

TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2020 at the Baldwin Hall

Prior to the meeting the hall was open at 6:30 PM for a brief information session on the TRID Rose Lane/70th Ave. Project. Wendy Sander and Kevin Oium distributed hand outs and a board display showing design standards, cost and timeline of the project. That was followed by a Q & A session that those in attendance could obtain more detail.

Chair Douglas Veenendall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, other board members were: Supervisors Don L. Johnson and Joseph Kusilek, Treasurer Ronda Helgeson and Clerk James Harer.

Others: Wendy Sander & Kevin Oium from Cedar Corp., Terry Helgeson, Tom & Sandra Olson, Tami Ramberg, Brad & Kathy Casper, Chris Veenendall, Brian Zimmerman, Chad Zak and Tim Simmons.

Don L. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Veenendall, carried.

Minutes of the August 6, 2020 board meeting were read. Motion made to approve, seconded and carried.

Vendor run and account balances were reviewed. The board discussed the tight cash flow, although this is expected to continue, the overall year end account balances look positive if various grant and aid programs are settled before December 31st. Also discussed was the unexpected draw on the Highway portion of the budget. The flooding experience in late June has added about 8 new unbudgeted culvert repair/replacements along with the grinding and added base to 270th St. between US 12 and 60th Ave.

With that Don L. Johnson moved to approve Resolution #2020-9-3 to transfer \$25,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works fund and furthermore approve the September vendor run paying the Highway Dept. as funds become available. Seconded by Douglas Veenendall. Carried by voice vote.

Vendor run covered checks #10575 and 10601-10643 for a total of \$75,765.41.

Chad Zak was present to request a driveway variance on 250th St. at the north edge of the Village of Woodville limits between the UPRR and Brad & Kathy Casper's mound system. The land purchased by Mr. Zak is land locked by a pump station on the south end of the property. The Village had an agreement with the previous landowner and Mr. Zak has been warned by the Village not to trespass on that property to gain access. The Village attorney has stated that Mr. Zak should seek relief from his title insurance company or purchase land to the south, however his plan now would be to obtain an easement from the Casper's and build a driveway on the north end as described.

Discussion at the Plan Committee meeting was centered on the proper/legal sight distance before they could render an opinion. The variance is being sought since there is not enough distance between the Casper driveway nor from the north over the RR bridge. Between the Plan Committee meeting and the Board meeting County Engineer Jeff Durkee met on-site and has placed a lathe and painted the road indicating the only place that would give 300 feet visibility in the 35 MPH zone, Mr. Durkee also indicated that he would waive the driveway separation in this urban setting. The center of the driveway would be 33 feet north of mound/lawn area.

Since the town can only grant a variance to the actual landowners the Casper's will need more time to digest the presented information so the item was tabled until the October board meeting.

Wendy Sander & Kevin Oium from Cedar Corp. updated the board on their work planned for Rose Lane this fall. Soil borings and surveying will take place so final grades can be determined, this is important so the extent of disturbance can be determined, and wetlands can be reviewed by the DNR this year during the growing season. Wendy stated she will check if any structures will qualify for the County Aid Culvert program.

General information was exchanged about contacts between Solar Panel Companies and area farmers. No concrete information or contracts have been signed at this point, but indications are they are looking for several hundred acres in the northeast corner of the town as well as along CTH "E". It is the general understanding that the town cannot prevent the installations and that if AG Land is used it will continue to count as AG Land for zoning purposes.

The 2021 Recycling cost estimate was sent to the county. Grants in the future will be prorated if pounds per citizen are not met.

Due to a family illness the town attorney has no up-date on the Gary Schillinger mobile home issue. The Alverman's on 70th Ave. reported they are getting their building permit and will begin work on a shed house.

Between Elections, Covid-19 and flooding the town is engaged in 6 different aid packages ranging from added cost for elections and town operation due to Covid-19 and the late June flooding. Pending on work completion and actual cost we could be eligible to around \$80,000 by the end of 2020.

The 2021 budget cycle is starting, and preliminary numbers will be available for the October meeting.

Tractor tires are on hold.

The Josef Lindstrom Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was discussed. General knowledge is that Mr. Lindstrom will return over half of his property to AG related activity and the assessor will reflect that in the January 1, 2021 assessment roll which will satisfy the county's requirements and issue the CUP for the antique tractor restoration business Josef wants to engage in.

The county will hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Zone land reclassifications submitted on behalf of 7 town landowners. Final County Board approval is expected in October.

Joseph Kusilek moved to approve registration for the Fall Workshops and Annual Convention put on by the Wisconsin Towns Assn. This will allow board members to gain access to all meetings virtually along with printed material. Seconded by Don L. Johnson, carried.

During public comments, the issue of hall rental resuming was agreed upon.

Future agenda items: United Fire ordinances, Schillinger mobile home, Attorney compensation agreement, Tractor tires, road up-date, budget, set dates for budget hearing and Special meeting.

Motion made to set October 8, 2020 for the next board meeting starting at 7 PM. Seconded and carried.

Chairman Douglas Veenendall ordered the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

(Minutes approved & signed October 8, 2020)

Douglas Veenendall, Chairman

James Harer, Clerk