

Board Meeting
January 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Fred Belay, Chair, at 6:30 pm at the Town of Union town hall. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Bechard, Jeff Whyte, Deb Smith, Gloria Bloom, Treasurer – Poly Jensen, Clerk – Katie Garrett, and Deputy Clerk – Beverly Christopherson, and see attached list of visitors.

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Plan Commission – Nothing to report.

Roads – Updates & Decisions – Jeff Whyte is still working with the county on the Jake Brake sign. Fred Belay is going to talk with Hibbard to see if the town has to do anything for the Jake Brake sign. Sky Hawk Street sign is down.

Fire Station #3 Report – Party is the weekend of 15th. Please bring a white elephant gift. Food starts At 6:00. Blue Ox music fest – Dave talked with Jim B. – Deb Smith has the conditional use permit from the county, she will give Dave a copy. Justin Vernon event may be bigger than expected, tickets sold before line up have sold out. Not sure how many tickets were actually sold. Tower needs to go higher. Need to look back at Charter Cables ordinance with the town. The ordinance states they are to Supply one town building with cable, which is to be the Fire Station, they are not going to do this. Fire Station has a lot of iron in the water. Need some sort of water treatment or filters. For know They will try in-line filters to see if that helps. Fire Department will do the work and change filters as needed. They will add two in-line filters.

Building Inspector – Not at meeting - 4 New ones on the Building Inspectors Report.

Eau Claire County Storm Water Fee – 2 Items to discuss. DNR Fee – Fred Belay has to fill out forms and file. – Deb Smith is attending meeting on 01/14/15 and she will report back.

Youth Forest Update – Fred Belay spoke with Gary Larson regarding Quit Claim Deed. Gary Larson signed letter but then called Hibbard and told him he changed his mind. Fred Belay is to have Hibbard send a letter to Larson asking him to prove that the property is actually his. Board mentioned maybe checking with All Title for them to see who the land belongs to. Polly will check with paperwork to see what she can find out.

Board Reports – MPO – MPO next week.

Towns Association – Meeting was changed till 14th need to explain changes and training.

Tourism – Need more separation between sports commission and visit Eau Claire. Ski Hill should be doing more, Ski Club needs to check into what type of work they can do on the grounds before they actually can do any work.

Fire Board – Fred Belay will be at the next meeting.

Economic – Nothing

Town Crier – Would like to see mentioned in the Town Crier to remind all residents of the Town to check that their vehicles are registered for the Town of Union. Also list April Election.

Trails Committee – Nothing

Citizen Input –Nothing.

Review/approval of previous meeting's minutes –

Gloria Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes as they are. Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Motion Carries

Treasurers Report – Still have CD open with Bremer. Everything else is OK.

Review/approval of Bills – Lots of tax payments are on the check register list. Check #3229 is the Town of Unions Property Tax for the Town Hall, Fire Station, and Transfer Station. Also on that list is the 2015 Ambulance Contract Fee. Gloria Bloom made motion to approve the check register for bills and Jeff Whyte seconded. No Oppose, motion carries.

Licenses –

Have received on License for Fanny Hill – Haven't had a chance to look it up yet. Picnic License for Rod and Gun Club, need to decide if conditional use permit is needed, everything is on hold till we hear from the County.

Spring Election 2015 – Drawing of Names for Ballot Order – Town Supervisor Position - #1 will be Jeff Bechard and #2 will be Jeff Whyte.

Constables Report – Received the 2014 Constable Report. Humane Society contract for flat fee is \$3,000. All prices have gone up for 2015. If the Town would not have paid a flat fee in 2014 for \$1,700.00, the cost to the Humane Association for 2014 would have been \$3,800.00. Katie going to get more information from the Humane Association as to what all charges actually was. Russ needs to have all his reports filed quarterly so that we have them to compare to the Quarterly Humane Association report. Motion was made to Amend the motion from previous meeting to amend the amount to pay the Humane Association from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00, want quarterly reports to compare to Russ's reports. Fred Belay made the motion for this Amendment and Jeff Whyte seconded it. No one opposed, motion carries. Fred Belay will talk with Russ to let him know that we need monthly reports from him.

Convene to Closed Session – Personnel Evaluation – Fred Belay wanted to talk about doing evaluations on clerk's job. Would like to form a committee to work with on this. Fred Belay, Gloria Bloom, and Jeff Bechard will be the committee. They will meet on Tuesday January 27th at 5:00pm at Town Hall. They will make a recommendation to the Board at next Board Meeting. Will have to post this meeting at Town Hall, Fire Station, and Dana's.

Set next meeting dates, agendas – Make sure on next agenda that it is listed to talk about Frac sand and blasting ordinances.

Our next meeting will be February 11th at 6:30 pm.

Gloria Bloom made a motion to adjourn. Fred Belay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Adjourn 7:55pm pm