

## KOSHKONONG TOWN BOARD MINUTES

February 14, 2007

Chairman Jae Ames called the meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 to order at 7:10 pm. Supervisors Carol Clavey, John Debereiner, Clerk, Bonnie Dahnert and Treasurer, Judith Almquist were present. Supervisor, Randy Harris was absent.

**Plan Commission:** Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept the resignation of Brigetta Nelson as secretary and appoint Bonnie Dahnert to the position as recommended by the Plan Commission, Carried.

The discussion focused on the 2007 contract with LanDesign and it is within the amount budgeted. Ames/Clavey made a motion to approve the 2007 contract from LanDesign. Carried Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Plan Commission to have the Board member serving on Plan Commission, attend the meetings of the County Zoning. Carried

Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept Craig Long to serve another term. Carried It was stated that Kirk Nelson's term was to expire in 2007 and that it would be good if he could continue on the Plan Commission for another full term. This would keep continuity until the year 2010 for the Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made to move to Public comment for Deputy Amacher to have time to address the board. Carried

**Public Comment:** After discussion regarding calls about insurance salesmen in the area, Deputy Amacher indicated that if they are being pushy that the salesmen should not be let into a home. It was also indicated that maybe the Board should look into creating an ordinance regarding door to door insurance solicitation as they don't fall under the category of Transient Merchant at this time.

A request was made for officers, traveling the roads within the township, to report potholes needing attention and sign issues, such as missing or otherwise needing attention to the Board or Clerk's office.

A motion was made to return to agenda items and to thank Deputy Amacher for his attendance. Carried

**Annexation Requests:** Rickey L. Schroeder & Paula K. Schroeder – 0.742 acres along state highway 12 on Parcel 016-0514-1024-006. The reason for this request is they would like to have City sewer. Ames/Debereiner made a motion to table this until the Clerk is able to contact the Assessor and find out what the value of tax role will be left.

Ames/Clavey made a motion to go back to Plan Commission discussion. Carried

**Plan Commission:** John reported that a Public Meeting would be set for either March 7, 2007 or March 21, 2007 as provided by the contract with LanDesign. Bonnie stated that after contacting Steve Grabow and Margaret Burlingham it was being set for March 7, 2007 from 7pm-9pm at the Fort Atkinson Middle School commons.

Debereiner/Ames made a motion to return to Annexation Requests. Carried

**Annexation Requests:** Ames reported that there is another annexation request for Jones Dairy Farm to allow for a parking lot. He has had a meeting with the city and this will be put on the next agenda.

**Establish Emergency Management Head:** Regarding an email received from Donna Haugom that the Board inform her about this position in our Township. Debereiner/Clavey made a motion to inform her that Randy Harris is serving in this position and will be replaced after the election. Carried

Old Business:

**Payment to the City for Hackbath & Endl:** Ames had a meeting with Jeff Woods over this as well as the triangle on Hwy 106 in the city. More discussion between city and town needs to happen before this bill is paid.

**Office Construction:** It was decided that finishing around the window and closing up of the hole in the wall was still needed. It would be good to have 2 proposals for the completion of this work. Dale Karow will be contacted by Clavey and Debereiner will contact Walt Christensen to have comparisons.

**Tire Damage Claim:** Bonnie reported that the claim has been turned over to the insurance; but we are trying to find out if the pothole was reported prior to the damage. The incident occurred and was reported to Ames on December 24, 2006 but we have not found a report of the hole making the township negligent.

**Enswieler Property Culvert:** Jeff Enswieler was present and spoke to this issue. He believes that this is a 4 year old issue. Enswieler reported that he is getting close to building on the site and that a Site Plan was given 4 years ago. Enswieler indicated that fill had been brought in to adjust ditch and culvert only to have the culvert dug back out 2years later. At the time the neighbor's culvert was lowered 4". All Enswieler was looking to do at the onset was to make the culvert the same as the neighbor's culvert. Enswieler would like the culvert put back in and the ditch replaced. The 1993 ordinance states that the culvert should not be more than 24' and Enswieler's is 60'. Ames/Debereiner made a motion requesting Enswieler come back with a Site Plan showing house placement and driveway to have the Board take a look. Carried. Ames also said Enswieler should mark the site in paint where it comes to the road for culvert placement. Enswieler wondered if he was going to be billed for the hauling away of the fill that he had brought in. There was no decision on billing at this time.

### **Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

Minutes - Corrections were made to both minutes of January 10, 2007 and January 24, 2007. Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2007 with corrections. Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept the minutes of January 24, 2007 with corrections.

Treasurer's report -

As of January 31, 2007 the account balances are as follows: Checking Acct. \$537.87, Tax Famma \$232,366.22, Gen Savings \$2500.00, Repo Agreement \$1,943,224.07, Passbook savings \$10,878.76, Landfill acct \$433.36, Trailer Fees \$129.63, Fire Call Repay \$1,600.00, Dog License \$1,647.19, Run at Large fees \$50.00, Park Restoration \$130.41, State of WI Hwy Aid \$32,904.92, MFL \$416.64, Omitted Taxes 2005 \$716.64, Real Estate Taxes \$1,791,484.33, Special Charges \$124,448.28, Tax Overpayment \$2,588.71, Operator Lic \$25.00, Look up Tax Bills \$22.00, Repayment Road Construction \$5,363.00, Repay Fire Number \$207.66, Town Hall Rent \$25.00, Spec Assess Letter \$100.00, Building Insp Fees \$2,432.85 Photo Copies \$8.00, Blast and Mining Permits \$300.00, Savings Acct Int. \$1.92, Tax Acct Int \$21.07, Repo Acct Int \$9018.26, Receipts total \$1,974,640.95 with disbursements of \$1,688,966.16.

It was reported that \$9018.24 was made in interest as rates have increased.

Comments:

**Park Meeting report:** Tree sale is going on with the pick up date being April 14, 2007. Right now there is only one order for trees.

On April 21, 2007 a controlled Burn is scheduled at Mush-ko-se-day Park. Only 2 people have signed up for the training at this time and they are Len Bannon and Hugh McMahon. Ames will not be available for the local training and may have to attend one in Stevens Point.

Benches were constructed and are awesome. Right now they have not been distributed throughout the park and are setting by the Kiosk.

Dick Wanie has picked up materials for birdhouses.

July 7, 2007 will be the Odyssey of Nature event. Speakers will be presenting 3 sessions during the day. The event will go from 9am-4pm. Diane Moller is secured for the speaker costing \$400; Steve Cline has agreed to offset the cost. Other presenters will be on a Pro Bonno basis. People having a booth will be asked for a \$25 fee to be included. Faith Community Church has offered the use of their parking lot and lavatory facilities.

South side of the park has a cutting through at this time.

Surveyor was contacted and will mark the Briarwood addition when the snow is gone.

**Fuel Purchases:** Clavey reported that the gas card has not been acquired yet as it requires the license plate from the truck on it. The problem is that there is not a plate on it at this time. This is tabled until plate issue is resolved.

**Road Inspection:** Sign surveys were requested from Board members and will be discussed at a future meeting. Ames presented his and was placed on file and turned over to Mark through the Clerk, Bonnie Dahnert.

**State Highway construction:** Ames announced that from the Highway meeting he attended, that construction on Hwy 106 will begin in March of 2007. He also reported that the widening of Hwy 26 to 4 lanes will begin north of Groeler Road and continue to west of Banker Road. This is on the schedule for 2010.

**Tree Removal:** The trees west of the artesian well on Bark River Road have not been removed yet and are leaning over the road. This should be looked into.

**WTA Meeting:** WTA meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2007 and Carol Clavey would like to attend.

**Plan Commission:** Ames announced that Bruce Haukom would be willing to give a presentation to the Plan Commission. Debereiner will forward this information to the Commissioners.

**Enbridge Pipe Line:** Contact letter of conditions for approval was sent via fax and no response has been received to date.

**Ciurczak Open Meeting violation:** Ames announced that he received a letter from the District Attorney releasing the Town Board from this case.

**Bills:** We are still holding the bill to the City for Hackbath/Endl. A note was made to bill back various towns for Fire/EMS contracts. Ames was not paid for 3 of the per Diem meetings he attended; that amount will be included in the March check. Ames/Debereiner made a motion to pay bills submitted. Treasurer, Judy Almquist asked for approval to settle the tax collection on Friday, February 16, 2007. Approval was given.

Ames/Clavey made a motion to adjourn at 9:17pm. Carried

Bonnie Dahnert  
Town Clerk