

APPROVED
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009
6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY S

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Meeting of the Town Board was posted at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Also posted at Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods and Marathon Gas Station.

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve the agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 no MC

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF 1/14 MEETING

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting as printed. 5 Yes 0 no MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION

Pam LaPlant asked if the snow banks on Columbia Ave. could be taken down some so people can see around the corners. Request will be forwarded to public works.

TARA SCHELFHOUT – IRISH POM & DANCE TEAM DONATION REQUEST

Members of the Irish 4th and 5th grade Pom & Dance Squad introduced themselves and requested that the town make a donation toward their trip to a competition in Minnesota.

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to donate \$300.00 toward the pom and dance team competition. 5 Yes 0 no MC

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

a. Rezoning on properties not in compliance

Discussion held on Plan Commission referral of rezoning for the Pickarts and on other properties that are not zoned according to their use. Radford reported to the Board that even though the Plan Commission wanted to move forward, the Pickarts are not in a hurry and that because of the cost she thought all the properties should be cleaned up at the same time. The Town Board agreed and referred the rezoning back to the Plan Commission for a referral on all properties known to not be in compliance.

b. Review & Recommendation on CSM's

1. CSM App. #01-01-09-27 – James Van Camp – County UU

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve James Van Camp CSM App. #01-01-09-27 with the corrections as recommended by Plan Commission. 5 Yes 0 no MC

2. CSM App #02-01-09-15 – Bel Gioioso – County S/Vine Rd

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve BelGioioso CSM App #02-01-09-15 with changes as recommended by Plan Commission. 5 Yes 0 no MC

c. Review and Action on Vosters/Beyers Concrete

Site Plan

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve the site plan for Vosters/Beyer building on Industrial Drive as presented. 5 Yes 0 no MC

Drainage & Erosion Control Plan

Motion by Lowney/Radford to approve the Stormwater/Erosion Control plan conditional on Engineer Steve Brueggeman's approval. 5 Yes 0 No MC

PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF AMENDEMENTS TO TOWN OF FREEDOM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Town Board reviewed the recommendations and instructed the Clerk to set a Public Hearing for March 11 at 6:00 p.m.

REVIEW PROGRESS ON DNR LAND CONVERSION PROJECT

Clerk and Supv. Radford reported on meeting with Chris Halbur of DNR. All items now requested will be to Halbur by Jan 30th for review and approval by DNR. Atty Frassetto and Chairman Maass will follow up with their contacts in Madison.

REVIEW/ACTION ON UPDATING OF RESTROOMS AT VFW HALL

Motion by Gonnering/LaPlant to authorize Clerk to move forward with renovations at VFW Hall at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. 5 Yes 0 no MC

APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATORS LICENSE

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve Operator's License for Noell VandenHeuvel. 5 yes 0 no MC

REPAIR OF IRISH ACRES DRAIN

Public Works Dept. will check into what is needed.

DEE SPIEGEL - SENIOR PROGRAM & SANITARY DISTRICT PETITION

Spiegel told Board that seniors were not having meals at the Town Hall at this time. Possibly because of the weather. She did report an increase in home delivered meals.

Spiegel also asked the Board for their support in requesting that the Sanitary Districts Mtbe funds be used to reduce the amount of the special assessments for water. She told the Board that the water system had moved forward much faster than residents had expected and left many in a bind because of the shorter time frame. Board explained that it had no control over the sanitary district decision making and had already discussed a number of issues with the Sanitary District Board.

REVIEW PROPOSED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Clerk presented Board with the proposed employee handbook. Clerk will make changes requested by the Board and bring back for further review. Department heads and Attorney will also have to review the document.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk reported on: VFW Hall Rental requests, automated garbage pickup schedule, updating of capital improvement plan, property tax collections and destruction of old records.

Public Works Foreman reported on: snow and cleanup activities.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer reported on salt shed and roads to be included in 2009 plans.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney reported on: credit applications, employee manuals and property sales.

REVIEW/APPROVE VOUCHERS

Motion by Lowney/Radford to approve DD #2283 to 2305 and vouchers #22105 to 22124. 5 Yes 0 No MC

ADJOURN

Motion by LaPlant/Gonnering to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC