

MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2008-7:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order-Chair DeLong called the monthly Board meeting to order.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance-the pledge was said.
- 3) Roll Call/Quorum Call.-Those present-Bill Brewer, Lester Oldenburg, Tim Kopp, Mike Schaefer and Chair DeLong. A quorum was present.
- 4) Approval of Agenda-Tim Kopp moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Highway Department Report-Mike Birkholz reported they did winter preparation, mowed the roadside, cemetery, parks and attended a class for winter maintenance. Bill Brewer stated the Governor had declared today Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day; Thank you to Mike and Blake.
 - b. Fire Department Report-Chief Huffman reported there were 14 calls for the month. The practice was search and rescue. They are using a house on County J for training.
 - c. Police Department Report-Chief LeFeber reported there were 118.75 hours worked and 1189 miles logged. Rich read a letter he received from Philip and Stephanie Babcock and Dean and Vickie Butzler thanking the police department for the effort on Murphy Woods Road. Rich reported Greg Skokut has a sign that shows your speed and he is willing to lend it to the Town. Also the tires on the squad have been replaced.
 - d. Safety Committee Report-Jere Crouse reported the Safety Committee met on November 5. They discussed the Murphy Woods situation. The committee decided there were no funds for blinking lights at the fire station.
 - e. Parks Committee-Katie Ward reported there was no meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Katie inquired about new members. They will not meet until spring now. A proposal for different equipment is being considered.
 - f. Cemetery Committee-Don Jones reported the Cemetery Committee met on November 5. LLS Clean Cut gave a before and after presentation of the headstones that were restored. Don read letters from Dan DeLong to Frank Brothers and Bob Halderson thanking them for the donation of dirt to the cemetery. The next meeting will be January 7, 2009.
- 6) Public Notices-Future Meetings, etc-Cemetery and Safety Committee will meet January 7, 2009, Rock County W.T.A.-November 20-7:00 p.m. at the Town of Bradford.
 - a. Planning Commission-November 19, 2008-7:00 p.m.
 - b. Court-December 3, 2008-6:00 p.m.
 - c. Safety Committee-December 3, 2008-7:00 p.m.
 - d. Cemetery Committee-December 3, 2008-7:00 p.m.
 - e. Holiday Appreciation Party-December 6, 2008-6:00 p.m.
 - f. Town Board Meeting-December 10, 2008-7:00 p.m.
- 7) Citizens' Questions/Comments-Katie Ward asked if the Turtle 4-H could have the meeting room expanded for their meetings, their membership has grown. The board agreed to have the wall opened.
- 8) Board Member Comments-None
- 9) Approval of Minutes-Bill Brewer moved to approve the minutes for October 8, 2008 and October 13, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- 10) Approval of Invoices-Lester Oldenburg moved to approve the invoices as presented. Seconded by Bill Brewer. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- 11) Treasurer Report-the checking balance is \$499,996.19, Cemetery checking-\$40,817.35 and Impact Fees-\$28,925.53. Tim Kopp moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried with a voice vote.

12) Planning Commission Report-Roger Anclam reported Planning Commission met on October 15. They reviewed a conditional use permit for Alliant/Rock Energy on Colley Road, and land division procedure. The Planning Commission approved a favorable recommendation to the Town Board to approve the exchange of land with Mr. LaGrant for Barbara Lane. Kelly Urban asked what was needed to be done for a home occupation; he was directed to apply for a conditional use permit. Carrie Houston, Rock County Planning addressed the Smart Growth Plan.

13) Unfinished Business-None

14) New Business

- a. Approval of Volunteer Firefighter-Heather Rittenhouse-Chief Huffman introduced Heather Rittenhouse; the Board of Directors recommended approval of Heather Rittenhouse with one year probation. Tim Kopp moved to approve Heather Rittenhouse as a volunteer firefighter with a one year probation. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- b. Discuss and Act Upon Sludge Permit-Collins-Dan DeLong reviewed what had taken place in the past for a sludge permit, the DNR regulates the sludge, there were questions if the Town wants to issue permits. Lester Oldenburg moved to direct the Planning Commission to review the ordinance for sludge and give a recommendation to the Board to change it or repeal the ordinance. Seconded by Tim Kopp. Bill Brewer asked what would be done with the permit that is issued; it would remain in effect for a term of one year at this point. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- c. Discuss and Act Upon Barbara Lane Transfer-Chairperson DeLong reviewed Mr. LaGrant's proposal to exchange land with the Town. Bob Luenberger, Batterman representative listed fees and steps that need to be addressed to complete the exchange, such as; preliminary land division, 2 lot certified survey, vacating Barbara Lane, approval from Rock County and the City of Beloit, and record the necessary documents. Mike Schaefer moved to trade Barbara Lane to Mr. LaGrant for the property he his proposing; with the Town paying \$700 of the fees Batterman will charge and waive the Town's \$300 land division fee. Seconded by Bill Brewer. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-aye, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.
- d. Approve Spending \$1200 of Budget for Repairs on Westside of Fire Station-Tim Kopp moved to approve the expenditure of \$1200 to be charged to account 545-Townhall and other buildings for the repair of the westside of the fire station. Seconded by Bill Brewer. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-aye, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.
- e. Discuss Ordinance No. 106 Relating to Perpetual Care Fees-Tim Kopp had questioned Attorney Henderson as to the requirement of a perpetual care fund if the Town is maintaining the cemetery instead of an association. Attorney Henderson said this does not need to be in the ordinance; the Town could amend the ordinance and remove this or possibly change to donations that were designated for the cemetery be used for perpetual care. Tim Kopp moved to refer Ordinance No. 106 to the Cemetery Committee for discussion and have them report back to the Board. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Don Jones, Cemetery Chairperson stated the Cemetery Committee intends to review the entire ordinance and asked if this could be addressed at that time in January or February; this will be acceptable. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- f. Discuss and Act Upon Colley Road Blacktopping (Mr. Dopp)-John Dopp had contacted the Town regarding his driveway after Colley Road was blacktopped. Bill Brewer corresponded with Mr. Dopp that the Town would do repairs and invoice him for the work. Mr. Dopp has not paid the invoice and does not feel he should. Driveways are not the Town's responsibility. Lester Oldenburg moved to not set precedence with this incident, use this as a lesson learned, the Town absorb the cost, but in the future for blacktopping there should be an information meeting to let the Townspeople know there obligation and a Town representative should oversee the blacktopping. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-nay, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.
- g. Discuss and Act Upon Playground Equipment for Lindale Park-The Park Committee is not sure of what equipment they want to purchase at this time, Katie Ward, Park Committee Chairperson was directed to put a package together for equipment using the impact fees and present it to the Board at a later time.

- h. Thank You Letter for Frank Brothers and Halderson-Don Jones had already read the thank you letters with his cemetery report.
- i. Approval of Amendments to 2008 Budget-Bill Brewer moved to adopt the resolution amending the 2008 budget as proposed.

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer Amt</u>
516 Education	507 Election Stipend	\$1200.00
531 Consultants	507 Election Stipend	\$1000.00
541Capital Outlay	514 Office Supplies	\$1000.00
591 Storm Water	530 Auditor	\$200.00
591 Storm Water	555 Recycle Grant	\$1600.00
803 Grounds Maintenance	815 Road Maintenance	\$2576.94
820 Insurance	811 Fuel	\$2428.00

Seconded by Tim Kopp. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-aye, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.

- j. Follow Up on Landfill Groundwater Testing-Dan DeLong reported the landfill should have been inspected in October. Bid from Northern Environmental proposed \$2300, Dan obtained bids from other companies-Seymour Environmental proposed \$1200. The inspection was done by Seymour Environmental; Town of LaPrairie will pay 1/3 of the invoice. The DNR representative asked about the Airplane Club, there has been no contact with the Town from the club; there is concern of liability. After discussion, Lester Oldenburg moved to send a letter to the Airplane Club notifying them if no representative comes to next month's Board meeting to find out what the problem is and get it straightened out their rights will be eliminated until someone comes to a meeting. Seconded by Dan DeLong. There was discussion that the Board needs to know what was going on. The motion failed with the following 2-3 roll call vote: Bill Brewer-nay, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-nay, Mike Schaefer-nay and Dan DeLong-aye. Tim Kopp moved to send a certified letter to the Airplane Club requiring attendance of a representative at the next meeting to explain their obligation on the Town land that is regulated by the DNR. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-aye, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.
- k. Consider and Act Upon Rock County Humane Society Agreement-Bill Brewer moved to approve the Rock County Humane Society Agreement. Seconded by Tim Kopp. Motion carried with a voice vote.

15) Adjournment-Mike Schaefer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bill Brewer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Bennett
Clerk/Treasurer-Town of Turtle