

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2009

Chairman Tim Griep called the meeting of the Town Board of Koshkonong to order at 7:00pm. Clerk Cheney verified the proper postings had been made.

Chairman Tim Griep, Supervisors Jim Brandenburg, Carol Clavey, John Debreiner, Jae Ames, and Clerk Kim Cheney in attendance. Treasurer Dan Gebauer had notified the Board that he would not be in attendance.

Park Committee

Discuss/Approve bike access to the Park. Walt Christensen in attendance. Proposal from Krause Blacktopping reviewed. Proposals are for blacktopping at 1.5 and 3 inch. Lake Mills Blacktopping proposal for \$890. Bramble Bush resident commented on traffic volume on Hackbarth. Clavey felt the land is too sloped at the Bramble Bush cul de sac. Ames stated concerns about bikes on Hackbarth. Debereiner stated he felt a controlled crossing would be safer, using the South Main intersection. Resident Judy Almquist asked about widening a section of Hackbarth to add a bike lane. Debereiner/Griep motion to have the Park Committee look into using the controlled intersection at the industrial park for connecting the Glacial Trail. Walt asked for help from the Board for making calls etc. Debereiner volunteered. No further discussion, motion carried.

Park Committee Report. Seeds available.

Plan Commission:

Herb Vincent: Revised conditional use permit to include electrical business. Mr. Vincent in attendance. The electrical business was included on the original request, but was omitted from the revised request. Debereiner/Clavey motion to approve the revised conditional use permit to include the electrical business. No further discussion, motion carried.

Clarence Draeger: Request to create a 1.2 acre residential building site located at W5125 Bark River Road, Fort Atkinson, WI, parcel #016-0514-0131-000. Mr. Draeger's attorney asked the Board to table this request until next month. Debereiner reported the Plan Commission had tabled this request also as the property is non-compliant with an earlier request. Griep/Ames motion to table this request until next month, no discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Accept 2010-2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Griep/Debereiner motion to approve the 2010-2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Ames indicated he was not in support of the draft, issues included mapping, business notes and residential vs. agricultural land surrounding the City. Also county zoning should conform to the land use. Christensen asked about comments from the public hearing and would the Board consider them. Ames suggested having Margaret come to a meeting. New motion from Griep/Clavey to table the approval to allow the Board to meet on Sept. 23 to review public comments and discuss issues, no further discussion, motion carried. The second motion supersedes the first motion.

Plan Commission Report. Debereiner reported two Plan Commissioners indicated they would be stepping down from the commission. Griep/Debereiner motion to have the clerk and the chairman develop an ad for the positions. No discussion, motion carried.

Public Works

Discuss/Approve adding an extra employee for the up-coming winter plowing season. Ames will check with WTA concerning unemployment and will follow up at the Sept. 23rd meeting. Action tabled to next month's meeting.

Discuss/Approve winter maintenance agreement with Town of Sumner for plowing on Blackhawk Island Road, North Shore Drive and Kunz Road. Tabled to next months meeting.

Public Works report. Plow truck wing is still out for repairs. Hwy department will pick up the wing and get a second opinion. Mfg. claims this is normal wear/tear. Will get the county to look at. Flashers relay fixed on patrol truck

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery committee report. Clavey reported the committee is looking at a sign for the cemetery. Approximate costs would be \$2500. Some design options were discussed. Committee thinking about a fundraiser. Headstone repairs were discussed. Clavey suggested an article in the paper stating the Town would be doing this and if any owners had issues/concerns they should contact the Town. Several headstones are very old and in need of repairs. This could possibly be done as a press release. Stoller reported several stones leaning over and in need of being uprighted. Debereiner suggested contacting the high school or MATC regarding a project for the metals class to make a sign. The Committee will look into this further.

Discuss/Approve amending Dog Lister/Weed Commissioner pay. The hourly rate was approved at \$6.50 per hour for Weed Commissioner, minimum wage is \$6.55/\$7.25. Griep/Brandenburg motion to have Ames check with WTA to see if the Town is required to pay her the minimum wage. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve request for an 8-foot fence for property on Hwy 26 by-pass owned by John Hausz. Mr. Hausz in attendance. Mr. Hausz owns property on the Highway 26 by-pass. Wants to put up a fence to keep public out of the property. Wants to put up a fence 8 foot in height. Ames/Clavey motion to approve the request. Debereiner asked if the city has any issues with this request. Mr. Hausz indicated no opposition from the county or city. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve refund of 2008 special assessment fees (garbage) on Hwy 12 property annexed to the City in 2007. Veolia has agreed to credit the Town for this refund. Ames/Debereiner motion to have Veolia send the refund directly to the property owner. No further discussion, motion carried.

Budget Amendment for increased garbage tipping fees. No amendment needed as the budgeted amount is sufficient to cover the increases, due to unit count adjustment. No action needed by the Board.

Discuss/Approve letter to City for clarification of fire contract. Ames/Debereiner motion to approve the letter to the City for an exact answer on contract issues. No further discussion, motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer's Reports:

Minutes from August 12, 2009 Griep/Clavey motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
Griep/Ames motion to approve the August 24, 2009 Public Hearing minutes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for August 2009 Clavey/Brandenburg motion to table the report until next month, motion carried.

Public Comment, report meetings attended: Debereiner/Clavey attended the Milton Fire Department meeting. No contract yet available, new contract may be for 3 years, and not looking for funds from the Towns for new equipment, and no additional per call fee. Griep attended the Boat Patrol meeting. Griep met with Fire Chief Emrick and Captain Reel, they are organizing a meeting with all the Towns in the near future to discuss equipment purchases. Ames attended the WTA meeting over a month ago. Jim Varah suggested only S130-S190 Wildland certified fire fighters may drive the fire department brush truck. Resident on Twin Knolls Drive presented comments from several residents on Twin Knolls and River Trail Pass roads regarding the recent seal coating done on those roads. Christensen commented on the Referendum election on Tues. Sept. 15th and clean sweep on Sept. 19. Ames suggested a meeting with the Building Inspector regarding driveway permits. Also suggested some way to control contractors in the area using the roads and causing damage.

Bills: Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve the bills, motion carried.

Closed Session Griep/Brandenburg motion to adjourn to closed session, roll called, motion carried.

Adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Stats. 19.85-1(g) for the purpose of discussing litigation strategies with Attorney Brantmeier concerning Hillmann v. Town of Koshkonong, case 09-CV-399.

Return to open session Griep/Clavey motion to reconvene into open session, roll called, motion carried.

Adjournment Griep/Debereiner motion to adjourn at 9:55pm, motion carried.

Tim Griep, Chairman