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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:30 P.M.
Town Board Meeting

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

Chair Jim Pulvermacher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call shows Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Matt Wright, Art Meinholz, and Leon Zinck III present.

Also present were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Bill Boor, Corey Wipperfurth, Brad Meinholz, and Pat Buechner.

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 – Mr. Brad Meinholz questioned the signage on Martinsville Road and noted the signs on Bong Road in the Town of Westport are nice.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: April 20, 2022

Supervisors noted one change during discussion: The third motion under item #6 2022 Road Projects should be corrected to, “from Lodi-Springfield Road one mile east...”, not west.

Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

The Town of Berry’s Plan Commission tabled Jake Niesen’s request for a rezone and CUP on Whippoorwill Road for 30 days. Learned about ARPA reporting through the Wisconsin Towns Association. The governor initially vetoed a bill that would prohibit “leapfrog” annexation and require all annexed lands to adjoin the annexing municipality; through efforts in part by WTA, the legislation has since been signed. The Town received an email from a Waunakee resident complaining about the condition of Hellenbrand Road and under the impression Springfield was delaying improvements. Chairperson Pulvermacher will draft a response. Chairperson Pulvermacher would like to try again to schedule a meeting with City representatives, now that they’re under new administration.

6. ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST TO BD. OF ADJUSTMENT- 6147 BARMAN RD.

The property owner would like to build a shed north of the house, but would extend into the minimum road set back of the greater of either 63’ from the road centerline or 30’ from the road right-of-way line. Placement is limited by the well and septic on the south side of the lot. Supervisors emphasized that the board of adjustment considers the issue of hardship in granting a variance; they may not deem this a hardship.

Supervisors recommended lining up/squaring the garage off with the house by moving it back 10', instead of siting it ahead of the house as currently envisioned.

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Zinck to support a variance application to the Board of Adjustment if the shed is moved back outside of the 30' right-of-way setback. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hearing no objection Chairperson Pulvermacher moved item 11c up on the agenda.

11c. OLD BUSINESS – JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION

JAR has received their variance, which was the last item on the Town's to-do checklist to make them as compliant as possible with current zoning restrictions, and would like to move forward with their rezone and CUP applications. The Town will discuss the accrued fines at their next meeting, but JAR can move forward with an application to the Plan Commission.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to allow JAR to move forward with zoning petition with the Plan Commission and Chairperson Pulvermacher will discuss the legal ramification of fees with the town attorney and invite attorney Hazelbaker to attend the next town board meeting to discuss the fines. Motion carried, 3-1; Sup. Zinck abstained.

7. TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Sup. Meinholz will replace retired supervisor Dan Dresen on the Middleton Fire District board, with Sup. Laufenberg serving as alternate. Sup. Zinck will serve on the Quarry Committee, the Biogas Committee, and Kingsley Cemetery. Chairperson Pulvermacher will be on the Airport Master Plan Commission. Sup. Meinholz will take Sup. Zinck to both the Middleton Fire and Waunakee EMS meetings to introduce him.

Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the 2022 Board Representatives list of May 3, 2022 as discussed. Motion carried, 5-0.

8. TOWN BOARD MEETINGS START TIME

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Wright to start the board meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, effective for the next meeting (May 17). Motion carried, 4-0; Sup. Meinholz abstained.

9. PLOW TRUCK PURCHASE

Supervisors discussed various trucks and specs with Patrolman Ripp, looking at visibility from the cab, to differences in horse power and fuel tanks. Prices are going up, and availability is about two years out for the truck and the package.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to order a 2023 Western Star truck and put the equipment package on the next agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. MATURING CD

A Parks CD is maturing at Monona Bank.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to go with the 18 month CD at 0.4% at Monona Bank. Motion carried, 5-0.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. TOWN ROADS' WEIGHT LIMITS

Signs are done, utilities will be marked, soil testing is being pursued.

b. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE

c. JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION

d. BLIGHT

Supervisors noted things are slowly getting worse, even with the County's citation.

e. OUTDOOR STORAGE VIOLATIONS

It is looking better up front closer to the road.

- f. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE
- g. 2022 ROAD PROJECTS

We haven't received anything from MSA yet for bids.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Zinck: N/A

Sup. Meinholz: Nothing special out of Middleton Fire.

Sup. Wright: The Plan Commission spent most of their time on the Heppner TDR proposal.

Sup. Laufenberg:

Chairman Pulvermacher:

13. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

Schuster's hauled in dirt. Chairperson Pulvermacher will look with Patrolman Ripp to see if Duane Nolden can extend the culvert on Lodi-Springfield Road. The park pad will need stormwater and erosion control permits, so construction is on hold pending those permits. MG&E has been contacted to mark gas for the Kickaboo cul de sac project. The contract for the arm mower will be finishing up this week.

14. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to pay the bills. Motion carried, 5-0.

16. ADJOURN

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Chairperson Pulvermacher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.