

Board Meeting
August 11, 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, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer Polly Jensen, and see attached list of visitors.

Flag Salute

Plan Commission – Originally posted as Ron Brown Menards but is Ron Brown from American Materials. Ron Brown was present at the meeting. American Materials is setting up a temporary concrete plant at the Menards distribution center by Haas's. No one was at the planning commission meeting from American Materials. The Town Board has to do everything at this meeting. Ron Brown brought pictures to show what the plant is going to look like. It is virtually 45,000 yards of concrete on this project. The plant is set up so that all concrete can be made at this location for Menards building. This will cut down on the amount of trucks that will be hauling concrete at this project. Need recommendation from Town to get permit from County. They will be coming up Town Hall Rd from 312; will turn in before the Menards block plant. The permit is temporary but would like a date on the permit. When do they plan on having this complete? They plan on starting middle of August and going thru July 2016. They will also be bringing in the sand and aggregate, Deb Smith is questioning how they will control the dust. Ron Brown stated that they will be watering it to control the dust. County Permit states Asphalt and Concrete, Deb Smith asked where the Asphalt comes in; Ron Brown states they will have no Asphalt. Jeff Bechard questioned that the permit states they plan on running 24 hours a day. Ron Brown does not feel they will be working 24/7. Want to make sure that lights are not on all night long for the neighbors and how loud the noise will be. Town might need to put on some time limits for this project. Fred Belay asked for any other comments or concerns. Mike Bauer from Menards stated they are trying to come up with ways to work with the concrete. The concrete is the main concern; they wanted to be pouring by June so it will last longer. Probably going into 2017 until entire project is complete. Bulk of concrete will have to be finished in spring of 2016. Deb Smith's concerns are dust control, lights, noise for neighbors, time limit on permit, and also using North Town Hall road. The town board would like to have stipulations on this permit to present to the County and would also like a 24/7 phone number in which to have all calls or complaints to call. Time limit will be set that no hauling, deliveries, can go on between 10pm and 5am. County permit states that it goes until July 2016. Jeff Bechard made motion to accept this with stipulations noted above; No hauling between 10pm and 5am, control dust by watering, control noise levels and lighting and that they have to use 312 to Town Hall road; Deb Smith seconded this motion; no oppose motion carries.

Robert Kries to add on to his garage will match the house. L Shaped building to store his vehicles. Jeff Whyte made motion to approve and Jeff Bechard seconded it, no oppose motion carries.

Conservation Easement – Roadway Easement - Rick Remington not at meeting. Roadway question for easement. Pat German and Dean Schultz – Current cul-de-sac does not infringe on his land. His deed show legal description of property shows infringement of 17' onto his property. The county surveyor draws where the road goes, not sure if the map shows exactly where everything is. The issue needs to be resolved with the County. Does not want to move the driveway and he does not think the Town wants to pay for that. Need to find out if the land is really ours on quit claim. Will table till next meeting.

Roads – Updates – Decisions - Washout on Folsom, Jeff Whyte said to leave it because Scott will shape it and crack seal it. Crack seal will be started in August.

Karen and Robert Strong's Dogs – They were visited and they paid the \$64 in cash on Monday. The only problem left is the rabies certification received. The dog named peekaboo does not have an application, Vet does not have a rabies for Annie. According to what Polly has they vaccinated a dog named Annie. Fred Belay asked Polly Jensen to e-mail Erika Bauer. Polly needs to license the three dogs that all materials are complete. They have four dogs and will not be having any more litters, no kennel is allowed on this property. Russ Johnson has to go back and speak with them because we have more dog barking complaints. They indicated they might move because they are unable to have a kennel.

Highway Maintenance Agreements – The maintenance agreement was signed and sent in and everything is ok.

Cable Franchise – We have a contract with Charter Cable, in 2008 laws changed that they do not have to supply us with any services but they do have to pay us a fee. Charter pays us regularly but they don't have to provide any free services. Western Wisconsin is not paying us a fee at this time. We have a filled out franchise agreement signed in June 2007 by Town Chairman Jim Volbrecht. Nothing was ever completed and that is why we don't receive any revenue from them. Hibbard feels we should be able to send them a letter to explain that they owe for Cable Franchise which is 3%. Ordinance was in place when Western Wisconsin brought in cable. Polly says they refused to go along with paying the quarterly fee, she thought we got a letter from Western Wisconsin's lawyers stating they don't have to pay this fee. Federal statutes say they have to pay the 3% franchise fee for cable television only. We will have to send a letter to Western Wisconsin.

Fire Station Report – Had a walk through on Thursday inspecting for festivals, everything looks good for the festival this weekend. Big air conditioner does not work at station, leak on the roof still. For burning permits looking at doing an annual permit for \$25.00 they will call in and receive a recording that they can burn if they cannot burn and do the fine will be around \$1,000.00, this is for the Town of Washington and would like to see this for all 5 towns.

Building Inspector – Nothing to report.

Board Reports – MPO – Nothing to report. **Town Association** – Next meeting is October.

Tourism – Nothing new **Fire Board** – July 30th newly elected officials. **Trails Committee** – Nothing to report

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

Review/approval – previous meeting's minutes – Gloria Bloom made a motion to accept the minutes with changes made, Jeff Bechard seconded it.

Treasurer's Report – Polly Jensen gave treasurer's report

Review/Approval of bills – Gloria Bloom made motion to accept monthly bills and Deb Smith seconded.

Licenses – Operators, etc. – Fred Belay made motion to approve licenses for the month and Gloria Bloom seconded it. Some of the operator’s permits and tobacco license were not approved due to the fact they were not turned in until the evening of the meeting. See license list for those not approved.

Constables Report – Nothing to Report

BOR – New Dates Thursday Aug 20, Monday Aug 24, or Thursday Aug. 27. Times are 5pm to 7pm or 6pm till 8m – Need to change date from Aug. 3. New BOR will be Monday Aug. 25th from 5pm till 7pm.

Town Properties Updates -

Set next meeting dates, agendas – Next meeting will be September 8th at 6:30pm.

Gloria Bloom made a motion to adjourn. Fred Belay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
Adjourn 8:49pm