

Board Meeting  
April 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Fred Belay, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Town of Union town hall. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Bechard, Jeff Whyte, Deb Smith, Gloria Bloom, Clerk – Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer – Polly Jensen and see attached list of visitors.

**Flag Salute**

**Plan Commission** – First thing on the planning commission was Haas request to rezone. The planning commission tabled this until the board meeting. No recommendations were made due to the fact that not enough information was given to the planning commission. Steve Haas from Haas's is here to explain what they want to do and Tyler from Menards is also present to explain. Haas would like to re-zone 25 acres and 39.1 acres – these parcels are zoned agricultural and Haas would like them zoned Industrial. Eau Claire County was also present to explain that the long range plan is to eventually rezone it to commercial/industrial anyway. Many of the neighbors for Haas showed up to voice their concerns. They don't want the hill taken down that blocks the view of the cement plant. Steve Haas explained that he plans on building a berm and planting trees to help with this issue but he has no plans at this time to take the hill down. Eau Claire County feels this is a reasonable solution to the neighbors' concerns. One of the parcels that Haas would like re-zone they plan on selling to Menards and Menards will only purchase the land if it is rezoned. Steve Haas recently discovered this land was not zoned commercial/industrial and would like to make this right. Jeff Bechard made a motion to go ahead and re-zone as long as the neighbors are satisfied with the plans Steve Haas explained, Gloria Bloom seconded this motion. No one opposed, motion carries.

Next was the Menards. Menards plans on purchasing the land from Haas's if re-zoned to commercial/industrial. They would like to build an Import Warehouse. They will be putting in a new frontage road to Kane road; this should not add any new traffic to the area. This is a 2 year project and the first step is to get the land re-zoned. The new building will eventually employ over 100 people. Truck traffic will be no different as they already haul to this location. Gloria Bloom made a motion to Re-Zone, Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

**Blasting Ordinance/Truck Hauling Ordinance** – Opted out – can proceed with truck hauling weight – will table till next meeting need Hibbards copies of ordinance.

**Liquor License/Fanny Hill/Jam** – Two businesses may be interested in Fanny Hill's liquor license. According to the WI Dept. of Revenue, the bank can file to have the liquor license go with the building, have to wait and see what happens when liquor license is up for renewal in June.

**ADJOURN at 7:00pm for Annual Meeting**

**Roads – updates & decisions** – All sand is off roads and they are all trimmed. \$13,500 left for patching and signs. County has East of Interstate. Fred Belay and Jeff Whyte will drive the roads for repairs next Monday.

**Fire Station #3 Report** – Dave Kleist not present.

**Ditch Ordinance** – Fred Belay had some copies made up – thought was good idea except for the fact that farmers will be exempt. Farms controlled by Federal Government – controls ditch and ground water.

**Building Inspector** – No report was given.

**Board Reports – MPO** – Nothing to report. **Town Association** – Next meeting is next Thursday. **Tourism** – Had a special meeting in March and discussed proposal for new room tax. **Fire Board** – Meeting is next Monday and they are proceeding to hire person to do tower at dispatch.

**Franchise from Charter** – Need Internet at Fire Station.

**Citizens Input & Questions** – No questions or comments at the meeting.

**Trail Cameras for South Town Hall Rd.,** - \$250 for cameras, need chain to lock them up on tree. Call reported deer carcasses dumped, board wants DNR called to see if they will look into this.

**Review/approval – previous meeting’s minutes** –Have a couple changes: One is to list Rich as Rich Walther under roads, Dave Kleist in Fire Station, Chris Turner, and Jeff Whyte spelling. Motion to approve minutes with said changes by Gloria Bloom, Jeff Bechard seconded it, no oppose, motion carries.

**Newsletter Review** – Clerk is working on getting this done but has some other items that have to be completed first.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Polly was present went over Treasurers Report.

**Review/Approval of bills** – Deb Smith made motion to approve report for monthly bills; only question was why Hibbards bill was so high, read his bill to board. Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

**Licenses – Operators, etc.** –Had 5 operators’ licenses. 1 Driveway permit for Kris Hahn. Everything looks good. Gloria Bloom made motion to approve licenses, Jeff Bechard seconded, no oppose, motion carries.

**Town Properties** – Fred will talk with Chris about checking to see what needs to be taken care of.

**Constables Report** – Nothing to report – Need to check on how we pay cell phone, Fred will contact to let Russ know we need report and cell phone number.

**Set next meeting dates, agendas** – Next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Gloria Bloom made a motion to adjourn. Fred Belay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Adjourn 8:55pm