

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC

APPROVED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday November 10, 2008

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hultquist called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Present were Chairman Hultquist, Supervisors Janis Husak, John Koepke and Brian Wiemer. Also present were Town Attorney William Chapman, Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann, and Clerk/Treasurer Terry Leaman. Supervisor John Roelandts was absent and excused.

There were 3 residents in attendance.

1. Consider and Act on Acceptance of Mill Street Dam.

Chairman Hultquist began the meeting mentioning that he and Administrator Herrmann and Supervisor Koepke met with the DNR recently to discuss this issue. At the time of the meeting he felt that the DNR had agreed to allow a one year extension to determine what to do with the dam.

After the chairman left the meeting with the DNR it became clear that the longest extension they would give would be six months. It appears they want a clear direction for either the removal or repair of the dam.

In order to accomplish what the DNR wants, the Roth's would have to transfer ownership to the Town. If the dam remains private there are no funds available. However if the dam is transferred to the Town some funds might be available toward the removal of the dam.

Administrator Herrmann mentioned that there are several items to consider such as who owns the land under the dam and the mill after the water is drawn down? How are the residents of the Mill Pond affected with the draw down of the water? Are the residents of Ashippun Lake affected by the draw down of the water?

The Roth's don't have any funds to aid in the replacement or removal of the dam.

Supervisor Koepke mentioned that there is a question as to who is responsible for the leaking around the dam. The bridge above the dam has been patched for years with no permanent solution offered for repair. Chairman Hultquist questioned whether it was the bridge or the dam that was leaking.

The Town can get 80%/20% coverage to replace the bridge with the State. The cost to replace the dam would be about \$750,000.00 with an additional \$250,000.00 to do various other work.

SWRPAC has been contacted to do a study on the impact of the dam on the surrounding wetlands and wildlife. The study will take a year to complete, which would be approximately August, 2009.

The Town will get copies of deeds for those people who reside on the Mill Pond. Administrator Herrmann will write a letter to the DNR talking about the ownership issue, grant availability and the need for the completion of the study by SWRPAC. He will request an extension of one year from the DNR.

He will present a plan of action to the DNR in hopes they will see the logic of the plan.

A motion was made by Supervisor Husak and seconded by Supervisor Koepke to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Leaman
Clerk/Treasurer