

**MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 9, 2008**

- 1) Call to Order-7:00 p.m.-Dan DeLong called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance-The pledge was said.
- 3) Roll Call/Quorum Call.-Those present were Bill Brewer, Lester Oldenburg, Tim Kopp, Mike Schaefer and Dan DeLong. A quorum was present.
- 4) Approval of Agenda-Dan DeLong amended the agenda adding Cemetery Committee will be meeting February 6. Tim Kopp moved to approve the agenda with the correction. Seconded by Bill Brewer. Motion carried.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a. Highway Department Report-Mike Birkholz reported the plowed snow and maintain equipment.
  - b. Fire Department Report-Chief Huffman reported there were 25 calls for the month of December, a total of 273 for the year. The practice was the annual consumption test. The Pancake Feed is February 9, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.. There are raffle tickets available. Fall Festival donated \$2000 for their addition.
  - c. Police Department Report-Chief LeFeber there were 104 hours worked and 1302 miles traveled.
  - d. Safety Committee Report-Jere Crouse reported the Safety committee met on January 2. They reviewed speed limit on Philhower and Townline Road. The speed limit will remain on Philhower. Townline Road needs an end of speed limit sign, this needs to be on Town of LaPrairie side of the road. Shopiere Road speed is regulated by the County Highway Department and will be lowered to 40 mph. Jere reported on a gas leak on Shopiere Road, people were evacuated to the Community Center until the gas was turned off. Alliant Energy made sure all pilots were relit after the repair was complete. Alliant Energy will be putting a guardrail up within the next 30 days.
  - e. Parks Committee-No report
  - f. Cemetery Committee-No meeting in December. Bill Brewer noted there is \$1000 designated for head stone restoration from last year.
- 6) Public Notices-Future Meetings, etc-
  - a. Planning Committee-January 16, 2008-7:00 p.m.
  - b. Turtle Community Organization-January 17, 2008-7:00 p.m..
  - c. Fall Festival Committee-January 23, 2008-7:00 p.m.
  - d. Safety Committee-February 6, 2008-7:00 p.m.
  - e. Fire Department Pancake Breakfast-February 9, 2008-7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
  - f. Town Board-February 13, 2008-7:00 p.m.
  - g. Spring Primary-February 19, 2008-Polls open 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 7) Citizens' Questions/Comments-Norma Woodman asked for reaffirmation of the Shopiere School Reunion to use the Community Center for \$50 as the past Board allowed. The Board agreed to this.
- 8) Board Member Comments-Alliant Energy guard rail-Bill Brewer welcomed the new Board members.
- 9) Approval of Minutes-Bill Brewer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Tim Kopp. Motion carried.  
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- 10) Approval of Invoices-Tim Kopp moved to approve the invoices as presented. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried.
- 11) Treasurer Report-The checking balance is \$1,096,118.56, Cemetery checking \$1,145.11, Cemetery CD-\$36,045.46, Impact Fees-\$29,283.55. Tim Kopp moved to approve the treasurer report as presented. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried.

- 12) Planning Commission Report-Roger Anclam reported Planning December 19 a citizen had requested vacating Barbara Lane, Attorney Henderson had sent him a letter requesting him to attend the meeting; he did not attend. The Boundary Committee met after the Planning Commission.
- 13) Unfinished Business-None
- 14) New Business
  - a. Consider and Act Upon Maturing Notes and CD-Bill Brewer moved to renew the loan for the fire truck with First National Bank at 4.25% for 5 years(this will be the balance of the loan). Seconded by Tim Kopp. Motion carried with all ayes.
  - b. Consider and Act Upon Need for Cemetery Checking-Dan DeLong questioned if a cemetery checking was necessary. Also, he noted the Fall Festival will donate \$5,000 to the Cemetery for headstone restoration contingent upon the Town Board matching the \$5,000. There was a cemetery cd that matured and is temporarily in the cemetery checking account. Bill Brewer tabled taking any action regarding the cemetery checking until the Cemetery Committee meets and has a chance to give their input into the decision. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried with 4-1 vote (Dan DeLong voted nay).
  - c. Authorize Transfer of Cash Reserve to Restricted Funds-Bill Brewer moved to transfer \$25,000 for the Town Revaluation, \$25,000 for a highway truck, and \$11,000 surplus 2007 Highway Road Maintenance funds(to be used for 2008 Road Maintenance) to restricted funds. (The \$11,000 for Highway Road Maintenance will be an agenda item to be approved as an amendment to the Budget at the Annual Meeting.) Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with all ayes. Bill Brewer moved to add the \$1100 to the \$5000 for Cemetery headstone restoration and let the Cemetery Committee make a decision on spending the funds and report back after they meet. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried.
  - d. Consider and Act Upon Signage/Sign Committee Using Impact Fee Funds-Dan DeLong asked for the Board to consider a sign committee for signage to various places in the Town. He had spoke to citizens interested in this those being: Charles Lucas, Misty Rowland, Irene Ewers and a representative from Durst. Bill Brewer moved to have a committee(with Dan DeLong in charge) do research on possible signage and report back next month. Dan DeLong stated Misty Rowland(Lamar Advertising) will be the Chair since this is her profession. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with all ayes.
  - e. Consider and Act Upon Amendment to Burning Ordinance-Extending to November-Tim Kopp moved to adopt Ordinance No. 119 amending the burning dates to include November. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried.
  - f. Approve Board Liaison Appointments-Dan DeLong recommended the following Board Liaison appointments-Dan DeLong-Administration, Bill Brewer-Highway, Safety and Police-Lester Oldenburg, Parks and Cemetery-Tim Kopp, Planning-Lester Oldenburg and Fire Department-Mike Schaefer. Bill Brewer moved to approve the Board Liaison appointments as proposed. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried.
  - g. Approve Job Descriptions/Wage Changes for Highway Department-Bill Brewer moved to table approving the job description/wage changes for the Highway Department and schedule a close session for this. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried.
- 15) Adjournment-Bill Brewer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Deborah Bennett  
Clerk/Treasurer-Town of Turtle

Approved February 13, 2008