

Monthly Town Board Meeting: March 11, 2013

This meeting was properly posted according to Wis Statutes and Open Meeting Law. The building is handicap accessible. It was posted at the Landing, County Y, Schaefer's Wharf, County L, and the Nokomis Town Hall posting boards.

**Attendees:** Bette Stillman, Supervisor  
Kurt Kopacz, Supervisor  
Gary Baier, Chairman  
Wendy Smith, Clerk  
Mary Schewe, Treasurer

**Call to Order:** Gary Baier, Chairman, called meeting to order in accordance with the open meeting law at 6:00 p.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. 1. M/M Kurt 2. M/M Bette All in favor

**Approve Agenda:** 1. M/M Kurt M/M Bette All in favor

**Approve Check and Vouchers Void Check 11982:** 1. M/M Bette void check 11982 and approve checks and vouchers 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Approve February Financial:** \$975,555.17 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

CD rates reviewed. Treasurer recommends staying with River Valley for at least 6 months.

Board recommends renewing at 12 months.

**Floor Bids:** Tomahawk Flooring kitchen only \$593 plus an additional \$100 for cracked tile.

Bob Installation \$782 1. M/M Bette for Tomahawk Flooring 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Cemetery Lekfield Land:** Cemetery treasurer feels no reason to purchase land. Discussion. 1. M/M Gary to pass on purchase of land 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Scott Borchardt Schultz Recycling:** Board received information. Chairman advises trying. 1. M/M Kurt to precede 2 M/M Bette All in favor

**Robert Troutman Fall Ride Contract:** Carryover

**Tom Bowman Four Seasons Proposal:** Many comments from floor available on audio.

1 M/M Gary to enter into \$14,120 2. M/M Kurt Bette against. Needs to be in paper for one week before entering into contract.

**Kitchen Dishwasher:** Needs service carryover.

**Approve minutes 2/11/13:** 1. M/M Bette to approve with correction (Gary Baier called meeting to order) 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Fire Department Update:** Have had challenging calls. Working on replacement of Rescue 1.

**Cemetery/Deeds Update:** None

**Cemetery Issues – Bette:** Received bell for cemetery. Bell has been cleaned would like to give \$25 gas card to person who did work. 1. M/M/ Gary to get gas card 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Update on Road Construction and Road Issues:** Swamp Lake Rd bid process did get grant. List of roads to be worked on.

**Park Updates:** None

**County Issues:** None

**Resolution 3-11-13A Eliminate a Town Road Crew Position:** No comments allowed from floor at this time.

Bette inquired as to why two employees were reduced to 32 hours a week if this was going to happen. Thought there would be no more surprises. Budget was set with three how can the board decide to eliminate one?

Gary states would go back to 2 fulltime. Compared Nokomis to Minocqua.

1. M/M Kurt to reduce town road crew by one position 2. M/M Gary Bette not in favor and is in shock and opposed.

**Resolution 3-11-13B Give Town Chairman Authority to Eliminate Town Road Crew Position:** No comments allowed from floor at this time.

1. M/M Gary  
Kurt would feel more comfortable in discussing. Need to set meeting to review.

1. M/M Kurt to delay resolution 2. M/M Bette

Meeting set for 3-15-13 at 5:30 pm closed session

**Blair Otterholt – Raising swine in Nokomis:** Remove as Mr. Otterholt didn't attend.

**Review informational regarding walking quorum:** Board members have been given and clerk read Claire Silverman legal counsel for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities a description of a walking quorum

**Residents request taped meetings to be posted on website:** \$120 to get website to support. 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

**Future Agenda Items and Dates:** 3-15-13 @ 5:30 Closed session  
Annual meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Troutman Fall Ride Contract  
Kitchen Dishwasher

**Public Comments:** Note questions taken before agenda items addressed and again at end of agenda items being addressed

Before: Where is resolution that gives chairman the rights he states he has?

James DeBiase requested to be on agenda per chairman his attorney advised against. Chairman was asked in February if he was eliminating a position. Chairman states he didn't responds yes or no.

After: Question on raising swine is based on zoning.

Will know at end of meeting who will be eliminated.

Why is mowing not bid out? Not keen in out sourcing neighbors jobs.

Was cost benefit done on hiring out vs employees? This is standard operating procedure and would like numbers.

Why will the chairman talk privately to each person but not in the open. Chairman states his lawyer advised not to.

Formal request for phone records 2011 to current for the board.

January 2012 third employee was brought on full time what has changed? Chairman will use budget.

In 2009 Olsen Rd \$24,000 was put aside and hasn't been used. What happened to the money and why aren't we using it?

Why was the Nokomis Trip D denied in December 2011?

Meeting very uncomfortable with people not allowed to ask questions. People should have the right to ask questions.

Why is the 3-15-13 meeting closed? This is reviewing procedure vs an employee. Chairman to check with attorney. What does pending resolution authorize town chairman to do? Kurt feels that all three should decide who to eliminate not just Gary. Again can't go into closed session for process.

What does it take to get 5 person board?

Question on parks committee.

**Adjourn Meeting:** 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Kurt All in favor

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