

KOSHKONONG TOWN BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2007

Chairman Jae Ames called the meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 to order at 7:00 pm. Supervisors Carol Clavey, Randy Harris, John Debereiner, Clerk, Bonnie Dahnert, and Treasurer, Judith Almquist were present.

Closed Session: Clavey/ Debereiner made a motion to go into closed session. Carried. Harris noted the change in the agenda as posted within 24 hours prior to meeting.

Deputy Meier: Deputy Meier from the Sheriffs' Department stopped in and had casual conversation with people in attendance. Items discussed were:

1. Jim Varah asked if it would be possible to lower speed limit on Hwy N between Bark River and the Hwy 106 intersection during the construction on Hwy 106. He sent an email to the County requesting this also.
2. There was a report that Hydroplaning on Hwy 12 between the Whitewater bypass and Fort Atkinson.
3. Speeding on Old Hwy 26 was brought to Deputy Meier's attention.
4. A grant has been given to the County to curb Road Rage and they will be trying to cut down on this.
5. The question of break in was brought up and Deputy Meier mentioned that he had no reports lately of such.

This was informal discussion as the board members were in closed session.

Reconvene: Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to reconvene at 8:12 pm. Carried

Employee issues: Ames/Debereiner made a motion to terminate employee, Mark Hertel effective immediately March 14, 2007. Carried.

Ames/Clavey made a motion to have Supervisor, Harris run the meeting as Ames had to be excused to handle employee issues. Carried

Plan Commission: Supervisor Debereiner reported that a Visioning Session was held on March 7, 2007 with approximately 40 people in attendance. The discussion at that session was wide ranging and was to project out 20 years. The next meeting date has not been set at this time. The hope is for a better turnout in the future.

Annexation of North Fourth Street/ State Hwy 106: The request from the City of Fort Atkinson came to annex a triangle of property between Edgewater Road and State Hwy 106 in exchange for 10 years of snowplowing. Supervisor, Debereiner voiced his concern regarding road maintenance and liability for damage occurring to town roads. Would this be subcontracted or included in the contract? Harris/Clavey made a motion to accept the annexation request. Carried.

Annexation Requests:

1. Rickey L. & Paula K. Schroeder - 0.742 acres along State Hwy 12- Discussion opposing this annexation request included the reasoning of the 700' left to the Town after the annexation would not be economic to the Town. The reason for leaving it in the township is for hunting purpose and it was felt that the development around that area was getting too close. The

recommendation was to annex all or none of the property. Ames/ Harris made a motion to oppose the annexation of this property. Annexation denied on the following: 1) Safety issue with hunting, 2) Assessment value doesn't cover the town's costs, 3) Building and Development is too close to hunt and 4) Annexation should be the whole property or none of it.

2. Jones Dairy Farm – 3.306 acres – The additional amount requested was not for the parking lot as previously stated, but has to do with the expansion of the offices. Ames/Clavey made a motion to approve the annexation request to the City of Fort Atkinson. Carried.

Donation of D R Mower: Midwest Prairies LLC is wanting to donate the used D R Mower to the township for Park use only. The mower is valued at \$450.00. Ames/ Clavey made a motion to accept this donation. Carried. Bonnie was instructed to send a Thank you note to Midwest Prairies for the donation.

Park Report:

Prescribed Burn -

1. Prescribed Burn will be held on April 21, 2007. Supervisor, Clavey requested money to pay for food (lunch) and water to be used for the workers. Ames/ Harris made a motion to allocate funds up to \$200.00 for the water and food. Carried.
2. Ames/Harris made a motion to pay Midwest Prairies the actual cost of their fee for conducting the Burn. Carried.
3. Volunteers are needed for the day. The volunteers are to Call Carol Clavey or Jae Ames if interested. Volunteers have to remain at the Burn the entire time. A waiver form will be given out that day and must be signed.
4. Rain date has not been set yet.

Vandalism –

1. The maps have been torn down off the Kiosk.
2. Clavey/ Harris made a motion to acquire 8 pieces of Plexiglas 4'x 6' to place over the maps. Carried

Nesting boxes – Dick Wanie has put up 2 mallard nesting boxes and 2 wood duck nesting boxes.

Pump Truck Repair: Clavey/Harris made a motion to pay \$312.25 to the Fort Atkinson Fire Department for the repair to the pump. Carried.

Appoint Committee to Research replacement of Town Plow Truck: Clavey/Ames made a motion to table the appointment of the committee until the new board is in place and should be put on the May 2007 Agenda.

Personnel Concepts: Clavey/ Ames made a motion to download labor information to be posted for employees. Carried

Fire Call – Bob Ruzkowski: A request to have relief from a fire call bill had been received. Debereiner/Clavey made a motion that the town was not liable for relief from this fire call. Carried.

Old Business:

Payment to City of Fort Atkinson for corner of Hackbarth & Endl Blvd – Since the intersection was not made and graded the way it was presented, the board felt that the town

would not pay the full amount. Ames/ Debereiner made a motion to pay the bill to the City of Fort Atkinson minus \$100.00. Carried

Office Construction – Walt Christensen was contacted but is too busy. There has been no contact with Dale Karow. Supervisor, Ames said he would do the work. Debereiner / Clavey made a motion to allocate \$175.00 to Ames to complete the work. Carried. Ames abstained from the vote. It was discussed about trim color – paint white or match the trim already in the area.

Tire Damage Claim – Duane Forester called Supervisor Ames and said that the claim had been paid in full.

Enswieler Property Culvert – The 8 x10 pictures were found in the clerk’s office after the last board meeting. Ames/ Harris made a motion to contact Mr. Enswieler and inform him that if we don’t have a site plan brought forward soon that he will be billed for the removal of culvert and the hauling away of material. Carried. Bonnie will author a letter to Mr. Enswieler.

Fuel Card – A form from DOT has been requested to replace the license plates on the 1990 GMC but has not been received. We have to have license plates on the vehicle to acquire the Shell Oil fuel purchase card. Bonnie will download the form and send it off.

Treasurer’s Report: As of February 28, 2007 the account balances are as follows: Checking Acct. \$4,935.95, Tax Famma \$3,780.94, Gen Savings \$2585.89, Repo Agreement \$922,707.67, Passbook savings \$10,878.76, Landfill acct \$433.36, Trailer Fees \$176.66, Fire Call Repay \$800.00, Dog License \$1,243.00, Running @ Large fine \$50.00, County Dog Payback \$1,724.17, State of WI PILT \$984.81, RE & PP taxes \$597,884.45, Managed Forest \$156.00, Tax Overpayment \$42.62, Town Hall Rent \$50.00, Spec Assess Letter \$120.00, Savings Acct Int. \$2.40, Tax Acct Int \$2.40, Repo Acct Int \$7516.79, Receipts total \$610,753.30 with disbursements of \$1,855,372.01.

Supervisor Harris asked what MFL stands for and Judy responded that it is Managed Forest Land.

Judy also stated that a percentage of the Dog License is paid back to the township as well as the Running at Large fees that we get from the Humane Society.

Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to place the Treasurer’s Report on file. Carried

Minutes: The February 14, 2007 were corrected with the notation of Walt Christensen’s last name was spelled wrong on page 2 and that page 4 should state that the Town Board was released not just Jae Ames. Ames indicated that he would get a copy of the letter to Bonnie to file in the office. Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Carried

Public Comment:

Jim Varah request - Jim sent a copy of an email he authored to the County Highway Department requesting a decrease in the Speed Limit on County Hwy N from Bark River to the construction area during the State Hwy 106 construction. Ames/Debereiner made a motion to put this on the April agenda. Carried

Blackhawk Island abandoned homes- Is there something the Inspector or County Zoning can do to enforce action on cleaning up or removal of said homes? No action taken.

Ambulance Committee- Supervisor Clavey reported on her attendance at the meeting.

Endbridge- No response has been received in regards to the letter faxed to them. We have not received a letter of credit, route maps to indicate which roads they will be traveling. No communication has been received to date.

Bills:

Hold Nationwide until account is reconciled.

The clerk was directed to bill back the charges on Haight road charged to the Town from the County Highway Department.

Walt Ciaglo spoke to Special Assessment on his wooded lot. A refund of the 2006 Special Assessment is being refunded and the decision of what to do about previous years' Assessments will be placed on next month's agenda.

Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to pay the bills withholding Nationwide until reconciled.
Carried

Clavey/Debereiner made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Carried

Bonnie Dahnert
Town Clerk