

TOWN OF IXONIA MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

July 14, 2014

TIME & PLACE: The regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Ixonia was called to order by Chairman Perry Goetsch at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall located at W1195 Marietta Avenue pursuant to notice requirements of Wisconsin State Statute 19.84 Public Notice.

ATTENDANCE: Present with Chairman Perry Goetsch was Supervisors Carl Jaeger, Brian Derge, Jeff Taylor, Kitty Krueger, Clerk Donna Hann and Attorney Julie Aquavia. Also, in attendance were 6 citizens.

ITEM #3: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Carl Jaeger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kitty Krueger. Motion carried.

ITEM #5: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS FOR:

- A) Town of Ixonia
- B) Utility District #1
- C) Utility District #2

Carl Jaeger made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports, seconded by Jeff Taylor. Motion carried and placed on file subject to audit.

ITEM #6: COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT AND/OR COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - No County Sheriff or Supervisor was present.

ITEM #7: PLANNING COMMISSION

- A) Randolph and Cynthia Piskula, Parcel #012-0816-2544-024; Petitioner Seeks A Variance From Side Yard Setback Requirements for Conversion of A Garage to A Residence. The Existing Parcel is a 1.34 Acre Parcel located at W174 Rockvale Road and is Currently Zoned C-Community. Randy Piskula informed the Board that there had been a trailer house on this property that had fallen apart. The trailer was removed but a garage remained on the property. Sometime in 2004 or 2005 he had come before the Board for approval to build a home on the property but rather than build a home the existing garage was used as a home. Randy approached the County about building an out building at which time he was told he already had a garage on the property. Randy would like to keep the garage as a home and build another building for storage. A variance is needed because the building is less than 10 feet from the lot line at around 5.3 feet. The request to grant a variance was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission with no one present to speak for or against the request. Carl Jaeger made a motion to approve the request of a variance by Randy and Cindy Piskula. Seconded by Brian Derge. Motion carried.
- B) William and Mary Couch, Parcel #012-0816-0412-003; Petitioner Seeks to Change Zoning from A-1 Exclusive Agricultural to A-3 Agricultural/Rural Residential for a Residential House to be Built. The Existing Parcel is a 3.377 Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Located at the Corner of CTH CW and Dewey Road. Mary Couch informed the Board that they own 48 acres in Jefferson County. The 3.377 acres is located across the road from the farm and is difficult to farm. Currently there have not been any splits on the parcel so there would be up to 3 splits available. Dennis Lillge, Highway Superintendent looked at the property and anything from the field driveway on Dewey Road to the North would be permissible for driveway access. It was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission. Brian Derge made a motion to approve the zoning change from A-1 to A-3. Seconded by Carl Jaeger. Motion carried.

ITEM #8: UTILITY DISTRICT #1 AND UTILITY DISTRICT #2

- A) Review and Possible Action on Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) – Utility #1 received all A's except for a B given for Effluent Quality: Ammonia. Utility #2 rated an A. Brian Derge made a motion to approve the CMAR report for both Utility District #1 and #2. Seconded by Jeff Taylor. Motion carried.
- B) Discussion on Utility District Policy on Refunding Late Charges, etc. The Utility District has been receiving calls from users who do not feel they should have to pay the penalty for a late payment. Letters were sent and stickers placed on the April bills informing users of the penalty. Brian Derge stated that everyone should be treated the same. Penalties should not be refunded. If the payment is late they need to pay the late fee. Perry Goetsch agreed stating that the Districts have been very transparent and informative about what is going on. Jeff Taylor agreed that you can't refund late fees to some people and not to others. A 5 day grace period is also given. Payments are due on the 21st of the month with a late fee not assessed until the 25th of the month. The Board agree that the policy should remain as is. No action needed.
- C) Utility Operator Report/Engineer Report - No Utility Operator or Engineer was present.

ITEM #9: PARK & REC

- A) Review and Possible Action on Paving under Bleachers. Wes Kehl of Ixonia Park & Rec stated that last year's budget included money to black top under the softball bleachers at Ixonia Firemen's Park to make the park look better and make it easier to keep clean. Unexpected repair work done to the scorer's shack did not allow room in the budget for the paving to be done last year. \$4500 was put into the 2014 budget to complete paving under the softball bleachers this year. In speaking with Dennis Lillge, Highway Superintendent, he is recommending that Wolf Paving do the work at a cost of \$6000. The quality of work Wolf Paving does would be better than what the Highway Department could do given the equipment Wolf is able to use. \$4500 was budgeted based on the Highway Department completing the work at a cost of \$3933.00 quoted last year. This year the quote for the Highway Department to do the work is \$5805.00. Dennis Lillge is suggesting Wolf Paving do the work at \$6000 by the Park & Rec using \$1500 from the Highway Budget to be paid back to the Highway Department from Park & Rec's budget next year. Perry Goetsch thought that it would be possible to do. Brian Derge agreed that it was a good idea and made a motion to approve \$1500 coming from the Highway budget and the \$4500 set aside by Park and Red to pave under the bleachers. Seconded by Carl Jaeger. Motion carried.

ITEM #10: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- A) Review and Possible Action on Road Repair Agreement with American Transmission Company LLC – Charles Gonzales with American Transmission Company talked to Dennis Lillge, Highway Superintendent, regarding the work going on in the Ixonia area. H frame poles are being replaced from Concord to Summit with work currently around CTH F. This project was approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. This is phase 1 of several phases being done over the next several years. The American Transmission Company engages the communities they are working in with a road agreement. The agreement basically states that if American Transmission Company damages the roads they will pay for the repairs. A fee of \$5000 is paid to enter into the agreement. A fee of \$500 is paid each time a load of more than 80,000 lbs. is used on the roads.

A list and map of the roads that will be used was provided to the Town. Photos and video were taken of the roads before the work began to document the condition of the roads. If roads are damaged the Town will take care of the repair and an invoice will be sent to American Transmission Company for the cost of the repair. A repair is currently being worked on at the end of River Road for damage to asphalt. Brian Derge made a motion to enter into the agreement with American Transmission Company. Seconded by Carl Jaeger. Motion carried.

- B) Review and Possible Action on Bid for Seal Coating. Town Engineer, Chris Stamborski of R.A. Smith is recommending the Board award the Seal Coating bid for Pritchard Farm Road, portion of Autumn Ridge Subdivision and remainder of Preserve at Deer Creek to Struck & Irwin Paving in the amount of \$59,797.50. Carl Jaeger made a motion to approve the recommendation of Chris Stamborski and award the bid to Struck & Irwin Paving. Seconded by Brian Derge. Motion carried.
- C) Review and Possible Action on Payment to Wolf Paving for 2014 Road Improvements. Town Engineer, Chris Stamborski of R.A. Smith is recommending the Board approve payment of \$167,980.40 be paid to Wolf Paving for work completed on Gopher Hill Road. Perry Goetsch publicly thanked Tom and Kevin Griswold of Tag Line Farms for working with the Town in staying off the road for a portion of time to allow the road to set up properly. It was nice working with them. Carl Jaeger made a motion to make the payment of \$167,980.40 to Wolf Paving. Seconded by Brian Derge. Motion carried.
- D) Review and Possible Action on Speed Limit on Marietta Avenue East of CTH F. Mark Friend, resident on Marietta Avenue, is asking the Town Board for help in controlling the speed on Marietta Avenue between CTH F and River Valley Road. He has spoken to a Jefferson County Officer you has been patrolling the area and found out the average speed on that section of road averages 45 mph (it is posted at 30mph). Some people have been caught doing between 55 and 60 mph. Mark Friend is concerned with the safety of people who walk on this road as well as children who live in the area. The Jefferson County Officer suggested posting larger speed limit signs. Mark Friend is looking for suggestions from the Board on how to deal with the situation. 7 or 8 years ago the speed limit was lowered on Marietta Avenue west of CTH F. A discussion took place on whether lowering the speed limit will actually get people to slow down. Brian Derge stated that most people feel comfortable going 10 mph over the posted speed limit. He is suggesting the speed limit be dropped to 25 mph and posted with red flags to draw attention to the change. Brian Derge made a motion to lower the speed limit to 25 mph east of CTH F to River Valley Road. Seconded by Carl Jaeger. Motion carried.

ITEM #11: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR:

- A) Tall Pines Conservancy Bike Ride. Donna Hann is recommending approval of the special event permit for Tall Pines Conservancy Bike Ride. Jeff Taylor made a motion to approve the special event permit. Seconded by Kitty Krueger. Motion carried.

ITEM #12: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR: Brian Loppnow & Lee Eppler, Softball Stand; Lance Mueller, Lopy's and Donny's Girl; Amanda Schienebeck & Amber Weisser, Ixonia Pub; Danial Zautner, Ixonia Lions Club. Donna Hann is recommending all license's receive approval. Carl Jaeger made a motion to approve all of the operator's licenses listed. Seconded by Brian Derge. Motion carried.

ITEM #13: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING SOMEONE TO SHRED PAPER, ETC AT TOWN HALL. Tyler Hann has taken care of shredding paper at the Town Hall for the past seven years and is no longer available to do this work. Donna Hann is recommending Colleen Hann and Abbey Jaeger be allowed to come in and shred paper. This is only done once or twice a year and payment would be minimum wage. Kitty Krueger made a motion to approve hiring Colleen Hann and Abbey Jaeger for shredding paper at minimum wage. Seconded by Jeff Taylor. Motion carried.

ITEM #14: REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH GOV-PAY. Gov-Pay is a company that other municipalities use to accept payments. A machine is provided by Gov-Pay for debit or credit payments. Gov-Pay charges the user a fee and takes care of debiting and crediting accounts. Gov-Pay also offers e-checking. The Town would not incur any fees. Jeff Taylor is concerned about how customers are made aware of the fees for using this service. Donna Hann suggested having a rep come in with more information. Further discussion will take place at the meeting in August.

ITEM #15: UPDATE ON TAX LEVY REFERENDUM – In 2015 the Town is planning on spending more money on road repairs. The Town is only allowed to increase the tax levy by 3%. State Statute however does allow communities to increase the levy for a onetime special project or on an ongoing basis but the amount needs to be determined. In June it was decided to go with a referendum to be placed on the November 2014 ballot for raising the tax levy. The current tax levy information will be received from the Department of Revenue August 15 and the referendum question needs to be submitted to the County Clerk by August 26. Donna Hann stated that the Board may have to hold a special meeting after August 15 to approve the wording of the referendum question.

ITEM #16: SET DATES – July 15, 2014 Park & Rec Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.; July 23, 2014 Planning Commission @ 7:00 P.M.; August 11, 2014 Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.; August 12, 2014 Primary Election; August 20, 2014 Special Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

ITEM #17: ADJOURN – Brian Derge made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jeff Taylor. Motion carried.

Chairman, Perry Goetsch

Supervisor, Jeff Taylor

Supervisor, Kitty Krueger

Supervisor, Brian Derge

Supervisor, Carl Jaeger

Clerk, Donna Hann