

TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2011

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

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

Approve minutes from November 9 & 17 meetings.

Clavey/Brandenburg motion to approve the November 9 meeting minutes as printed, motion carried.

Clavey/Brandenburg motion to approve the November 17 meeting minutes as printed, motion carried.

Communications and meetings attended.

Walling reported meeting with Representative Andy Jorgensen, and DOT reps Larry Barta and Matt Spiel, along with city officials regarding the by-pass issue. Debereiner reported attending the WTA meeting and has information on sign reflectivity. Clavey attended the last boat patrol meeting. There may be a chance that the new radios can be purchased with grant money.

Clerks Report - See attached.

Public Comments – limited to agenda items, 3 minute maximum.

Dave Mack from Koshkonong Lake Road made several comments in opposition of the lower speed limits in the Old 26 area. Matt Reel from Koshkonong Mounds Country Club also spoke in opposition of the lower limit. There have been sheriff patrols recently in that area. Resident Bill Steckelmann gave some information regarding the petition that was circulated in agreement of the lower limits, 95% in favor of the lower limits. Signs are inconsistent.

John Reinhart read a letter regarding the White Crow Pass access and several people (not from the Town) came in support of providing the access. Mr. Reinhart is proposing a gravel drive and is willing to cover the expenses. Only one town resident in favor of this.

Resident Bill Burlingame from Bingham's Point spoke in opposition, representing the majority of the residents in that immediate area. He offered several instances of noise, traffic, crime, littering and trespassing regarding this access.

Park Committee Report -- Per Walt Christensen, no activity to report.

Discuss/Approve building inspector contract.

Current Building Inspector Greg Noll in attendance to present his new contract and fee schedule. Walling suggested adding wording regarding remodels with sleeping areas below grade. Fee schedule will be approved at a later date. Ames/Debereiner motion to approve the contract at this time, no further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss/Recommend action on outdoor lighting complaint.

Resident Dirk Grosser present to explain his complaint. Neighbors lights are shining on his property. Debereiner viewed the property several times. Did not observe glare. Neighbor to the west, Linda Stroede, present. The light has been up about 2 years. She indicated it is not that bright, and they like it for security reasons. Ames suggested viewing the light from Mr. Grosser's property and from the Stroede's. Ames/Clavey motion to table to January meeting, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve/Reject request to put gravel on White Crow Pass.

There was no discussion. Ames/Clavey motion to deny this request, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discuss resolution to lower speed limits in Old 26 areas.

Ames suggested having the Public Works department review the signs in this area before the resolution is approved. The clerk will get a template for the next meeting.

Public Works

Discuss/Approve sign agreement with Jefferson County. The county is offering a contract to check reflectivity on all Town signs and can make new signs at a much lower cost. Contract reviewed. Ames/Clavey motion to approve the contract for sign reflectivity with the county. No further discussion, motion carried.

Public works report. Ames/Clavey motion to replace the Pottawatomis signs that are spelled incorrectly, motion carried. Kutz reported the mower the Town was interested in is no longer available. Parts are still available to fix ours. Will wait until spring and revisit this. Kutz is working on a pre-treatment to help prevent frost and ice. He will try it this weekend.

Discuss ordinance enforcement options.

Need to get a contract together with the county sheriff. And a list of ordinances. Debereiner will contact the sheriff.

Hwy 12 by-pass map updates and meetings.

Friends of Koshkonong met on Monday Dec. 12. Buttons being made identifying supporters. Getting information on yard signs. More discussions needed regarding the dead-ends. Walling will contact the Chamber regarding their support.

Discuss/Approve Jefferson County Ag Preservation and Land Use Plan.

Ames stated concerns regarding the by-pass losses not being addressed in this plan. Could ask for a variance. Ames will attend the public hearing on this, on December 15 to give our statement to the county. Ames/Clavey motion to have the county consider the loss of businesses and developments be addressed in this plan. If the Hwy 12 by-pass goes through the town would request a variance, to be reviewed by a zoning committee. No further discussion, motion carried.

Discuss attorney response to fire contract terms.

Ames/Brandenburg motion to send the attorney's response to the Fire Chief and that the Town will cover costs beyond the \$2000 agreement. No further discussion, motion carried.

Review Winter Maintenance Policy.

Specifically mailbox damages discussed. May re-word winter maintenance policy. Clavey will contact the post office for guidelines. This will be on the agenda for January.

Discuss/Approve board members to plow snow with non-CDL required vehicles.

Does the board want to approve board members to operate the non-CDL vehicles for snowplowing? Example; the chairman. Chairman will do a ride-along with the highway employees during the next available snowstorm. Final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Discuss/Approve substitute TRIP application.

Previously applied for TRIP project did not meet county requirements to collect the funds. Approximately \$26,500 available. Can substitute a project, must meet all requirements and be completed by June 2013. Sub project must be at least double the funds available. Reconstruction of McMillen discussed. Ames/Brandenburg motion to approve McMillen improvements from CTH K to Tri-County for substitute TRIP project. No further discussion, motion carried.

Elections

Approve Poll Worker List for 2012-2013 election cycles. The clerk presented to the poll list. Ames/Brandenburg motion to approve the list, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve wage increase for poll workers. The clerk requested a wage increase from \$7 to \$8 per hour. Brandenburg/Debereiner motion to approve the wage increase, motion carried.

Clerk's report on upcoming elections and procedures. The clerk reported on upcoming elections, possibly 6 for 2012. Poll worker training to be conducted in mid-January. The clerk will request a polling place change after the February primary to due space limitations in the town hall.

Finance

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

Discuss/Approve fee schedule for 2012. Ames/Brandenburg motion to keep the current fee schedule for 2012 and re-visit the noxious weeds fee in early 2012. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Brandenburg/Clavey motion to place the November Treasurer's report on file, motion carried.

Bills Brandenburg/Debereiner motion to approve the bills, motion carried.

Public Comment Assessor is approximately 50% complete with the re-val. Bill Burlingame thanked the Board for their consideration on the White Crow Pass issue. He also asked questions regarding the future of this issue. The chairman indicated this would not be on any future agendas. There also may be an issue regarding a fence that is on Town property.

Future agenda items.

Building inspector fee schedule, outdoor lighting complaint, resolution for lower speed limits, winter maintenance policy, snow plowing.

Adjournment. Clavey/Brandenburg motion to adjourn at 10:15pm, motion carried.

Kim Cheney
Town Clerk