

APPROVED
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009
7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Maass

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, Atty Steve Frassetto and Eng. Steve Brueggeman.

PLEDGE – Recited

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Wednesday, February 25, 2009 meeting of the Town Board was posted at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Also posted at Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods and Marathon Gas Station.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF 2/11 MEETING

Motion by Lowney/Radford to approve minutes of 2/11/2009 meeting. 5 Yes 0 No MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION

Robert Bergmann – asked if the Board would take comments during agenda items. He was told that they would.

Mel Brockman – questioned the material specs for the soccer pavilion, the mfg warranty on the roof, the cost of the soffit and downspouts. Hoffman of M&E responded that they were durability issues as well as personal preference. Discussion also on warranties.

Supervisor Radford called for Point of Order to get back on agenda.

DEB CAPTAIN – GOOD SHEPARD HOME – DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Captain of Good Shepherd Home in Seymour gave a presentation on a Community Based Residential Facility for the elderly/handicapped as well as Individual Housing. They are interested in developing something in the Freedom area and wanted to explain what they were looking at to the Board.

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

a. **CSM App #03-02-09-02 Robert Valentine County Rd E**

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve Robert Valentine CSM App #03-02-09-02 on County Road E with the following conditions: 1) Well Advisory statement must be added; 2) Meander line; 3) floodplain/wetland setbacks. 5 Yes 0 No MC

HIGH SCHOOL – MOCK CRASH – USE OF BLEACHERS

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to allow the high school to use the bleachers from the park for a mock crash on April 20, 2009. 5 Yes 0 no MC

REVIEW PROGRESS ON DNR LAND CONVERSION PROJECT

Maass reported that Rep. Nelson's office called and told him the conversion had been approved and we should be getting a letter from the DNR by the end of the week. Attorney will prepare documents for closing.

REVIEW/ACT ON M & E PROPOSAL FOR DRAFTING UPDATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve a contract with M & E to complete the Town's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan at a cost of \$4,950.00 to be used from contingency fund. 5 Yes 0 no MC

REVIEW/ACTION ON CONCESSION STAND BIDS

Maass explained the need for the building and the location. Robert Bergmann and Mel Brockman questioned specs required for different items (roof, gutters, and soffit) and also why the building was not going to concrete block. Maass explained that they did not use concrete block because they were trying to keep the cost down. Also discussed was roof pitch and warranties. Blue Sky Contractors LLC had the low bid of \$137,000. Architect Robert Hoffman stated that he would check on the owner purchase items and deduct amounts as well as qualify the bidder. See attached bid tab.

Motion by Lowney/Radford to table this item to the next regular Board meeting. 5 Yes 0 no MC

PROGRESS REPORT ON TOWN HALL ADDITION

CONSIDERATION CHANGE ORDER REQUEST – TOWN HALL ADDITION

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve the addition of a base plate to the bottom of the existing wall for an additional \$1,530.00. 5 Yes 0 no MC

Motion by Radford/Lowney to approve the addition of a duct heater to existing furnace system for an additional \$1,250.00 5 Yes 0 no MC

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve the removal of one heater unit from the police garage for a deduct of \$1,450.00. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Motion by Gonnering/Lowney to deny additional frost charges of \$678.00. 5 Yes 0 no MC

OPERATOR'S LICENSE

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve Operator's License for Bobbie Jo Otto. 5 Yes 0 no MC

ENGINEER REPORT

Eng. Brueggeman reported to the Board that they had submitted the proposed trail on County E to the state under the stimulus recovery plan but needed the go ahead to complete the design for final submittal for 100% funding. Board agreed that M&E should complete the design and forward to the State. Also submitted were several road projects which did not qualify as they are not classified as collector roads. Brueggeman explained to the Board that the problem with the water on Weyers Road was really being caused by blockage in the fields/ditches downstream. He will contact the County to see if there is a legal drain in the area that we could hook up to.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Atty Frassetto reported on Geenen Lane progress, Ind. Park lot sales and new litigation concerning developer agreements and prevailing wages.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway – Kramer reported on attendance at safety meetings and asked Board to look into removing curb and gutter requirements for rural subdivisions.

Clerk – reported that Frank Reimer came into the Town Hall for dog license and she had him draw names for ballot order for April election. Ballot order is as follows: Supervisor #1 – Steve Lowney, Mark Rahmlow; Supervisor #3 – Don Gonnering, Robert Bergmann; Sanitary District Commissioner – Len Abrahamson, Chris R. Evers. Names were submitted to the County in that order.

Planning – Supv Radford reported on mass rezoning/corrections. She also told the Board that County Zoning has determined that the proposed BioDigester on VandenBosch Rd. would be considered a Agricultural Use rather than a commercial use even though they are bringing solids in from another location to go into the digester and they will be selling pellets and also power to WE Energies. She stated that this will basically leave the town out of any control or permitting for the facility.

REVIEW/APPROVE VOUCHERS

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve vouchers #22160 to 22193 and direct deposits #2332 to 2359. 5 Yes 0 no MC

ADJOURN

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk/Treasurer