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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Town Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call shows Chairperson Dave Laufenberg and Supervisors Dan Dresen, Matt Wright present. Supervisor Art Meinholz and Leon Zinck III were absent (Supervisor Zinck arrived at 7:15 p.m.).

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Mike Thole, Guy Gryphan, Lisa Acker, Jeff Huttenburg, Mark Lydon, Richard Steinfeldt, Steve Roudebush, Alana Uebersetzgig, and Howard Wagner.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at town hall and on the Town website.

3. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME – None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: February 4, 2025

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Wright to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLAN COMMISSION FROM 2/10/25

a. CSM & REZONE TO COM, MEINHOLZ EXCAVATING, 7361 DARLIN DR.

PC ACTION: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BALLWEG, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLFE TO APPROVE THE CSM COMBINING THE 1-ACRE REMNANT PARCEL TO PARCEL 0808-043-7001-0 WITH NO OUTDOOR STORAGE AND REZONE TO COM. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Motion by Sup. Wright, seconded by Sup. Dresen to approve the CSM and rezone to COM with no outdoor storage. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Wright to change remainder of parcel 0808-043-9502-0 zoned A-3 Legacy zoning, to AG Town zoning. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sup. Zinck arrived from the Middleton Fire Commission meeting.

b. DESIGN REVIEW, KTW LLC, LOT 13 SPRINGFIELD CORNERS COMMERCIAL CENTER (0808-043-7063-0)

PC ACTION: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BALLWEG, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEILAND TO APPROVE THE DESIGN REVIEW FOR LOT 13 IN THE COMMERCIAL PARK. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Motion by Sup. Wright, seconded by Sup. Dresen to approve the design review application of KTW LLC, Lot 13 of the Springfield Commercial Center, parcel 0808-043-7063-0. Motion carried, 4-0.

c. PLAN COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS

PC ACTION: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SWANN TO RECOMMEND JAN BARMAN AND JEFF ENDRES TO THE TOWN BOARD FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION; THERE WERE NO OTHER APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED, 5-0; COMMISSIONER BARMAN AND CHAIRPERSON ENDRES ABSTAINED.

Motion by Sup. Wright, seconded by Sup. Zinck to recommend to Chairman Laufenberg appointment of Jan Barman and Jeff Endres to new three-year terms. Motion carried, 3-0; Chairman Laufenberg abstained.

Chairman Laufenberg thanked the Plan Commission and Town Board for their recommendations and reappointed Jan Barman and Jeff Endres to new three-year terms on the Plan Commission.

6. MGE EV CHARGING PUBLIC EXPANSION PROPOSAL

No action was taken on a request to install charging stations on the town hall parcel. Supervisors suggested Pape Park as a preferable alternative.

7. OVERSIZE HAUL (TRAIN ENGINE) ON TOWN ROADS

The Town will require a bond for 125% of the cost of restoring the road and to have the Town listed as an additional insured on their insurance coverage. MSA will supply the bond amount and a draft bond if they have one; Attorney Hazelbaker will review any such bond, and Patrolman Ripp will forward any information to the applicant and/or the applicant's representative.

Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Wright to move to Item #11. Motion carried, 4-0.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Blight, 7166 County Hwy. K

The property owner posed alternatives to razing of the structures and inquired on selling the property "As-Is". Attorney Hazelbaker explained if the cost to repair the home is more than 50% of the value, the Town does not have to allow repair as an option, and reminded the property owner that the inspector did not think the home was salvageable. Granting more time to allow for a sale would delay remediation. The fire district is unlikely to use the home as a training burn. It is doubtful the basement and foundation concrete is salvageable so should be removed. The outbuildings may be salvageable, dependent on their condition, but may not be allowed without a home on the site per zoning district regulations, and more blight is being accumulated in and around the buildings, contrary to court orders.

Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Wright that by March 4th Howard Wagner is to have a signed contract for razing of the buildings at 7166 County Highway K with an execution date for razing no later than April 28th. Motion carried, 4-0.

8. WAUNAKEE FIRE OPERATING AGREEMENT

Objections to the balance of power between municipalities in Waunakee's draft Fire Commission creation document has led Waunakee to approve a resolution to leave the Joint Fire District by December 2026 and create their own fire department. Waunakee's new fire department will likely include many of the recommendations made in their commissioned report which would dramatically increase the cost of the fire district if implemented, eventually replacing the all-volunteer force with paid full-time fire fighters. It was noted that comparably sized Beaver Dam's cost for their non-volunteer, paid employee fire service is 1.5 times higher than the Joint Fire District's annual cost. Costs for services are expected to increase dramatically as volunteer fire fighters are replaced by full-time staff fire fighters.

9. JOINT FIRE COMMISSION CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP WITH WAUNAKEE, WESTPORT AND VIENNA

10. 2025 ROAD PROJECT BIDS REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Motion by Sup. Wright, seconded by Sup. Dresen to approve Northwestern Stone's low bid for the Base Work and Alternates A, B, and C. Motion carried, 4-0.

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12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor IV: Sup. Zinck was elected as the new Fire Commission chairman.

Supervisor III: N/A

Supervisor II: No additional reports.

Supervisor I: No report.

Chairperson: Cross Plains EMS meets next week. The 6 Opt-Out Towns met tonight and discussed a Rural Based Business addition to the zoning code.

13. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

A road tour is scheduled for March 1st at 9 a.m.

14. CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Wright to pay the bills. Motion carried, 4-0.

16. ADJOURN

Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Dresen to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.