paudler urged all Board members to attend a Wisconsin Towns Association District Meeting and to let clerk know so that they could be registered.

Tickets for the Holmen Fire Department Danced were available.

Supervisor Schultz said he received a mailing on an Economic Indicators Meeting sponsored by State Bank that was going to be held on Election Day, April 6, 2010.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Supervisor Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz