

Town of Saukville
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
November 17, 2009

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order/Attendance

Chairman Jobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following notice:
This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Sections 19.83 and 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to apprise the public and news media of the subject matters.

Present: Chairman Jobs, Supervisors Smallish and Rutkowski, Treasurer Danielson, Constable Steve Golec and Clerk Lear.

Also Present: Rita Pavlik, Marvin Hoffmann, Tom Ravn and Ozaukee Press Reporter Mark Jaeger.

3. Approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2009 Town Board Meeting and the October 28, 2009 Special Town Board Meeting

Motion by Rutkowski, second by Smallish to approve the minutes of the October 20 and 28, Town Board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action on the applications for an "Operator's License" made by Donald Gilmore Jr. and Tammy Lorge (Riveredge)

Motion by Smallish, second by Rutkowski to approve the Operator's Licenses for Donald Gilmore Jr. and Tammy Lorge (Riveredge Nature Center). Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action on the standard yearly maintenance contract: 2010 Assessor's position, Donald Peters, in the amount of \$11,400.00

The Town Board first discussed the proposed "Standard Yearly Maintenance Contract: 2010 Assessor's Position," from Assessor Don Peters. It represents the same request made by Don Peters last year, which was cut back by the Board. The Town Board discussed a notification letter from the State Department of Revenue dated October 30, 2009. It notifies the Town that reassessment will likely need to take place in years 2011 or 2012. Chairman Jobs also notified the Board of a recent change the Village of Belgium considered from their Government and Finance Committee, proposing a reduction in cost by changing from Don Peters to Accurate Appraisal. There was discussion regarding requesting proposals from competing assessors next year. Motion by Smallish, second by Rutkowski, to approve the 2010 contract as proposed by Don Peters. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Recycling Report

Ms. Smallish noted that a recent statement in the Ozaukee Press by Ken Rose of Arrow Disposal that Town residents cannot burn in burning barrels is inaccurate. There is currently no restriction on burning. There continues to be a problem with the unauthorized dropping of items at the recycling center after normal hours of operation. The Board discussed the installation of surveillance cameras or the installation of a gate. Ms. Smallish will look into the surveillance option. Clerk Lear will contact the Ozaukee County Sheriff's office for advice.

7. Roads Report

Chairman Jobs reported there are some Town gravel roads that need to be graded before winter. These include Orchard Lane and St. Augustine Road. There may be others. Bill Tackes has been contacted to have this work done.

8. Plan Commission Report

Chairman Jobs reported an amendment to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan is in process. She and Ms. Smallish attended a Working Lands Initiative seminar in Fond Du Lac recently. Ms. Smallish stated one of the most valuable lessons learned there is that Town ordinances need to be consistent with the County Certified Farmland Preservation Plan. Consistency and intent are key words in developing a plan. Leaders in this initiative stress the importance of growth needing to be allowed along-side of preservation. It was noted that 35 acre zoning is detrimental to preserving farmland.

9. Town Office Report

Clerk Lear presented a draft letter to be sent to the Field Trust. It was approved by consensus.

10. Website Report

Mr. Rutkowski reported he has learned that we may need to purchase new software called, "Adobe GoLive." He has recruited a colleague who is willing to review our files to see about compatibilities to the new software. When they begin work on this, it would be a good time to change any posted information that has become annoying, due to how dated it is. He asked town officials to email him their ideas.

11. Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's account balances report: Treasurer Danielson reported total assets of \$131,080.31.

b. Clerk's budget status report: Clerk Lear reported that all account balances are within budget.

c. Review and approval of claims: Claims were presented totaling \$15,081.07. Two checks had not been included with the printed report, \$352.00 for the purchase of stamps for mailing of tax bills and \$671.50 for the purchase of dog licenses from Ozaukee County. Motion by Rutkowski, second by Smallish to approve the November reports of the Treasurer and Clerk, as well as claims in the amount of \$15,081.07. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Town Constable's Report

Constable Golec stated there is nothing to report. He also reported plans to discuss Emergency Management at the Town Board meeting.

13. Correspondence

Chairman Jobs reported on a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding their purchase of five acres within the confines of the Cedarburg Bog. She also reported on attending a meeting recently at the Grafton Town Hall regarding the Land Conservation Partnership of Ozaukee County. She has agreed to become a member of this group.

14. Items from the floor

Marvin Hoffmann asked about the need for a \$20,000 contingency fund in the proposed 2010 Town Budget. He stated that he is concerned about the economy. Supervisors pointed out their intention to establish an emergency fund, should unexpected repairs to Town Hall be needed. The budget as proposed, would mean an increase in the Town portion of the tax bill to be about \$25.00 on property valued at \$200,000.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Rutkowski, seconded by Smallish. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Christopher B. Lear, Town Clerk