

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 2, 2010**

Chairman Hultquist called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Supervisors present included John Koepke, Brian Wiemer, and Janis Husak. Also present included Attorney Chapman, Clerk/Treasurer Lesser, Highway Superintendent Salzman, Police Chief Wallis, DNR Warden Mitch Groenier, and 8 Town residents.

All those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wiemer made a motion to approve the July 19, 2010 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Clerk/Treasurer Lesser read a letter from Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Binney to the Town Board thanking them for the opportunity to attend clerk training in Green Bay at the Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute.

**Comments from the Floor on Agenda items or any other items:** Dan Christenson of 512 Lac La Belle (Village of Lac La Belle) requested information from the Town Board in regards to the water levels of the lakes, and why they vary with the most significant difference being as much as 14" comparing Lac La Belle and Okauchee Lakes. Chief Wallis explained to Mr. Christenson on how the dam on Upper Oconomowoc Lake operates, and that the water is flowing over the dam not through it. The dam itself has had degrees of closure but they cannot close the damn entirely. DNR Warden Mitch Groenier was present to also explain the reason for the slow reaction of the drainage on Lac La Belle Lake. Warden Groenier stated that due to the saturation from the 2008 flooding, the area ground water levels have risen, causing the marsh areas as well as the Bark and Oconomowoc Rivers to over flow. The dam on Lac La Belle operates differently than the Upper Oconomowoc Lake dam, as it's used for slowing down the out flow of the lake. The water level on both sides of the dam are at an equal level due to the concentrated levels of water into the rivers and marshes. He stated that the water is flowing, but at such a slow rate because of the effects down river, the water has nowhere to go.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Consider and Act on Paying for half the Sign at the Monterey Soccer Park:** This item was tabled to the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting due to no representation from the Oconomowoc Soccer Association in attendance.
2. **Consider and Act on Resolution to reduce Speed Limit on North Lake Road:** Chief Wallis explained that due to the traffic with Cross Point Church and the probable move of the recycling center, he felt that reducing the speed limit from Lac La Belle Drive on North Lake Road going north to Lang Road could help alleviate traffic concerns and possible accidents. Attorney Chapman stated that an email was sent to his office by the WI-DOT indicating the process of reducing the speed limit, which is only allowed up to 10 mile an hour increments. Chief Wallis stated that he felt that reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph would be a welcome reduction by area residents. Attorney Chapman stated that in the email from the state, a study may need to be completed before the Town Board can approve of the ordinance, and that Administrator/Planner Herrmann was sent the information to make inquire with the state to find out if the Town does need to complete the study. Chairman Hultquist tabled this item to the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting pending information obtained from the state.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consider and Act on Hiring new Attorney for Utility District:** Chairman Hultquist stated that current utility Attorney Tim Garrity has plans of retiring and would like the Town to seek other representation in regards to the sanitary sewer system. Inquiries have been made, and Attorney Stan Riffle was mentioned as a possible replacement. Attorney Riffle was contacted and rates were confirmed for his services. Attorney Riffle charges \$200 per hour and Attorney Garrity was in the vicinity of \$175 per hour. Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the hiring of

Attorney Stan Riffle as the Town of Oconomowoc Utility District attorney. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Consider and Act on Parking Standards for Musky Mikes Special Event:** Supervisor Wiemer listed concerns about parking and questioned if parking can be exceeded for special events. DNR Warden Granier answered him by stating that no, once parking at the boat launch has been filled, no boats can launch. Chief Wallis stated that it would be up to the Village of Oconomowoc Lake to regulate the boat launching. Chairman Hultquist mentioned tabling this item until the next meeting due to the lack of information on how the Village would be handling the parking and launching issue. Supervisor Wiemer questioned if a motion could be made to allow the event pending the decisions of Police Chief Wallis and Police Chief Don Wiemer, it was noted that a motion could be made in that format. Supervisor Wiemer made a motion to approve the special event request for Musky Mikes Bait and Tackle pending the discussion and decisions of Police Chief Wallis and Wiemer of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake. Supervisor Husak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Consider and Act on Request of John Steiner to have Liquor License Reversed and a Full Refund of his Application Fee:** Attorney Chapman stated that in the state statutes, there is only information regarding pro-rating the fee for a license if the application is received during the licensing period. Nothing is mentioned about refunding license fees, and that is up to each individual municipality to govern. A discussion ensued about refunding the fees when a question was asked about refunding when money is owed to the Town for other various services. The Board asked Clerk/Treasurer Lesser what was all owed by John Steiner to the Town. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser was not able to confirm an amount, but stated that planner fees, utility charges and construction fees were among the list that she could recall. Supervisor Husak made a motion to deny the request for reimbursement until all accounts have been made current. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. There was discussion as to why Mr. Steiner did not pick up his license, and can a fee paid for one service be refunded in a way to pay down or off another debt instead. Attorney Chapman stated that he was unsure if this was possible. The Board asked Clerk/Treasurer Lesser to compile all the charges owed the Town by John Steiner and report back to the Board at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Supervisor Husak rescinded her motion as did Supervisor Wiemer rescind his second. This item was tabled until the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. **Consider and Act on Request for Special Event Application for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brothers Remembered – Ted Zindars – Okauchee Lions Park on September 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m:** Chief Wallis stated that he had no objection. Supervisor Koepke made a motion to approve the special event license application for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Brothers Remembered event at Okauchee Lions Park on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Consider and Act on Special Event for Steve Wege – Pig and Corn Roast at Holy Trinity Church on August 7, 2010:** Chief Wallis stated that he had no objections. Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the pig and corn roast special event application for Steve Wege to be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Consider and Act on Town Logo Patch:** Chairman Hultquist stated that he talked with Just Sew Sports about the changes requested by the Board at the last meeting, and was told that the lowering of the abbreviation of est. and the year of 1844 can be lowered to align with the bottom of the patch. Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the adoption of the new logo for Town apparel with the changes. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Chairman Hultquist:** Nothing
8. **Supervisor Reports**
  - a. **John Koepke:** Wanted to thank everyone who attended the thank you dinner provided by the AEA Zone on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mapleton Community Center. The Town of Oconomowoc and Ashippun Board members were present as were the Plan Commission members from both Towns. It was a nice time, with good food.
  - b. **Brian Wiemer:** Wanted to extend a thank you to the Chief Wallis for a job well done with the annual tie-up on Okauchee Lake.
  - c. **Janis Husak:** Nothing
  - d. **John Roelandts:** Excused

- 9. Attorney Chapman:** Nothing
- 10. Highway Superintendent Salzman:** Nothing
- 11. Police Chief Wallis:** Wanted to thank DNR Warden Groenier for their help along with Pro-Health for providing the phlebotomist. The Town had the two boats out, the Town of Merton was also out patrolling, and the DNR provided five boats and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department made an appearance as well. To give an update on the Hwy 67 construction project, there are a lot of people entering the road closed area and they are being ticketed. County Hwy CW is open and motorists can cross 67 at CW but they cannot turn onto 67. Chief Wallis stated that he will be attending a meeting with Rep. Kleefisch about erecting stop lights or lighted stop signs at the intersection of 67 and CW on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked for updates at future meetings on how the construction and motorist issues are developing.
- 12. Administrator/Planner Herrmann:** Excused
- 13. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser**
- a. Consider and Act on allowing Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to participate on Advisory Board for Clerk/Treasurer Institute:** It was noted that there will be at least 2 meetings a year which would include travel reimbursement; these are day meetings no overnight stays. The meetings would be finished in the fall of 2013. It was also noted that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Binney is an alternate. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser indicated that she herself was on this advisory board during her time as a student and felt that it was a good opportunity to network and shape the learning structure for clerks and treasurer across the state. Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the attendance of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Binney at the advisory board committee meetings. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider and Act on Operators License Applications for William Lynam, Katelyn Schultz, Ashley Wisneski, Jamie Boehm, Mary Goeman, Rachel Seip and Amber Rose:** Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the operator license applications subject to Chief Wallis' recommendation. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14. Approve Vouchers and Checks:** Supervisor Wiemer made motion to approve vouchers and checks subject to Administrator/Planner Herrmann's approval. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15. Adjourn:** Supervisor Husak made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, WCMC  
Town Clerk/Treasurer