

**MEETING  
TOWN OF KOSHKONONG  
BOARD MINUTES  
June 11, 2008 (draft)**

Chairman, Tim Griep called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with Supervisors, Jim Brandenburg, John Debereiner, Carol Clavey, and Clerk Bonnie Dahnert in attendance. Jae Ames, and Treasurer Judy Almquist absent.

Verification of meeting postings- Chairman Griep asked if all postings were made. Clerk Dahnert said that all postings had been made.

**Call to order and verification of public meeting:**

**Campground/Mobile Home License:**

DL Trident, Pilgrims Progress and Jellystone campgrounds  
Wolf Mobile Home Park

Are all seeking to renew their licenses for the Town of Koshkonong.

Tim/ Jim made a motion to renew license for the campgrounds and mobile homes. Motion Carried.

**Liquor License:**

***CLASS B MALT BEVERAGE & CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE***

VFW Post 1879, Ronald Ostrander, Agent, N2074 Vets Lane, Fort Atkinson, WI  
Carol Jean Kutz, Bitz's Outer Limits, N1957 USH 12, Fort Atkinson, WI  
Howard Feldmann, Hilltop Inn, N112 OLD USH 12, Whitewater, WI  
Wayne Saxe, Saxes Lone Star, N416 Twinkling Star Rd, Whitewater, WI  
Jason Buchholtz, Agent, Koshkonong Mounds Country Club,  
W7670 Koshkonong Mounds Road, Fort Atkinson, WI  
Alpha Panagiotopoulos, Sammy's Place, N1655 USH 12, Fort Atkinson, WI

***CLASS A MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE***

Eugene Johnson, Patten's Boatel, INC, W6745 STH 106, Fort Atkinson, WI  
Richard Meier, Agent, Jellystone Park, N551 Wishing Well Drive, Fort Atkinson, WI

Any Chairman Griep asked if there were any concerns about issuing the liquor licenses as published and discussed in the public hearing. None were brought forward.

Griep/ Clavey made motion to renew Class B liquor licenses upon receipt of payment. Motion Carried  
Griep/ Clavey made a motion to renew Class A liquor licenses upon receipt upon payment of fees. Motion Carried

**Plan Commission:**

***Review of Public Workshop***

Debereiner made a report from Plan Commission on the Public Workshop. It was felt that the preservation of farmland and natural resources is the most important concern as expressed by the workshop. A meeting has been requested with county zoning for continuity.

Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16 at 3:00 pm. Griep, Burlingham, Debereiner, and Kalvaitis will be attending.

**Park Committee:**

***Park Committee Report***

Walt Christensen was in audience to give a brief report and persons will speak to the Reed Canary Grass Study.

Walt said the park report will focus on the Study of Reed Canary Grass and this began last fall and that Reed Canary Grass in the wetlands is a growing problem. Mary Linton wrote the grant. Tall Grass Prairies, Kim Karow, and Mary Linton are in attendance about the study. Dr. Mary Linton spoke to the study and explained the study with control plots and other plots that are treated. This is a 3 year study. After 3 years we should be able to determine what is most effective for control of Reed Canary Grass. The grant was reviewed and received high rating in the granting process. Mary is a wetland ecologist and has been offered a position with the University of Whitewater. Reed Canary Grass impedes the duck and amphibian population access to the wetlands. Chris Kaplan spoke to the application of herbicides and management of Reed Canary Grass and why this is important to study this. As long as it is not a restricted herbicide it could be used in wetlands. Kim Karow spoke to a remnant prairie and the herbicide can not be used over the open water. Results from the study could be used for the treatment in lieu of the herbicide treatment. The friends of Allen Creek watershed have been working for 2 years on the water quality. The area of the wetlands are of high importance of preservation.

Tim asked the questions asked last month. What happens with budget overrun? – This is not anticipated. Do equipment purchases become equipment property for the town? Yes.

Clavey asked to have the amount for mowing the park approved. Amounts and number of times were discussed. Fire Break and mowing was done. Jim Varah spoke to what needs mowing by Robert McIntyre.

Clavey / Griep made a motion to authorize Robert McIntyre to continue to mow the park. Motion Carried.

**Public Works Committee:**

***Award Road Work Bids:***

***Reclaim and overlay***

The bidding process was explained by Jim Brandenburg and Clerk Dahnert.

Bids were read by Chairman Griep. Payne & Dolan, Frank Brothers, and B R Amon & Sons

Bids will have to be separated out after the award to work within the budget limits.

Jim spoke to the difference in the amounts. Had to do with the availability of blacktop to the company.

Enbridge will be responsible for the major portion of the roadwork.

John voiced concerns of working with Frank Bros. last year and that we were billed over \$11,000 above the contracted amount. We withheld the additional money and they still came back to bid and can take all things into account. There is a concern because a few years back the town got stung by a per ton bid.

Jim was asked his opinion about the bids because of the work he has put in on the bidding. His recommendation is to award the lowest bid. Debereiner felt that with the safe guards in place we would have more control over the work being done. Jim felt he would be able to follow through with the concerns.

Debereiner/ Griep made a motion that the award bid to the firm of Frank Bros with the condition that they follow very specific and that we will be looking for the quality of work who submitted a bid of \$769,834.54. Motion Carried.

Brandenburg/ Griep made an amendment to address the additional culvert. Motion Carried.

(Ames arrived during the discussion of Seal coating.)

### ***Seal coating/crack filling***

Tim read the two bids. The bids were for seal coating and sweeping.

Griep/ Brandenburg made a motion to award the bid to Fahrner for Maxwell way. Motion Carried.

Jim had a question on Apple Lane where the new house being built by Patterson is. Some work will have to be done prior to seal coating this area.

### ***Jefferson County Bridge Aid***

2009 culvert/ bridge aid. East and west ends of Ralph Road culverts would have to be done. 36" culvert would be needed. Concrete was poured on the ends.

Westphal Lane was one of the culverts of concern. This culvert was discussed at time of road inspection.

John Stoller spoke to a couple of culverts on Star School and Poeppel Roads.

Ralph Road culverts should be done on both ends.

Countyline may need a culvert next year. An emergency replacement can be done.

Griep/ Deberiner made a motion to have the chairman get estimates for the two culverts on Ralph Road and submit them to the County for the 2009 bridge aid.

Deberiner asked about Blackhawk Island culvert. The area where the culvert is located is before the new pavement. Water is running through it but there is quite a bump on it.

Griep/ Deberiner made a motion to amend the motion to include a culvert on Blackhawk Island.

Amendment carried.

Motion carried with the amendment

### ***Salt Shed specifications and bid***

Chairman Griep presented a sheet with specifications. Tim read the specifications to the public. These specifications were prepared at the last Public Works meeting. Doors need to be added to the specification. The access to the building will only be on one end and Ames questioned that idea.

Discussion about door openings ensued.

Costs were discussed as well as the access for equipment. The amount of material storage was also discussed. Also a side entry door is needed. A 14' high by 16' wide door was discussed. 2-8'x15' doors. Shingles were discussed. 3 in 1 would be applied. Elk brand should be specified.

Date for work to be completed and what documents needed for performance bond.

Bid dates were talked about.

Notice to be placed in the paper on June 16, 2008.

Griep/ Deberiner made a motion to let the salt shed out to bid with specifications and opened and awarded at the July 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm Motion Carried.

### ***Equipment purchases including Sawz-all, Diesel Tank exchange***

Griep/ Brandenburg made a motion to purchase a sawz-all \$125 from G. Kutz. Motion carried.

Jim Brandenburg has a 275 gal tank that he would like to switch out.

Pump question was asked by Ames.

Griep / Deberiner made a motion to switch out the 275 gallon tank --- Motion Carried.

Jim abstained from discussion and voting.

### ***Sign Grant progress Report***

Road signs that need to be exchanged were discussed. Should we change to Blue & White or Black & White Road Signs. Stop ahead or Stop with arrow, which should be used. That would have to be checked into with the county for specification.

Marathon signs have been having a turnaround of 24 hours for delivery. Carol will check with Lange for signs as well.

***Set equipment rates***

Brandenburg has not had time to check on the rates yet. This was tabled to next month.

***Phone Line options for Town Shop***

Ames stated that the only persons should be giving the public works direction is the chairman and Brandenburg.

Ames/ Griep made a motion to acquire the mailboxes and to supplement \$10.00 per month to the 2 employees for their personal phone use. Motion Carried.

**Fireworks permit for Knights of Columbus / Bill Kontny:**

This is an FYI as the chairman can issue the permit for the display. Griep explained the issuance of the permit.

**Veolia – Contract information**

George DeVries from Veolia presented the proposed contract issues. Current contract is up at the end of this year. Because of the petroleum products, the proposal would be used for cost cutting measures.

Totes and Recycling containers are part of the proposal. The concerns of use of totes in the country and that they may end up lying out in the road were explained.

Many questions were asked about specifics and if Totes could be placed at the town hall for residents to see.

**WAMSTAR/ Whitewater Area Mounted Search Team and Rescue:**

This is a service that is being provided to assist in rescue. They have requested donations.

Acknowledgement of the program was made but no money is being donated at this time.

**Cemetery Concerns:**

John spoke to the cemetery concerns expressed by Bob McIntyre. There are no funds for maintenance of the cemetery. He has been taking care of it “pro bono” at this point. He asked if something could be done by the board toward the expenses. Money from lots purchased has been used up. Operating costs are basically gone. Section 157 in the State Statutes was researched by Debereiner. This statute has to do with the abandonment of the cemetery and being turned over to the Town.

A circuit judge would be able to direct that the Town be responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the cemetery.

What are the options? Who would be responsible for selling lots. Who would be caretaking the lots.

A suggestion of the speaking with the WTA attorney for legal counsel was made. John has consulted with legal counsel.

The association would have to vote on the transfer.

Obtaining records and checking with other towns would be necessary for making a decision.

Clavey/ Griep made a motion to have Debereiner to check and obtain records from Bob McIntyre with clerk check with other towns on how to maintain and care for cemeteries. Debereiner abstained. Motion Carried.

**Finance:**

**Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:**

***Minutes—***

Griep/ Clavey made a motion to approve the May 14, 2008 minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

## ***Treasurers Report—***

Ames/ Clavey made a motion to table the treasurer's report as there were some questions for the Treasurer. Motion Carried.

### **Public Comment, report meetings attended:**

Griep attended the boat patrol meeting - The boat isn't in the water, the personal water craft issue is under discussion, Captain Sautin is on his way to IRAQ and Tom Kunkel will be deputy serving on his behalf.

Clavey went to Allen Creek meeting and reported that they received a \$3,000 grant. Andy Selle walked the Allen Creek and was impressed with area.

John Stoller asked about no wake on land and the roads with the flooding. Sheriff would have to be involved.

Jeff Hillman wanted to speak to the area on Countyline road where the drain tile is located and the tile is broken. He has pictures and concerns about the water and the drainage. He would like to have it dug out and replaced with a suitable culvert. Griep explained that maybe the ditching needs to be done to take away the water. 1983 was when the tile was opened up.

Jim Varah reported that at the park, last year, there were 10 shooting stars then this year he only found 7.

On Meske Road trees that are being cut down are being stolen. Creamery Road trees were cut off very sloppy. The complaint being filed has to do with replacement of the pine tree. She would like to be reimbursed for the tree that was removed. Honeysuckle bushes don't interfere with traffic. Brandenburg spoke to the work on Creamery road and they put the wood on both sides of the road on Friday. The employees did go back a brushing later.

Jack Mays has called Clavey about the mess around where Ensweiler built his home.

### **Bills:**

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

### **Adjournment:**

Clavey / Griep made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 pm.

**Bonnie Dahnert, Town Clerk**