

# TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm**

Chairman Shawn Sagan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Supervisors Campbell, outgoing Chairman Mattison, Treasurer Suzawith, Clerk Boshen and 27 citizens members present. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the floor was opened for public comments.

Under open floor Mark Wisinski stated that he felt his civil rights were violated by not being allowed to personally observe the vote count at the spring election. He never attempted contacting the clerk at that time for a resolution. Ron Holmes stated that there are usually USDA funds available after supporting food stamps, school lunches and agriculture to make available small grants for other uses and suggested that the board needs to pursue grants when available. For example the F550 mini-dump truck the town has was obtained by this method. He also suggested that the clerk spend more time on this item. The Trip funding for Marquis Road has not been received because Mr. Mattison did not submit the paperwork. The county road commissioner is not qualified to certify the paperwork since he does not have the proper credentials. Therefore the town needs to find a new PE to certify the paperwork. Russell Koster complained that the Cty V railroad track crossing still is in need of repair and asked that the Town put pressure on the railroad company to repair it. A citizen responded that there is a phone number on crossing pole to call to complain.

Clerk's/Treasurer's reports: Clerk Boshen read the minutes of the March meeting and it was approved as read. Treasurer Suzawith reported the general money market account balance of \$55,942.82; tax money market account of \$443,560.75; checking account \$25,706.57; and equipment cd \$220,345.36. The ordinance hearing minutes were read into the record and approved on motion by Supervisor Campbell with second by Chairman Sagan.

All vouchers were approved as presented.

## **ON-GOING/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

There was no Plan Commission Report according to Fred Smeester, chairman. Terms were up for 3 plan commission members who were reappointed to the commission by a unanimous vote of the board.

The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office.

Mark Wisinski reported on the number of calls the Wausaukee Rescue Squad has calls so far this month, and reminded the board that June 1 is the next quarterly payment due date.

Under the Road Department: 1) Chairman Sagan explained why the purchase of a fuel tank would cost the Town more money than they would be saving (insurance, building containment etc.) Also, the current tank should be inspected monthly. Chairman Sagan made a motion to not proceed with the project with the second by Supervisor Campbell. 2) Several committee meetings had been conducted previously about the purchase of a new dump truck. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to approve the purchase with the second by Chairman Sagan. 3) Under continuing Road work (equipment maintenance, seal coat, black top, revert McTrusty Lane bad spots Jim Parr reported that patching roads is proceeding as time allows. Supervisor Campbell with Shawn Sagan seconded the motion to return the bad portions of McTrusty Lane back to a gravel surface. 4) Jim Parr will call Pat Schlias to find out when/if they have

completed the contract for road work in progress. 5) It was discussed and unanimously approved to bid out the gravel crushing contract. 6) The board briefly adjourned into closed session to determine a suitable salary increase for the road crew foreman. When they returned to the general meeting it was announced that Jim Parr, foreman will receive an increase in wages to \$25.00/hr. beginning the first of May. They also decided that any new hire will start between \$18 - \$20/hr. based on experience, drug test, etc. The question was asked if there was an existing job description of file. Currently Scott Kemmerling is working part time at \$13/hr. to help fill in the gap left by Verlyn Giguere's departure. 6) It was decided to table for now the discussion on which roads should be upgraded next, and to check with the existing contractors on when they will finish roads started last year. 7) Several town buildings in Amberg are in serious disrepair and have become a safety issue, including the Veteran's Part Pavilion & Outhouse, the white storage building by the Community Center, and the ball field outhouse. Chairman Sagan asked for board approval to remove these buildings. Treasurer Suzawith asked if they were being used because most people using the locations hire porta-potties. After a brief discussion both Supervisor Campbell and Chairman unanimously approved the measure. 8) Mathis's foreman quit so we are waiting for him to hire a new worker to continue the repair.

The Historical Society requested the remainder of the funds allotted for repairs several years ago for the museum complex. They wish to paint the building and are looking at grants to help pay for the costs. They are asking the Town for how much is still left from the original amount the Town set aside for repairs. Supervisor Campbell with second by Chairman Sagan will look into the funding and get back to the Historical Society representatives.

Should the Town pay into Unemployment compensation or continue to self-pay topic has been tabled until next month.

#### New Business

Last month George Kloppenburg requested permission to do the cemetery monument clean up and flag display which was granted by the sitting board members.

Obtaining a Credit Card for Town use was brought back to the floor and Chairman Sagan volunteered to be responsible for it and sign the application. Supervisor Campbell with a second by Chairman Sagan made the motion to accept Shawn's credit card application.

The tour of roads will be Saturday April 29 beginning at 7am on a motion by Supervisor Campbell with second by Chairman Sagan.

Clean Up Day has been set for May 20<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Campbell will not be available to help. This year the Town road crew will recycle the scrap metals and use the amount realized to purchase needed new tools. An audience member asked what happens to TV's (landfill) and tire's (MarOCO landfill Crivitz).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 on a motion by Supervisor Campbell with a second by Chairman Sagan.