

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2010

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, Jae Ames, and Clerk Kim Cheney present. Supervisor John Debereiner and Treasurer Dan Gebauer had notified the clerk they would not be in attendance.

Clavey/Ames motion to suspend the rules to allow item #5 to be moved to #1, no discussion, motion carried.

Rock River channel no-wake marking report. Clavey reported contact with Capt. Jim Furley regarding this issue. Mr. Furley present and gave a report on his opinion. He recommends a slow-no wake in the shallow area near the curve in the river. He provided a map and an application to apply for the buoys to be approved by the DNR. Clavey stated that she did not think an ordinance would be needed to place channel markers in the shallow areas. Ames/Clavey motion to forward the recommendation to place the buoys to the DNR. Mr. Furley indicated he would help with this process. Will have to contact the DNR game warden also. Clavey will work on this. No further discussion, motion carried.

Griep/Clavey motion to return to the agenda for original item #1, no discussion, motion carried.

Park Committee

Discuss/Approve seeding bid. Bid from Midwest Prairies reviewed. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$816 to come from the park fund. No discussion, motion carried.

Park Committee Report. Clavey reported possible harvest of the white moon seeds again this year for sale as last year. Griep/Clavey motion to approve seed collection and sale of seeds from the park to go back into the park fund. No further discussion, motion carried.

Plan Commission:

Caryl Shortridge: Variance request for additional animal units. Located at N266 Pottawatom Trail, Milton, WI, parcel #016-0513-3442-001. Plan commission reported recommending denying this request as there are issues with manure run-off with this many animals on the small acreage. Also neighbor opposition. Griep/Ames motion to deny this request based on the plan commission's recommendations. Property owner Caryl Shortridge present. She reported speaking to DNR regarding run-off and there are no regulations to prevent pasturing in this area. This property is in a floodplain. Per the county there are no regulations regarding this issue. She wants to have 9 horses on this property plus the goats. She has a plan for the accumulated manure over the winter. No further discussion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Plan Commission Report. Nothing to report at this time.

Public Works

Discuss/Approve highway employee attendance to Winter Road Maintenance workshop. Gary Kutz reported recommending this workshop for the highway employees topics include snowplowing. Griep/Clavey motion to approve sending the public works employees to the workshop, no further discussion, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to authorize board members to attend. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/review replacement truck specifications. Kutz reported on researching some new trucks. Prices and equipment options were reported. Ames recommended looking at the front axels. This will be on the agenda for next month.

Public Works report. Bark River Road still closed due to flooding. Water on some other roads but they are passable. Griep reported "local traffic only" signs not very enforceable. Several trees have come down recently due to rain/storms.

Building Inspector

Current new building inspector introduced himself. Vince Budiac with Wisconsin Building Inspections, LLP. He is the replacement for previous building inspector Greg Noll.

Discuss/Review bid proposals for the building inspector position. Five proposals received. Ames addressed one of the proposals submitted as a Town employee. Town is looking for an independent contractor.

Set date for closed session meeting to conduct interviews for the building inspector position. Griep/Clavey motion to schedule 2 additional meetings for August 18 to meet at 7 regarding farmland preservation response and closed session for 2 interviews, and August 25 for 3 building inspector interviews. No further discussion motion carried.

Resident request to review parking and safety issues on Waubunsee Trail. Resident Nina Veenhuis present and commented on the safety issues now created because of the no parking sign in the cul de sac. Vehicles now being parked on the curve of the road, causing passing problems. Griep indicated that possibly this parking issue needs to be reviewed further. Brandenburg thought the board should look at no parking further on the road. Also may want to review the guard rail issue. This will be on the Sept. agenda.

Minutes/Treasurer's Reports:

Minutes from June 9 & 17 and July 14 meetings. Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve the June 9 public hearing minutes, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the June 9 meeting minutes as corrected, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the July 14 meeting minutes as corrected, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for July 2010 Griep/Clavey motion to place the Treasurer's report for July 2010 on record, motion carried. The treasurer will be back for next month's meeting.

Public Comment, report meetings attended: Clavey commented on St. Joe's church putting cones in the road for a run, created a dangerous situation. Cheney commented on the letter received from a resident on Old Hwy 26 regarding a lawn issue. Several board members and highway employee looked at the property and did not find any problems in the front yard. Clerk reported receiving resolution from town of Jefferson regarding the purchase of land by the county for parks. Griep reported from boat patrol 2 arrests for operating while intoxicated.

Bills: Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve the bills, with a note to bill back the appropriate party for legal fees regarding Rock Road Companies, motion carried.

Adjournment: Griep/Clavey motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, motion carried.

Kim Cheney
Town Clerk