

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2010

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

Chairman Tim Griep, Supervisors Jim Brandenburg, Carol Clavey, John Debereiner, Jae Ames, Treasurer Dan Gebauer and Clerk Kim Cheney present.

Griep/Clavey motion to suspend the rules to allow the school superintendent of Whitewater to give a brief explanation of the upcoming referendum on the November ballot. No discussion, motion carried.

Griep/Clavey motion to return to the original agenda, no discussion, motion carried.

Park Committee

Park Committee Report. Clavey reported last of the seed will be sent, and a check should be sent to us shortly thereafter. Jim Varah asked to have the firebreaks mowed in the park, after a killing frost.

Plan Commission:

Jon Draeger: Conditional Use permit request to maintain a private business office and store materials at W5120 CTH M, Fort Atkinson, WI, parcel #016-0514-1231-002. Debereiner reported the Plan Commission recommends this request. Mr. Draeger present to explain his request. Upon a request for a sign permit from the county he was told he did not have the proper conditional use permit for the business. No outside storage, no commercial/retail traffic. Griep/Debereiner motion to approve this request, no further discussion, motion carried.

Public Works

Discuss/Review potential new truck details. Ames discussed options for a new truck, using electric attachments instead of hydraulics to keep the costs down. Brandenburg indicated an electric plow may be hard on the clutch. Other options discussed (I.e. used, smaller truck etc.). Griep/Debereiner motion to authorize Supervisor Brandenburg to put out bids for a new truck 2010/2011, standard cab, extended cab, completed truck or a chassis cab to be returned by November 1, 2010 to be on the November meeting agenda. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve 2010-11 winter snow removal plan. Gary Kutz suggested using the part-time plow employee (Todd Leuder) more this winter until the current part-time public works employees get some experience plowing. Discussion regarding using Grade-Tech for plowing on the north end of the town. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting with a representative from Grade-Tech at the meeting.

Discuss/Approve possible chain saw safety school. Originally approved Kutz to attend this course, however the course is only offered to loggers. Can sponsor our own course and get participants from surrounding towns. Cost of the course is \$1000 for the day. Griep/Clavey motion to sponsor this course on October 22, 2010 with participants from Koshkonong, Town of Madison, Waterloo and other surrounding towns at a cost of \$100 per person. Kutz will find the trees to cut. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss tractor repairs. Brandenburg explained the repairs needed on the tractor for the clutch pad. Current repairs to spool etc. cost approximately \$3654. When the bill comes needs to be reviewed for unnecessary charges

Public Works report. Kutz reported on chipper repairs totaling \$1400, new batteries, tire repair, recall on new truck.

Discuss/Review or Approve revaluation contract from Jacobson Appraisals. Contract proposal received from assessor. \$64,600 can be spread over 2 years, 2011-2012. Ames/Brandenburg motion to approve the revaluation contract with Jacobson Appraisals. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve road agreement for RelyCo., Inc. Representative Tom Teske from RelyCo present. Work has not begun yet. Discussion regarding a bond vs. letter of credit. We will contact the WTA attorney to get a better description of the bond vs. letter of credit issue. This will be on the November meeting agenda.

Discuss/act upon water issues on Pleasant Road. The town did some ditching previously in this area. Brandenburg viewed the area and explained the culverts. At the time the ditching was done other neighbors did not want any ditching done in their yard. Culverts are all open. Ames suggested some ditches still need to be cleaned out. Public works employees will clean out the ditch by N1568 and on the west side of the road across from the retention pond.

Discuss/Review Vickerman Rd/Hwy 26 expansion access issues. Engineer suggested support from the town for a frontage road for access to Hwy 26 northbound traffic. This issue will be acted upon at the November meeting.

Discuss/Approve snowmobile club request to use ROW from Hwy 26 to the boat landing. Lyle Bleeker representative from the snowmobile club present to explain the request. The boat landing will be available this winter. This was approved last year. Some complaints from the previous year however no neighbors present at the meeting. Griep/Brandenburg motion to allow the use of the ROW on Groeler Road from Hwy 26 to the boat landing for the 2010-2011 snowmobile season, no further discussion, motion carried.

Cemetery

Discuss/Approve cemetery info for the town's website. Ames/Griep motion to approve the proposal to add the cemetery info to the Town's website, no further discussion, motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer's Reports:

Minutes from September 8 & 22 meetings. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the September 8 minutes as corrected, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the September 22 minutes as printed, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for September 2010. Projected surplus approximately 4% under budget. Griep/Clavey motion to place the September Treasurer's report on file, no discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's update on delinquent personal property taxes/legal action. The Treasurer reported on action being taken to collect overdue personal property taxes. Recommendations/report attached. Griep/Brandenburg motion to authorize the Treasurer to follow the recommendations to collect the past due personal property taxes, no further discussion, motion carried.

Public Comment, report meetings attended: Kutz reported on a lost dog picked up from Vickerman Rd. Ad placed in the Fort and Milton paper. If no response will try to adopt it out. Ed Frohmader reported Hoard Rd. not built well. Discussion regarding a local business using this road for semis. Road agreement may be needed. Don Clavey reported problems with the recent work in the ROW on Star School Rd. from the fiber optic company. Will contact by mail regarding the work that needs to be done. Griep attended boat patrol meeting.

Bills: Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve the bills, no further discussion, motion carried.

Adjournment: Griep/Clavey motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, carried. Next meeting date Tuesday October 19, 2010.

Kim Cheney, Town Clerk