

**TOWN OF KOSHKONONG**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 14, 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 Debereiner and Jae Ames, Treasurer Dan Gebauer and Clerk Kim Cheney present.

**Dr. Suzanne Zentner, Superintendent of the Whitewater Unified School District**

*Introduction and information on the current state of the district.* Dr. Zentner present, introduced herself and gave a short speech on her focus for the future of the Whitewater schools.

**Park Committee**

*Park Committee Report.* Walt Christensen present. Walt reported on the recent sale of seeds from the park. This resulted in a sale of \$2470 for the park fund. Several volunteers helped collect the seeds and ship them to a nursery in Minnesota. Park meeting tomorrow evening. Jim Varah reported the Canadian thistle had been sprayed with a donation of spray from Midwest Prairies. Back stop in the park has fallen over and will need to be picked up.

**Plan Commission:**

**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 present with his son and attorney John Short. Debereiner reported discussion from Plan Commission meeting, the mobile home on the property causing concern has been removed. Neighbor opposition regarding the shared driveway. This is an allowable request per county zoning. The Plan Commission did approve this request by a 4-2 vote. Griep/Debereiner motion to approve this request. This would be the final split on this property. Ames asked about farm equipment access. There currently is access further west on the remaining property by a 66' right of way. No further discussion, motion carried by vote of 3-2.

**John, Dennis & Sally Kutz:** Request to re-zone 5.4+ acres from A-1 to Natural Resources, located near N2565 County Highway N, Fort Atkinson, WI, parcel #016-0614-3634-007. Sally Kutz present. Debereiner reported the Plan Commission had no opposition to this request and it was approved unanimously. Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve this request. This is pasture and hill land. Kutzs' want to sell to an adjoining neighbor. No further discussion, motion carried.

**J & A. Weiss Trust:** Request for a farm consolidation at W5738 Edgewater Road, Fort Atkinson, WI, parcel #016-0614-3444-000. Mr. Weiss present. Debereiner reported the Plan Commission found no opposition and approved this request. Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve this request. This property includes Indian Mounds. No further discussion, motion carried.

*Discuss/Review/Approve 2010-2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan revisions.* Ames and Clavey met with Margaret regarding the revisions discussed earlier. She suggests making notice of any changes. Debereiner indicated the Plan Commission was concerned that another public hearing that would be

necessary. Most changes/revisions/corrections have already been addressed. Once the new draft is available the Board can decide if another hearing is necessary. This issue will be on a near future meeting agenda.

*Plan Commission Report.* Debereiner asked about Plan Commissioner opening. One letter of intent has been received. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

## **Public Works**

*Discuss/Approve adding an extra employee for the up-coming winter plowing season.* Ames reported talking to the Town's Association attorney regarding the issue of unemployment. This could be a possibility, since they would be considered an employee. Ames suggested any hiring should be more selective and considerate of skills. Also, the state offers some comprehensive testing for job positions. There is a cost for this service. Will need to have a job description and guidelines. Ames will put together a job description to include snow plowing operations, brush cutting and general maintenance and a CDL would be required. This will be on the next agenda.

*Discuss/Approve winter maintenance agreement with Town of Sumner for plowing on Blackhawk Island Road, North Shore Drive and Kunz Road.* This will be on the next agenda.

*Public Works report.* Stoller reported picking up the wing and took it to the county to be looked at. County indicated this is not a fixable issue. Ames reported receiving information from Best Truck regarding this issue in a letter. This will be on a future agenda. Some vandalism has been reported to the grass on the Town hall property. Brandenburg has reported this to the sheriff and they will provide more patrols. Stoller reported several tires and a couch have been dumped on the sides of Town roads. Highway department will pick these up. Repairs to mower include tire and roller. Brandenburg reported that the roof on the salt shed will be repaired by the end of the month.

## **Cemetery Committee**

*Cemetery committee report.* Per Clavey no report.

## **City of Fort Atkinson water main issues.**

*Discuss/Approve city's request to install a water main using Town property, detailed agreements to be approved at a later date.* The intent is to advise the City of Fort Atkinson of the Town's decision to allow the city to do this work to be put in their budget. Debereiner suggested the City present to the Town a risk assessment. Resident expressed concerns regarding any increases in the road width. No formal action at this time. Griep will contact Jeff Woods for a more detailed proposal.

**Dwight Foster Public Library Capital Campaign request for donation.** The library is proposing an expansion and asking for a donation towards this fund. Griep/Debereiner motion to table this request until a budget meeting to be discussed. Motion carried.

### **Milton Fire Department 2010 Contract**

*Discuss/Approve 2010 Milton Fire Department contract for fire and rescue services.* Contracts received, fee decreased and the per call fee has been deleted. Griep/Clavey motion to approve both contracts. Ames suggested a letter to Milton thanking them for the revised contract, motion carried.

### **City of Fort Atkinson response to fire contract letter.**

*Discuss/Accept city's response to Town letter regarding fire contract calculations clarifications.* Response received from the City regarding contract calculations, explaining that the City now uses a percentage to figure contract fees and not a straight per-call basis. Equipment contract fees are still figured on a per-call basis. Ames/Griep motion to accept the response from the City and attach it to the current contract to be considered at future contract negotiations. No further discussion, motion carried.

**Discuss/Act upon zoning violations on Indian Trail ROW on Vinnie Ha Ha.** Work has been done on the ROW without permits which may be in violation of county zoning. A retaining wall was constructed in the ROW. Griep/Clavey motion to have the Chairman refer to county zoning for any violations and report back to the Board. Motion carried.

### **Jacobson Appraisals – Town Assessor**

*Discuss/Approve 2010 Assessor contract.* Griep/Brandenburg motion to table this contract until the next board meeting, no discussion, motion carried.

*Discuss/Approve public record information regarding assessment records.* This is for online information, with some options incurring costs. Ames/Debereiner motion to deny this service, motion carried.

### **Set Budget meeting dates**

*October 20, 27 and November 3* Dates approved.

### **Minutes/Treasurer's Reports:**

*Minutes from September 9 & 23, 2009* Griep/Clavey motion to approve the September 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as corrected, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the September 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes as corrected, motion carried.

*Treasurer's Report for September 2009* Treasurer Gebauer gave the financial report for September 2009. Griep/Clavey motion to place the Treasurer's report on file, motion carried.

**Public Comment, report meetings attended:** Ames attended the WTA convention in Stevens Point. He attended the TRIP and LRIP seminars, invasive species, and road weight limit seminars. Griep reported attending the Boat Patrol meeting. They will have the same contract as last year. Walt

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commented on an invasive species booklet that is being developed by the DNR. This may be beneficial to the park committee members and highway department. Clavey reminder Friends of Koshkonong meeting on Monday October 26. Current President Jerry Mortimer will be stepping down and a replacement will be appointed.

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

**Adjournment** Griep/Clavey motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. Motion carried.

**Kim Cheney, Town Clerk**