

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 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.

Park Committee

Park Committee Report. Walt Christensen reported from the most recent meeting. Discussed management plan regarding plants, habitats and wildlife. Management class also discussed with funds coming from the park fund. Ongoing seed collecting discussed. Ron Martin presented a check to the Town Board for \$2490.50 from Prairie Moon for the recent seed collection. Ron also presented information on the presence of a new invasive weed.

Plan Commission

Ruth Bouziane/Richard Bouziane: Re-zone and farm consolidation request on properties located at N563, N581 and N587 Cowpath Lane, Fort Atkinson, WI, parcel #'s 016-0513-2644-02 & 003. This item was tabled by the Plan Commission as there were many unanswered questions regarding this request. The property owner will appear before the next Plan Commission meeting with the requested information.

Plan Commission Report. Debereiner reported there will be an opening on the commission in the spring. Len Kalvaitis does not wish to renew his term. The Town will advertise for a replacement in February.

Public Works

Discuss/Approve authorization for the chairman to make emergency expenditures in 2011. Clavey/Brandenburg motion to approve authorization for the chairman to make emergency expenditures in the year 2011 not to exceed \$1000. No discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve authorization for Supervisor Brandenburg to make emergency public works expenditures for 2011. Clavey/Debereiner motion to approve authorization for Supervisor Brandenburg to make emergency public works expenditures in the year 2011 not to exceed \$1000. No discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve sale of F350. Highway employee Gary Kutz reported since we have purchased a new truck there is no need for this vehicle. Griep/Brandenburg motion to offer the F350 truck to the highest bidder by sealed bid due by 7pm Wed Jan 12, with newspaper ads to run Dec 17 & 31 with the refusal clause and an internet ad. The vehicle will also be placed in the front of the town hall with a for sale sign. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve bids for tree removal at W7604 Koshkonong Mounds Road. Resident requested the town remove two trees from his property on the right-of-way. Bids were obtained from two local tree removal companies. Discussion as to whether both trees are in fact in the right-of-way. Neither tree is completely dead. Ames/Griep motion to table until the next meeting so this can be reviewed further. Motion carried.

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Discuss/Approve purchase of safety coats for public works employees. Kutz explained that high visibility and reflective stripes are required by DOT for highway employees. Debereiner/Clavey motion to purchase these items for the employees, no further discussion, motion carried.

Public Works report. Kutz reported on some repairs needed inside the shop. Resident offered lime rock to the town which was picked up. Repairs on the 98 included a starter and brake issues. Snowplowing off to a slow start. Kutz reported that he would like to get started on the ceiling over the office in the shop. This was budgeted for in 2011. Ames suggested keeping some spare parts in the shop for the trucks.

Griep/Clavey motion to set Thurs Jan 6 for closed session employee reviews, motion carried.

Highway employee Bill Steckelmann asked about snowplowing rate of \$15 per hour. Ames indicated that had been approved by the Board prior to hiring the part-time employees.

Discuss/Approve building inspector contract for 2011. Contract reviewed. Driveway permits were discussed. New fees: residential driveway permits would be \$150 with a 50/50 split and commercial driveway permits would be \$300 with a split of \$200 for the town and \$100 for the inspector. Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve as amended. Ames questioned the fine for work done without permits. Amended to a max of \$500. Motion carried.

Discuss/Review Vickerman Rd/Hwy 26 expansion access issues. Response received from DOT regarding the Naber's proposal for an access road for Vickerman was denied. Cathy Naber present to explain the current state of this situation. Nabers do not agree with the DOT's current plans. Griep/Debereiner motion to send a letter to the DOT asking them to explain the maintenance of the proposed "jug handles". Griep will draft the letter. Walt Christensen suggested also talking to the county regarding this. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Review Hoard Road reconstruction. Original resolution reviewed. No paper file to be found regarding the reconstruction of this road. A road agreement maybe possible. Debereiner/Clavey motion to table this item until the January meeting for further research. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve land annexation at end of Rogers Street to the City of Fort Atkinson. Griep/Clavey motion to approve this annexation request, died for lack of second. Griep/Ames motion to deny this request, no further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Senior Center request for donation. Griep/Brandenburg motion to approve a \$100 donation, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve 2011 fee schedule. Current fee schedule reviewed. Griep/Debereiner motion to approve the 2011 fee schedule with changes, no further discussion, motion carried.

Election update. The clerk gave a summary of the recent November election. 56% turnout. Changes are being considered for the next major election, presidential 2012. More space is needed and more poll workers.

Minutes/Treasurer's Reports:

Minutes from November 10 & 15 meetings. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the November 10 minutes as corrected, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the November 15 public hearing minutes as corrected, motion carried. Griep/Clavey motion to approve the November 15 minutes as corrected, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for November 2010 Griep/Clavey motion to place the November Treasurer's report on file. Also to include the treasurer's report of safety of the Town's money on file. No further discussion, motion carried.

Public Comment, report meetings attended: Griep reported attending the boat patrol meeting. Budget approved. No increase to the towns. Mr. John Rinehart presented some information on a right-of-way on Oxbow Bend (White Crow Pass). Concerns regarding the parking on Oxbow. Currently there is no parking in this area. Mr. Rinehart is proposing opening this right-of-way to be used as access to the lake for ice fishing. This will be on the January agenda. Bill Steckelmann asked about snowplowing on the new bridges. This will be looked into. Resident Steve Cline spoke about recent issues with delinquent personal property taxes. He also indicated he will be coming before the Plan Commission again in January regarding the rezoning of a parcel of land.

Bills: Griep/Clavey motion to approve the bills with the exception of the Urban Towns Association renewal and to look into the City of Whitewater rescue call charge. No further discussion, motion carried

Adjournment: Griep/Clavey motion to adjourn at 9:45pm, motion carried.

Kim Cheney
Town Clerk