

**Town Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013**

Supervisor Robert Keller called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Supervisor Keller.

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Keller, Supervisor Mike Pollack and Chairman Frank Frassetto, via phone. Others Present: Treasurer John McDermott, Clerk Ellen Chmielewski and three townspeople.

Motion by Supervisor Pollack to approve the Town Board Minutes of February 11, 2013; seconded by Chairman Frassetto. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer McDermott gave the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2013. The fund accounts and cash flow reports were reviewed; total cash: \$774,161.04 in three accounts. There are a couple more payments to the County for tax payments. The cash flow report shows the Charter Cable payment; the rest are payments from the February settlement to the county. **Motion by Supervisor Pollack to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Chairman Frassetto. CARRIED.**

CLERK'S REPORT:

Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board sent notice that its Annual Financial and Informational meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 9 am. This is a joint meeting with the Dept. of Revenue held at the Coughlin Center. Each municipality is encouraged to have at least one representative at this meeting.

The Department of Natural Resources sent a Notice of Violation and Enforcement Conference which was to be held on March 6th involving TJ's Harbor Restaurant. I gave you a copy for your information. I haven't received a call back on the results of the conference.

The Spring General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd. The Spring Primary election was held on Feb. 19th, 137 voters voted; it was a lot of work and money for a very small turnout-7%.

In today's mail is information on Weigh-in on the Winnebago Waterways. 5 counties are involved in this project which runs now though May, 2013. They are collecting information from those who use the lake system. I will have this available in the office for anyone who is interested.

We have received a number of applicants for the Clerk, Office Manager and Treasurer positions, mostly from the Job Center of WI. The ad was also in the newspaper. Discussion was had on extending the ads for these positions; the treasurer ad will be extended one week.

The next newsletter should come out in April; articles should be in by the end of March.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As no one wished to speak, the public participation portion of the meeting was closed.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: County Supervisor Pat Brennand talked about the RUG meeting and encouraged someone to attend. There was a meeting today re: County Rd. I issues. A conclusion was reached to do something. The consultant confirmed the culvert doesn't need to be there; it can be removed. At some point a letter will go out to neighbors as to what will be done. This will not solve all problems but it should have an impact. F.Frassetto confirmed according to the Commissioner it will be temporarily blocked off. We are approaching the 1-year time-frame for the County ordinance; it appears 4 towns will remain in County zoning, petitions have been received. The County will still be involved as some of them are 50/60% shoreland; it should not decrease staff time. T.Verstegen asked about a bike lane on County Rd. I and was told this was not brought up today. The road will have remilling and new pavement; it is not expected to expand the base.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The intersection on County Rd. I will not be a round-a-bout as traffic counts don't support it; there will be some turn lanes. People are used to the stop signs. We are happy about getting the surface water problem taken care of.

SUPERVISOR I REPORT:

Supervisor Pollack said there was no Planning & Zoning meeting. He then talked about the railroad issues, especially on weekends, when trains block the crossings. This is a problem now with snowmobile trails. Trains are blocking for several hours. The public affairs director for the railroad was contacted who said they have run into some issues with train blocking. Supervisor Pollack feels instead of fixing the problem in FDL, the railroad uses Friendship and Black Wolf as a parking lot. He was told this would be brought to the manager's attention. There should be some sort of GPS on trains to track where they are sitting and blocking crossings.

There was a call today about water standing in the ditch on Weyerhorst and Fisk. Every culvert is blocked because of the weather. Supervisor Keller said some water has gone down overnight.

SUPERVISOR II REPORT:

Winter Road Report: We have had a number of snow events with lots of drifting. We had to call the County in a couple of places; our trucks could not get through. Roads are good today.

There was a bridge information meeting on Feb. 26th; 2 immediate neighbors attended. There are no major concerns. Donohue presented the plan; there will be some temporary easements. We will not have to make any permanent right of way purchases.

The County was requested to order "No Parking" signs for Country Club Road. Posts will be placed out there. Our guys can't do it when the ground is frozen.

With the Clerk and Office positions we can look at the resumes we have and start interviews. We can extend the Treasurer ad. A meeting will be set up for Saturday at 8 am to review the resumes. The Clerk was asked to provide copies of the resumes and send additional resumes to Frank Frassetto. Supervisor Pollack talked about doing a survey monkey before the meeting.

STORM WATER COMMITTEE REPORT: Terry Sweeney was not present. Tom Verstegen said the town has an urban area along the lake which is required to get a MS-4 General Permit from the DNR in order to discharge our stormwater into Lake Winnebago. This is prepared every year. It spells out the town's responsibility, including education which is published in the newsletter. We could put together flyers to have available. There is also a budget, which is aligned with what we spent this year. Part of the permit is to make the Town Board aware of what is required. A survey was done on the urban areas with some changes. The County still handles the stormwater discharge permits that come with new construction. Nothing has changed for the town; we pay a fee and get the permit.

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT: Chuck Linde from the Sanitary District said things are running smoothly; there has been no increase in volume, the system is tight. The peak average is a fraction of what it used to be, which makes everyone's life easier.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT: Chair Martell was not present. Supervisor Pollack asked why his name was not on the ballot; the Clerk said no paperwork was filed for this position.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Dave Frank was not present. There were no questions about his report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Supervisor Pollack moved to approve the payment of bills for March, 2013, second by Chairman Frassetto. **CARRIED.**

Chairman Frassetto moved to adjourn until April 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Pollack. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Chmielewski, Clerk