

TOWN OF SHELBY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 4, 2019

LOCATION: 2800 Ward Ave. La Crosse, WI 54601

TIME: 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisor Tim Padesky, Marlene Heal and Tim Ehler 5:55pm – Sanitary Board Commissioners Bob Mueller, Kurt Knutson and Steve Lundsten, Sara Jarr, and Jeff Brudos

TOWN OFFICIALS EXCUSED: Renee Knutson

ATTENDANCE LIST: Marlin Helgeson, Lonnie Olson, Charles Mortell

1. Call to order at 5:03pm by Candahl.
2. Motion Padesky/Heal to approve the minutes for 8/20/19 Town Board meeting-see attached. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Padesky/Heal to approve SYB Payables as presented through 9/3/19 of \$11,821.13 - see attached. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Padesky/Heal to approve Town Payables as presented through 9/3/19 of \$127,238.62 - see attached. Motion carried.
5. Citizens Comments:
Lonnie Olson requested an update from Candahl on the culvert improvements to the area. Candahl will be working with Town of Bergen, La Crosse County, DOT, and Vernon County. Charles Mortell reported to the Board that Xcel energy intends to build a high voltage electrical tower fronting right on Hagen Road, 60 feet from his home via their access road behind his property. The massive, 20-ton tower will soar to 150 ft in height and be placed right across from the front of the popular Hillside park. Xcel could start work any time and the new tower will not be a welcome addition to the park, Hagen Road, or the neighborhood. He also pointed out that the power lines have stood for 70 years without a problem or a tower in the location they intend to add. Candahl and Brudos agreed to investigate as the Town was not notified by Xcel about this project.
6. Motion by Heal/Padesky to Rescind Acceptance of Eagle Point Road due to the road not complying with Wisconsin State Statutes for a Town road or Town of Shelby road standards. Motion carried. Motion by Candahl/Padesky to reimburse the residents of Eagle Point Road for any expenditures incurred in potentially deeding property to the Town. Motion Carried.
7. Hwy 35 area flooding: Candahl and Heal recently walked the area to observe and gather information on the continued flooding concern. While on the site visit, another resident, Dan Oelke pointed out that brush, debris and silt are not being cleared by the railroad. The Town will be looking into if this is a violation.

Brudos agreed to contact the railroad via the Town's attorney regarding a potential violation. Brudos also suggested that the Town formally contact the residents and business in the area to request regular checks and debris removal from their culverts. Supervisor Knutson is working with the DNR to contact a resident who has two man-made retention ponds. Candahl requested the Town seek an update from the various agencies that met last fall – Jill Billings office, US Fish & Wildlife, Army Corp of Engineers, Town of Bergen as to how they will be involved in and fund future flooding.

8. Questions for Administrator Candidates: Marlin Helgeson of People's First updated the Board on the two candidates the search committee voted to present to them for a second interview. He suggested that the Board plan on 30-40 minutes with each candidate and to have one Board member ask their agreed upon questions (approximately 15-16 questions). Marlin also recommended that the same interview format be used with each candidate. The Board agreed to meet 30 minutes before beginning the interviews to review the questions to be asked.
9. Motion by Candahl/Padesky to appoint Jeff Brudos, Supervisor Heal Marlene Heal as the committee to review and interview Clerk candidates. Also, potentially the new Administrator. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Padesky/Heal to add Chris Wimberly as a permanent part-time employee eligible for retirement and health insurance benefits. Motion carried.
11. Administrator Report:
 - Audits are complete for 2018.
 - City of Onalaska request for a Metro Sewer District Public Hearing – date of 10/30/19 has been submitted.
 - Summer Road workers have concluded their shifts for this season.
 - La Crosse County has approved the special exemption for Mormon Coulee Park Bridge.
 - Fahrner has completed micro seal and single seal coating. Their poor time management on the project and exclusion completing parking lots will be addressed.
 - The Town Hall office will be looking to hire part-time assistance, possibly with a temp agency.
 - The Road Crew has been prepping roads to replacing culverts.
 - The job posting for a new Clerk ends on 9/9/19.
 - Bids for the new Mormon Coulee Park Bridge close on 9/11/19.
 - Meeting with City of La Crosse Department set for 9/16/19, 7:00 AM.

6:15 PM – Joint meeting with Sanitary District Commissioners to discuss Arbor Hills Water System Improvement Project.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next Town meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Jarr, Interim Clerk, Town of Shelby