

MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2008-7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order**-Chairperson Dan DeLong called the monthly board meeting to order.
2. **Pledge**-The pledge was said.
3. **Roll Call/Quorum**-Present was Bill Brewer, Lester Oldenburg, Tim Kopp, Mike Schaefer and Chair Dan DeLong. A quorum was present.
4. **Approval of Agenda**-Bill Brewer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Tim Kopp. Motion carried with a voice vote
5. **Committee reports**-
 - a. **Highway Department**-Mike Birkholz reported they prepared for snowplowing, burnt brush; November 24th was the first time they went out for plowing. Bill Brewer noted if there were any problems to call himself or Mike Birkholz. Per Mike Birkholz sand is available for residents for their sidewalks.
 - b. **Fire Department**-Tim Huffman reported there were 23 calls. The practice was search and rescue at the home on County J they have been using for practices. Tim Huffman, Chair Dan DeLong and Tim Kopp had attended a meeting with the Village of Clinton regarding their fire district.
 - c. **Police Department**-Kim Rau reported there were 5 complaints and 4 citations this past month. Also, new tires were put on the squad. The Police Department is doing security checks and leaving a note they have been there. An ATV has been purchased for emergency use.
 - d. **Safety**-No report, there was no meeting.
 - e. **Parks Committee**-No report.
 - f. **Cemetery Committee**-No report.
6. **Public notices**-
 - a. Turtle Fire Department Holiday Party-December 13-6:00 p.m.
 - b. Planning Commission-December 17, 2008-7:00
 - c. Nomination Papers Due-January 5, 2009
 - d. Court-January 7, 2009-6:00 p.m.
 - e. Cemetery Committee Meeting-January 7, 2009-7:00 p.m.
 - f. Safety Committee Meeting-January 7, 2009-7:00 p.m.
 - g. Town Board Meeting-January 14, 2009-7:00 p.m.

7. **Citizens Questions/comments**-Frank Wywialowski asked requirements for pushing snow on the roadways.

8. **Board comments**-Mike Schaefer thanked the highway department for a good job snowplowing. Bill Brewer asked to have a letter sent to John Dopp giving him 7 days to pay the \$150 for the blacktopping of his approach; if he didn't pay Bill wants to pay for it himself. The Board members would not accept payment from Bill Brewer and agreed this to be a learning experience; this was voted for approval to pay last month. Tim Kopp reported Judy Robson, Kim Hixon and Chuck Benedict had attended the Rock County WTA meeting. Judy Robson will present legislation increasing the limit for work to be bid out for municipalities. Dan DeLong wished all Happy Holidays.

9. **Approval of Minutes**-Bill Brewer moved to approve the minutes for November 12, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with a voice vote.

10. **Approval of Invoices**-Tim Kopp moved to approve payment of the invoices. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. Motion carried with a voice vote.

11. **Treasurer's Report**-The checking balance is \$417,873.76, Cemetery checking-\$40,845.53 and Impact Fees-\$28,942.62. Lester Oldenburg moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Tim Kopp. Motion carried with a voice vote.

12. **Planning Commission Report**-Roger Anclam reported the Planning Commission met November 19. They approved a conditional use permit for Kelly Urban for home occupation of part time taxidermist; discussed land division procedures. There was a land division before them for Holmestead Farms; no one was present to represent this petition it was tabled. Approved favorable recommendation for 3 land divisions and 2 rezoning applications submitted by Dan and Pam DeLong. They reviewed the sludge ordinance. Carrie Houston, Rock County Planner reviewed the Smart Growth Plan to date.

13. **Unfinished Business**-None

14. **New Business**

a. **Approve Volunteer Firefighter**-Tim Huffman reported the Board of Directors gave a favorable recommendation for Mitchell Peterson with a one year probation. Mitchell was not able to attend the meeting due to his job. Tim Kopp moved to approve Mitchell Peterson as a firefighter with a one year probation. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. Motion carried with the following roll call vote-Bill Brewer-aye, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.

b. **Public Hearing**-(Dan DeLong stepped down as a Town Board member for this public hearing) Attorney Henderson called the public hearing to order that was petitioned for by Dan and Pam DeLong to rezone certain property from Agricultural District 1 with conservative overlay to Agricultural District 2 and certain property from Agricultural District 1 to Agricultural District 3. Ron Combs reviewed the proposals explaining there was a proposed land division of 1.4 acres to be deeded to the County for a viewing station for the 5 arch bridge. There are two homes on the remainder of the parcel, the DeLongs proposed dividing the homes and creating a parcel for each home. No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

c. **Act Upon Land Divisions-Dan and Pam DeLong**-Acting Chair Bill Brewer resumed the Town Board meeting. Tim Kopp moved to approve the land division for the 1.4 acres to be deeded to the County for a viewing station for the 5 arch bridge. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye. Mike Schaefer moved to approve the land division creating the 8.3 acre parcel. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye. Tim Kopp moved to approve the land division creating the 15.8 acre parcel. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye.

d. **Act Upon Rezoning Requests-Dan and Pam DeLong**-Lester Oldenburg moved to rezone certain property (8.3 acre parcel) from Agricultural District 1 to Agricultural District 3. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye. Lester Oldenburg moved to rezone certain property (15.8 acres) from Agricultural District 1 to Agricultural District 2. Seconded by Tim Kopp. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye.

e. **Class "A" Fermented Beverage License-Renols Konomi, R.M.K. Oil, LLC, Shopiere BP, 3226 County Road S**-Tim Kopp moved to approve Class "A" Fermented Beverage license for Renols Konomi, Agent, Shopiere BP, 3226 County Road S. Seconded by Mike Schaefer. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Lester Oldenburg-aye, Dan DeLong-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Bill Brewer-aye.

Dan DeLong resumed his position as Town Board Chair.

f. **Airport Club**-Chair Dan DeLong reviewed discussion from past meetings and the Board had invited the airplane club to the meeting. Mike Palubinski, President of Rock River Aero models Society stated the club had voted on a representative to speak, the person whom was suppose to be the designee was not present, therefore Larry Nitz was the spokesperson. The club membership is 53. The Board asked that any modifications or alterations to the airport area be brought to the Board. At this point rocks have been picked up and replaced with dirt. There could be issues with the DNR if any modifications are made to the area without approval.

g. **Fee Schedule**-The only change to the fee schedule at this time was an addition of First Responder Fee of \$185.00 for EMS. Tim Kopp moved to approve the Fee Schedule with the amendment of the first responder fee of \$185.00 added. 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.

h. **Reallocation of Funds**-Bill Brewer moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer to cash reserve as follows: 560-Admin Contingency \$25,000 for Assessment Revaluation, 841-Highway Capital Outlay-\$25,000 for Truck Replacement and 490.1-Historical Com-\$1,305 for Historical Committee. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. 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. There was discussion about amending the budget for money that was received for the highway department; this needs approval

at a Town Meeting. Lester Oldenburg moved to hold the Special Town Meeting January 14, 2009-7:00 p.m. prior to the monthly Town Board meeting. 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.

i. **Impact Fee Item-Flashing Lights**-Permission for the flashing lights would be required from the County on a County road; the County asked who would maintain the lights; the Town. The lights are solar powered and a transmitter would activate the lights. The lights are \$1700 each (2 were requested) and the remote is \$2050. Lester Oldenburg stated there is a safety issue coming from the north on County J and a light should only be considered for the north. Also, Lester Oldenburg stated he thought maybe the Fall Festival could donate money towards the lights. Mike Schaefer moved to approve the purchase and installation of one flashing sign with the remote for north of the fire station on County J. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Bill Brewer-nay, Lester Oldenburg-aye, Tim Kopp-aye, Mike Schaefer-aye and Dan DeLong-aye.

j. **Joint Powers Agreement with Rock County 911**-Bill Brewer moved to authorize signing the Joint Powers Agreement between the Town of Turtle and Rock County 911. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The motion carried with a voice vote.

k. **General Ordinance No. 132-Amending Section 11.05 Fees for Fire Department Responses**-Tim Kopp moved to adopt General Ordinance No. 132 amending section 11.05 fees for Fire Department responses as proposed. 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.

l. **SLATS Membership fee**- Tim Kopp moved to approve the membership fee of \$319 for SLATS. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. 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.

15. **Adjournment**-Mike Schaefer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lester Oldenburg. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Bennett

Clerk-Treasurer