

TOWN OF MUKWONAGO TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Town of Mukwonago Town Board Meeting was called to order at the Mukwonago Town Hall, W320 S8315 Beulah Road, Mukwonago, WI at 6:31 p.m. with the salute to the flag. Chairman D. Dubey said the meeting was noticed.

Present: Supervisors B. Lawn, F. Leppin, T. Stefanowski, P. Topczewski and Chairman D. Dubey.

Others Present: Attorney J. Macy, Planner T. Schwecke, Police Lt. T. Czarnecki, Fire Chief J. Rolfe, Building Inspector S. Johnson and Clerk K. Wilson.

Absent: Treasurer D. Steinke.

Motion by B. Lawn, seconded by T. Stefanowski, to approve the November 18, 2009 Town Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by P. Topczewski, to approve the November 19, 2009 Town Budget Hearing, Town Meeting and Special Town Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by P. Topczewski, to approve the December 1, 2009 Special Town Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dennis Tomasik, Mark Circle, said he has been plowing snow for 32 years and last Tuesday's snowstorm was difficult, but the plow job done in the Town of Mukwonago was disgusting. He said the only reason some of his neighbors made it home was because he did the plowing. He said the Town plowing by Wolf Paving is not making the roadway safe. He is paying for a snowplowing service, but he is not getting anything for it.

Sue Rockteacher, CTH E, said she supports the Fire and Ambulance Contract with the Village of North Prairie for Sections 4, 5 and 6 in the Town of Mukwonago. She said dispatch service is costing the Town a lot of money and suggested that the Town Board investigate the Waukesha County Dispatch. She questioned if paramedics are needed on every call. She encouraged the Town Police to enforce the traffic controls on CTH E.

Don Lutzke, Forest Court N., questioned why the snowplow could not make a right turn and come down his cul-de-sac. He said there could be a major lawsuit against the Town for not having the roads cleared.

Jean Romanowski, Stonegate Drive, said she is mad at the snow conditions on Stonegate cul-de-sac. She said the snowplowers need to be trained how to plow cul-de-sacs. When ice and snow is left on blacktop, the road is damaged. Emergency vehicles would not have been able to get in her cul-de-sac. She demanded that the Town get rid of the pile in her cul-de-sac so mail can be delivered. She said Stonegate Drive is a double-s-curve that is very dangerous under normal conditions but is impossible when icy.

Nancy Weinkauf, Stonegate Drive, questioned the new Town snowplowing policy. She said 6 inches is too late to start plowing snow. Having just one lane plowed is very risky and dangerous.

Karen Limber, Stoneridge Drive, said her son rides a special needs bus and the bus could not get down the road. She is concerned for the safety of her son and his busdriver. Cul-de-sacs and dead end roads have the most problems with snowplowing.

Dan Bauman, Claire Drive, said his taxes are as good as everyone else in the Town and he should get the same service as everyone else even though he lives in a cul-de-sac.

Jean Romanowski said someone should teach the snowplowers how to plow.

Karen McNelly, Willow Springs Drive, encouraged the Town Board to sign the 5-Year Contract for Fire and Ambulance with the Village of North Prairie. She also suggested the Town consider Waukesha County Dispatch Service.

Paul Moderacki, Village of Mukwonago Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, said the paramedics are funded by the people who need the services.

Sue Rockteacher said people are charged extra for paramedic services in Sections 4, 5 and 6.

PLAN COMMISSION

Town-Wide Rezoning Map and Ordinance

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by T. Stefanowski, to approve the Town of Mukwonago Town-Wide Rezone Map and Ordinance 2009-9. Motion carried.

New Lots Created

According to the Assessor's Report, there were no new lots created in the Town of Mukwonago in November.

TOWN PLANNER

Update on GIS Saxony Court Mapping

T. Schwecke reported the County GIS Saxony Court mapping was corrected.

Update on Special Events at Lakeside Inn

D. Dubey said no action was required regarding the letter written to the Town of Mukwonago by Troy Schoenrock.

TOWN CLERK

Election Inspectors Approval

Motion by T. Stefanowski, seconded by F. Leppin, to approve the list of Election Inspectors with the correction of removing Rhoda Bagley and adding Christine Makovec to the list. Motion carried.

TOWN ENGINEER

Stimulus Fund Update

D. Dubey said there is no update on the Stimulus Fund.

TOWN ATTORNEY

TOWN CHAIRMAN

United Health Care

D. Dubey said the Police Union has no objection to the Health Insurance proposal that has a 2.4% premium increase.

Motion by B. Lawn, seconded by T. Stefanowski, to approve the United Health Care Health Insurance proposal that has a 2.4% premium increase.

Motion carried.

Department of Administration Response to Country Bliss Solution

D. Dubey reported he sent a letter to Caryn Stone at the State and to Glenn Lewinski at County regarding the filling of basements as an alternative solution to the flooding issue and has not received a response.

Wolf Paving Inc. Regarding Snowplowing Issues

Three representatives of Wolf Paving Inc. discussed plowing during the last snowstorm. Ron Brown said at 6:00 p.m. the night of the storm there were four trucks out in the Town of Mukwonago. Four more trucks were added at midnight. He said it was a very heavy, wet snow and it was very hard to move. They tried to make a single pass through all the cul-de-sacs. They could not plow up hill on Sugden Road because they could not get the speed to get the snow to roll off the plow.

Devin Wolf said the storm was a heavier, wetter snow early in the snow season so wings could not be used because they would rip up the lawns too much. He said his snowplowers are veteran drivers.

F. Leppin said the major complaints were cul-de-sacs not touched and entire subdivisions not plowed.

D. Wolf said there was no place to put the snow to clean up after the storm.

D. Dubey questioned if the Town needs to have more trucks sent out.

D. Wolf said a loaded truck is better plowing than a grader. A grader would do too much damage. He said every municipality had problems with this storm.

R. Brown said it took two to three times longer to do the routes because of the heavy snow.

Waukesha County Dispatch

D. Dubey said he requested Richard Tuma, Waukesha County Director of Emergency Preparedness, to come to the Town Board Meeting to explain County-wide Dispatch. R. Tuma gave the Town Board a copy of the 2008 Waukesha County Communications Annual Report and a copy of the presentation given to the Village of Mukwonago in 2008.

D. Dubey said the Fire Department uses 800 mgh radios.

He said the Town committed to the infrastructure of the Dispatch Center and has been paying \$5,000 per year which when payment is completed will be \$40,000.

R. Tuma said if the Town wants to be in the Dispatch Center, all services need to be on the 800 mgh radios. He said there are grants available for 800 mgh radios. He said the Town is paying for the County system and also paying the Village of Mukwonago for dispatch service. The Village and Town of Mukwonago are the only communities not in the County Dispatch Service.

Fire Chief J. Rolfe suggested that discussion of the Dispatch Center should continue in the Protective Services Committee Meetings.

Public Works Foreman Selection

D. Dubey said there were 31 applicants for the foreman position and the Town interviewed five applicants.

Motion by B. Lawn, seconded by F. Leppin, to appoint Rick Peterson to the Public Works Foreman position with a start date of January 1, 2010.

Yes: 4. No: T. Stefanowski. Motion carried.

Resolution to Authorize Lt. to Perform Certain Functions in Absence of Police Chief

Motion by T. Stefanowski, seconded by B. Lawn, to approve Resolution 2009-R-17 A Resolution Giving Certain Authority to the Police Lieutenant in the Absence of the Police Chief. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk in Clerk's Office

D. Dubey said Deputy Clerk Rhoda Bagley has given her two week notice and will be the Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of North Prairie. He said K. Wilson has appointed Christine Makovec to the position of Town of Mukwonago Deputy Clerk.

F. Leppin questioned how the hours would be covered in the Clerk's Office.

K. Wilson said C. Makovec wanted 34 hours per week like the Police Clerk and the Recreation Assistant. She said she suggested a trial period to see how it works out to have 34 hours which C. Makovec agreed to.

B. Lawn questioned what the job description would be.

K. Wilson said it would be a combination of the Deputy Clerk and Clerical Assistant job descriptions with an update.

J. Macy questioned the pay rate of C. Makovec.

K. Wilson said the pay rate for C. Makovec will remain the same as she has been at in 2009.

FINANCE

Pay Bills

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by P. Topczewski, to pay the bills.

Motion carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Update on House Demolition at S79 W30319 Sugden Road

S. Johnson reported the house and garage have been removed and the property has been graded.

Mark and Tracy Poje – W310 S10305 CTH I

S. Johnson said County will be following up on the broken concrete in front of Poje's house because of shoreland jurisdiction issues.

Jeff Semrow – Special Use Request for Solar Panels

S. Johnson said he has no problem with solar panels on the J. Semrow home because the home location is far from the road and any other homes.

The Town Board did not feel a Public Hearing was necessary for this Special Use Permit.

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by T. Stefanowski, to approve the solar panels for Jeff Semrow's home at W299 S7404 STH 83 subject to the Town Planner approval and if required, the Town Attorney approval. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF

Resolution to Fix Ambulance Fees

Motion by P. Topczewski, seconded by B. Lawn, to adopt Resolution 2009-R-18 A Resolution to Fix Ambulance Fees. Motion carried.

Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service with the Village of North Prairie Contract

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by P. Topczewski, to approve the Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service Contract with the Village of North Prairie starting on January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Dorm Room Policy Update

D. Dubey reported he has to go through the Labor Attorney comments regarding the Dorm Room Policy with the Fire Chief.

Act 102 Purchase – Intubation Equipment and ID Badge System

Motion by P. Topczewski, seconded by F. Leppin, to authorize the Act 102 Purchase – Intubation Equipment and ID Badge System. Motion carried.

Donated Funds Purchase – Thermal Camera and Accident Scene Safety

Motion by F. Leppin, seconded by T. Stefanowski, to approve the Donated Funds Purchase of a Thermal Camera and Accident Scene Safety. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF

Citation Update

Mark Carpender

D. Dubey said the Court Attorney needs the dates in non-compliance and the chargeback bill.

Sherry Towns

S. Johnson said he received a fax from S. Towns saying they were changing the berm so it has a 3:1 ratio which is allowed. S. Johnson has not been requested to check the berm for compliance by S. Towns.

Ralinda Howard

J. Macy reported they have a letter from R. Howard which may resolve the situation.

Joel T. Anderson

J. Anderson citation is in Court.

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

Budget Review Process

F. Leppin said the Phantom Woods Road Project was reimbursed so the Town received \$37,000.

D. Dubey said the Town has not received a bill from Wolf Paving for the last storm. He said the Town could borrow from itself.

J. Macy said the Town can not end the year (December 31, 2009) with a negative number.

D. Dubey said a Special Town Board Meeting could be called if the Town needs to borrow money.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee

P. Topczewski reported that T. Monogue would like a two-year contract for the portable toilets.

Town Board would need to approve the contract.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ginny Brown, Paradise Lane, said she was disappointed that the letter authorized at the December 1 Town Board Meeting wasn't sent until December 14.

D. Dubey said the County had asked him to hold off on the letter because they had already notified the State.

G. Brown asked that the letter be put on the website.

G. Brown said some of the Country Bliss homeowners did soil borings. She questioned what P. Topczewski meant by due diligence when people bought their lots or homes in Country Bliss.

Gail Yerke, Police Commission Liaison, said the Police Commission would like to start an availability listing for the position of Police Chief.

D. Dubey said authorization to create a listing will be on the January Town Board Agenda.

Lyle Boucher, Valley View Drive, suggested the January Town Board Agenda include referendum language because the Town Board needs to take action regarding exceeding the levy limits and to do an ordinance regarding the Clerk and Treasurer positions.

Motion by T. Stefanowski, seconded by F. Leppin, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Katherine W. Wilson
Town Clerk
Town of Mukwonago