

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
BOARD MINUTES
January 9, 2008

Chairman, Tim Griep called the meeting to order at 7:00 with Supervisors, Jim Brandenburg, Jae Ames, John Debereiner, Carol Clavey, Treasurer Judy Almquist and Clerk Bonnie Dahnert in attendance.

Call to order and verification of public meeting:

Chairman Griep asked the clerk if all postings had been made. Clerk Dahnert verified that they had been.

Plan Commission:

John Debereiner made a report of the work session regarding the possible infill areas and that no conclusions were decided. Appendix A was also discussed regarding the removal of 25% of trees and that there is no way to enforce this removal. The Appendix A would be left as it is and used more as a cautionary item to make the land owner aware that clear cutting is not allowed.

Jae brought up the information that was in the WTA publication regarding the moratorium of the splits that went to the Supreme Court on West Point in Columbia County.

Park Committee:

Walt Christiansen spoke to the information from the Dec 20th Park Committee meeting.

To discuss the Conservation Grant – invasive plants within the park. Reed Canary Grass, Mary Linton is interested in applying for this Grant for matching funds for the study and attacking of the problem. 3 test plots would be used for the individual plots. 9 total plots would be used. Walt has the plans that he will distribute to everyone to take a look at the proposal. The requests are for the final report in 2008, 2 press releases, photos, volunteer labor \$1580.00 is required by the park's portion and is mostly done as work in kind. The grant would provide for \$2967.00

The question of herbicide that would be used and wondered if it would be safe for indigenous species. Trying to avoid nesting time as well as when the burn is done are also concerns for using herbicide.

Peter Jacobs brought the new trails map to the Park Committee and presented it at the last meeting. Peter, at Carol Clavey's request, made a map with the topographical information.

Peter Newcomb's interest in the trail and roadbed was discussed. The park committee is looking at the timeline and needs to find out what the amount would be and what the city is planning on for this. Jae said that he had a proposal from Bill Hausz on the road and it has changed from before. Tim made a suggestion that this should be placed on the agenda for next month.

Richard Doellstedt, Principal from Faith Community Church School spoke to a proposal for possible park use. He became familiar with the park during the Odyssey of Nature program. He would like to entertain a use of the park as outreach. A joint meeting with Park Committee and the school would be a good place to start.

Walt made a recording of the park meeting where Mr. Hackbarth presented. If anyone is interested they should check with Walt for a copy.

Carol brought up the possible need for rezoning of the Town Parks. Carol spoke with the zoning department about what the park rezoning requirements are. The county parks are zoned A-1 and that it may not be necessary to do so at this time. Jae asked about the costs to do this. Only attorney costs if the language needed to change. It could be extra protection, but there may not be a need. This should be placed on the agenda for next month if the park committee feels it necessary.

Public Works Committee:

Review hiring of John Stoller as Full-time Public Works employee-

Special meeting was held on December 19, 2007 to consider John Stoller for employment. He will be the full time employee with the hope of directing the public works activities. He does have the CDL and will begin employment on January 21, 2008. They will be attending the classes coming up.

Discuss and recommend updates to Winter Maintenance Policy.

A new winter maintenance policy was revised and the Public Works reviewed it over the weekend on January 6, 2008. These are the High points: 1st part of policy has to do with definitions. Statutes have changed and needed to be updated. Storm Planning was explained. Emergency conditions were explained. Plowing was explained that it will be based on conditions.

Ames/ Clavey made a motion to rescind the current winter maintenance policy and adopt the presented policy as current. Motion Carried by roll call vote. 5 yes – 0 no

Finance:

Discuss and recommend approval to amend 2007 budget to increase snow removal expenditures for additional plowing needed in December. The additional amount of the County Hwy Dept. for the \$50,580.93 for December plowing. Jae indicated that a look over the next billing will be necessary.

Griep/ Brandenburg made a motion to amend the 2007 Public Works budget for snow removal-from \$65000 to \$115000. 5-0 Vote was in favor of the motion.

Discuss and recommend approval to transfer sufficient funds from contingency fund to cover additional snow removal costs in 2007.

Griep / Debereiner made a motion to transfer funds from Contingencies of \$50,000 to the Public Works- Highway Maintenance – snowplowing account. Motion carried

Discuss and recommend approval to authorize Town Chairman to make emergency expenditures for FY2008.

Griep/ Ames made a motion to approve the Town Chair to make emergency expenditures for 2008. Motion Carried.

Discuss and recommend approval to authorize Supervisor Jim Brandenburg to make emergency Public Works expenditures in FY2008.

Griep/ Debereiner made a motion to approve any such expenditure to be approved at the next board meeting. Motion Carried.

Discuss and recommend approval of resolution to dispose of obsolete public records.

The resolution was read by Chairman, Griep indicating the records to be disposed of. He has brought in the records.

Griep/ Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the resolution to dispose of obsolete records as written. Roll Call vote 5-0 all voting yes.

Griep/Brandenburg made a motion to amend this resolution to remove the bullets 2 & 3 under ordinance3-3-7(c) LANDFILL SITING AND LANDFILL NEGOTIATING. Motion carried.

Some concerns for insurance regarding the landfill sighting and what is possible to actually destroy. Much discussion regarding the disposal of records ensued. That is why certain bullets were pulled from the resolution.

Old Business:

Minutes/Treasurer's Report:

Minutes---

December 12, 2007 – Griep/ Clavey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion Carried.
Dec 19, 2007 – Correction: Public Works \$2.00/ hour for insurance. Finance: the cleanup why instead of was. Griep/ Clavey made motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report---

As of December 31, 2007 the account balances are as follows: Checking Acct. \$2,655.19, Tax Famma \$609,870.41, Gen Savings \$3,519.22, Repo Agreement \$2,024,483.48, Passbook savings \$10,878.76, Landfill acct \$433.36. The receipts for the month of December 2007 Trailer Fees \$476.31, Fire Call Repay \$289.40, Dog License \$29.00 -2007-- Dog License \$1,038.51-2008, Late Fees \$20.00, Running at Large \$25.00, Tax overpayment 5682.86, Garbage Repayment \$122.18, Operators License \$25.00, Real Estate and Personal Property taxes \$1,920,468.77, Special Assessment taxes \$87,944.11, Managed Forest Land \$335.86, Special Assessment Letters \$87.00, Building Inspection Fees \$414.50, Repayment of Fire numbers \$484.54, Sprint Rebate \$20.00, Misc. \$20.00, Insurance Claim payment \$698.99, Recycle Iron \$92.00 Savings Acct Int. \$1.53, Tax Acct Int \$1.53, Repo Acct Int \$2,557.38. Receipts total \$2,020,834.47 with disbursements of \$33,456.33.

(It was determined, after the meeting, that the misc. receipt was a special assessment letter amounts.)

Treasurer's Report - Griep / Clavey made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file. Motion Carried.

Public Comment, report meetings attended:

WTA District meeting January 26, 2008. Clavey, Ames, Griep, Dahnert are going to attend.

Andy Jorgensen letter regarding wake issues on lake was mentioned by Chairman Griep. Donna Haugom will be contacted regarding flooding. Andy said that Jefferson County should be responsible for wake issues because of having the most shoreline.

Chairman Griep had to go to the County Hwy shop to sign documents after they were corrected.

Ames said that IHC in Janesville called to say that another truck is still available. He said he would let the board know. Talk about it on Feb. 3, 2008 at Public Works.

Bills:

Tim read an email response from the County Hwy Dept. regarding the billing for shouldering and that it was 20% less than quoted. A decision to release the payment for this was made.

Griep/ Clavey made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried

Adjournment:

Clavey / Debereiner made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM

Bonnie Dahnert
Town Clerk