

APPROVED
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009
6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY S

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Chairman Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, PamLaPlant, Don Gonnering and Gabrielle Radford. Also present: Clerk Barb Seegers, Adm Asst. Colleen Laha and Atty Steve Frassetto.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Wednesday, January 14, 2009 meeting of the Town Board was posted at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 4:30 p.m... Also posted at Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods and Marathon Gas Station. Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 No MC

MOTION by Radford/LaPlant TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85(1)(g)(c)(e) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye – Maass, Lowney, Gonnering, LaPlant and Radford. Voting Nay – None
5 Yes 0 No MC

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to return to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC

ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Clerk will finalize employee manual and give to board and attorney for review.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/10, 12/22 & 1/7 MEETINGS

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve minutes of 12/10, 12/22 and 1/7 meetings. 5 Yes 0 no MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION

Dee Spiegel stated that she had requested to be on the agenda to ask for Board support for a petition she is working on. She will be placed on next agenda.

ACTION ON BIDS FOR LAND RENTAL

Bids received:

Doug Van Vreede	\$126.50 per acre
Neighborhood Dairy	\$150.00 per acre
Schuh View	\$150.00 per acre
Vosters – Double J	\$132.35 per acre (\$4,500 per year – 34 acres)
Angotti	\$125.00 per acre

Because of the tie bid Board members flipped a coin to see who would win the bid. Heads was called and the bid went to Neighborhood Dairy.

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to accept the Neighborhood Dairy bid of \$150.00 per acre for a two year period with yearly rent due ½ on April 1 and ½ on October 1. 5 Yes 0 No MC

REVIEW AND APPROVE CSM FOR DNR LAND CONVERSION

Motion by LaPlant to approve the CSM for DNR land conversion project. 5 Yes 0 No MC

ACTION ON PLUMBING IN FIRE GARAGE

Board told Clerk to go ahead and get the plumbing done for the fire dept to fill their tank and adding a 5/8" deduct meter so the Town does not get charged for the fire dept. water.

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRAL ON LIVESTOCK SITING ORDINANCE

Plan Commission recommendation was to not adopt the ordinance. Reasons stated were: cost to the town and enforcement issues. Radford noted that the proposed Biogas Plant could invite more CAFO's to the area. She also stated that this would cover the farms between 500 and 1000 animal units that are not covered by DNR rules now and possibly give warning of future growth issues. LaPlant noted that CAFO's should not be considered a "farm". Board members agreed to table the ordinance and that if the Biogas Plant does develop that they will watch it and possibly re-look at the ordinance at that time.

ACTION ON FOX VALLEY GOLF COURSE CHANGE IN AGENT

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve the appointment of Brian Mulry as agent on the Fox Valley Golf Course liquor license. 5 Yes 0 No MC

REVIEW/ACTION ON UPDATING OF RESTROOMS AT VFW HALL

Clerk will get bids for the updating that needs to be done to the restrooms and kitchen area and check on cost of plowing/salting of the parking lot.

REPORT ON TRACTOR/LOADER PURCHASE

Don Gonnering reported that, as directed by the Board, he had approved the purchase of a John Deere tractor and loader at a cost of \$75,500 with a trade in of \$35,000 and final cost to the Town of \$40,500.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE CALL CONCERNING PROPOSED BIOGAS FACILITY

Lowney & Radford reported on their meeting with the Biogas plant developers, Outagamie County planning officials and town planner, Jon Bartz. The plant would digest 70% animal waste and 30% food by products. It could possibly create 10 to 20 new jobs in the area. An irrigation process would be used to spread the water that is created. It would remove the nitrogen/phosphorus from the product allowing the farmer to spread more per acre. Energy created would be sold to WE Energies. The company plans to have this plant in place by Nov. 2009. Board members had questions on sales tax revenue, fund sharing, renewable energy ordinance, increase/decrease in truck traffic, wear and tear on roads.

REVIEW/ACTION ON SOCCER CONCESSION & PAVILION STAND DESIGN AND BIDDING

Motion by LaPlant/Maass to move forward with the plans for the soccer concession stand and the rebuilding of the pavilion and send the projects out for bids. 4 Yes 1 No (Radford) MC

ACTION ON WAGES FOR PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Motion by LaPlant Radford to pay the part time snow plow drivers \$18.00 per hour with no benefits. 5 Yes 0 no MC

REVIEW/ACTION ON CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

After some discussion Board agreed that the regular meeting time will stay at 7:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT

REVIEW/APPROVE VOUCHERS

Motion by Lowney/Radford to approve vouchers #22022 to 22104 (void #22040 to 22045) and Direct deposits #2225 to 2282. 5 Yes 0 no MC

ADJOURN

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. 5 Yes 0 No MC

