

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2010

Chairman Hultquist called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors present included John Koepke, Brian Wiemer, Janis Husak, John Roelandts. Also present included Attorney Chapman, Highway Superintendent Salzman, Police Chief Wallis, DNR Warden Mitch Groenier, an overflow crowd of citizens. Excused was Clerk/Treasurer Lesser.

All those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Koepke made a motion to approve the August 2, 2010 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Wiemer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Comments from the floor on Agenda items or any other items:

Norm Eckstaedt, W304 N6115 Nakoma Dr. His comments address the high water situation. He stated he has been doing a lot of research. He states there is a difference in water color – after a rainstorm it has a brown appearance. The Oconomowoc River starts quite a distance away; the Rock River flows differently. The solution is not as simple as controlling dams. We need to do a water shed study and determine where the water comes from. He would like to be involved with the City and Town of Oconomowoc and the City of Lac la Belle.

Tom Geraty, N60 W35076 Lake Dr. He stated he has been cutting grass and maintaining a portion of a right-of-way which the Town should be maintaining. He asks that the Town either vacate the area or maintain it.

John Lefco, W384 Takoma Dr. He would like to understand the leveling of water between lakes. Should we bring in the DNR?

Chief Wallis stated that he had been involved with the dam for 20 years and it is a real problem trying to hold back the water on Oconomowoc and Okauchee in order to give relief to Lac la Belle. The water originates in Holy Hill. Every day the dam is checked and the information is radioed to the City of Oconomowoc and Oconomowoc Lake. He cited figures as to how the opening of the dam would affect the lake levels. He stated that water will go over the dam even if the gates are closed.

DNR Warden Mitch Groenier stated that he studied Lower Genessee Lake, which has no outlet. He said wetlands and ground water are being saturated and more wetlands are being created as a result of high lake levels. There is more runoff because of new developments. Flood maps are changing. We have to look upstream, not downstream.

Paul representing a resident. He stated that Okauchee could not take a 20 inch rain.

Chairman Hultquist stated that Lac la Belle keeps its water level too high.

Chief Wallis stated that the lake level should be brought down 6 inches.

Russell Schwei, Takoma Dr. What is the solution? Do the DNR and the engineer have a solution?

OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Report from Mapleton Community Center Committee

Pat Agnew committee chairman, and Jim Hoover gave their report. The question is do we save the old school or build a new pavilion. There are costs in bringing the school up to code, plus a well and septic. A pavilion could be placed near the new playground equipment. A cost analysis was done and was made available to the Board.

2. Consider and act on next step for Mapleton Community Center

This item was tabled.

3. Consider and act on Paying for half the Sign at the Monterey Soccer Park

This item was removed from the agenda due to no representation from the Soccer Park.

4. Consider and act on Request of John Steiner to have Liquor License Reversed and a Full Refund of the Application Fee.

John Steiner had paid \$500. For the Class B and \$100. for cigarettes and soda, according to Attorney Chapman. However, he had incurred other costs with the Town. Chairman Hultquist had checked and determined that the costs Mr. Steiner had incurred with the Town could not be deducted from the license fees he had paid. Those costs would be added to his tax bill. It was decided that no action would be taken until Mr. Steiner appeared before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act on Request from Tom Geraty to Vacate a Portion of Right-of-Way on Lake Drive

Jeff stated his objection to vacating this portion of the right-of-way. When future sewer lines are put in and the Town does not own this portion, easements would have to be obtained from land owners and Jeff stated this usually comes at a cost to the Town. He would rather have the Town hold on to this portion. Supervisor Roelandts made a motion to deny the request of Tom Geraty to vacate a portion of the right-of-way on Lake Drive. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Discussion was held describing the map presented. It was decided that this matter could be revisited in the event future sewer installation would change the outcome. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act on Sign in Town Road Right-of-way (Wisconsin Avenue) Musky Mike's-Kathy Nickolaus

Jeff stated that the Plan Commission had voted to approve the sign 5 ft from the edge of the pavement. Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the sign in the right-of-way for Musky Mike's. Chairman Hultquist objected because it sets a precedent. Supervisor Roelandts stated he

felt there were many signs in the Town situated in the right-of-way. Kathy Nickolaus said that the Staff Recommendations in the Board of Adjustment report stated that the owners would be responsible for removing the sign should it ever become necessary to do work on the right-of-way. It was decided that Kathy would take care of the recording of that document and deliver it to Jeff. Supervisor Koepke stated that the precedent had been set in the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on Establishing Special Assessment for the Installation of Test "T's" for Monitoring Sewage Flow in a Portion of the West Shore Subdivision

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion on Sanitary Sewer Rate Increases – Ken Simatic

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Simatic stated that residents of district #1 saw a difference in sewer rates between the City and the Town. There were some questions regarding the figures presented and it was decided that the Town would put together the numbers and ascertain that they were accurate and come back at a future Board meeting. Jerry Peterson stated that this issue should be brought up when negotiations occur. He stated that the original contract called for an 8% return on the investment – but that was in 1996 and an 8% return today is excessive. Attorney Chapman stated that Exhibit C of the contract stated how you pay for capital costs to the treatment plant and the City had a major capital cost in the last few years and they are passing that on according to Exhibit C. That is the same in all sanitary districts.

5. Consider and act on Special Event Application-Dock of the Bay, N51 W34950 Wisconsin Ave, 10 Year Anniversary Party September 5, 2010, 2 pm to 10 pm.

Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the Special Event for Dock of the Bay. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act on Special Event Application – Kathy Frame, N88 W38771 Mapleton Road, Wedding August 28, 2010, 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Kathy Frame for her wedding on August 28. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. It was decided that in the future some policy should be made as to when and if special event applications were needed for events held on private property. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Chairman Hultquist : Nothing

8. Supervisor Reports

- a. **John Koepke:** Nothing
- b. **Brian Wiemer:** Nothing
- c. **Janis Husak:** Nothing

d. John Roelandts: Regarding the water issue, there is nothing we can do. It takes one week for water to go from Holy Hill to Okauchee Lake. Every time Chief Wallis adjusts the dam, either up or down, it takes 24 hours before we know the true results of that adjustment. All the water from Holy Hill goes to the Rock River and when the Rock River is at flood stage the water can't go anyplace. It backs up in La Belle, in Fowler, in Oconomowoc Lake, and Okauchee.

9. Attorney Chapman: Nothing

10. Highway Superintendent Salzman: Nothing

11. Police Chief Wallis: Nothing

12. Administrator/Planner Herrmann

a. Consider and act on September Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be September 20, 2010. Mr. Steinback will be asked to be Present.

13. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser:

a. Consider and act on New Operator License Applications for Blythe Fields and Michelle Duffy

Supervisor Husak made a motion to approve the licenses. Supervisor Roelandts seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Approve Vouchers and Checks

Supervisor Wiemer made a motion to approve the vouchers and checks subject to Jeff's approval. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn

Supervisor Roelandts made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Husak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Callen, Plan Commission Recording Secretary