Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, and Tim Ehler, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Administrator Christina Peterson, and Public Works Director Terry Wright.

Town Officials Excused: Supervisor, Tim Padesky

Attendance List: Bruce and Sandra Perlmutter, W5918 Woodland Dr.

1. Board Meeting called to order by Candahl at 5:04 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 7/6/2021 Motion by Knutson to approve minutes, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Motion by Knutson, to approve open invoices: $82,333.05, second by Heal and motion by Knutson to approve paid invoices: $5,221.12, second by Heal. Motions carried unanimously.
4. Citizen’s Concerns. Bruce Perlmutter voiced concern regarding neighborhood and natural rainwater have formed a large river on his property. Resident has spent money on fixing this problem. Public Works suggested a potential solution would be berm and swales. Candahl noted Town can give input but typically does not take on the responsibility or liability of completing projects on private property. Wright noted what berms have been completed by the Town in the past on utility easements and utility easement on the Perlmutter property was partially completed and then abandoned. Sandra Perlmutter showed pictures to Candahl. Peterson noted if the pattern has not changed since the development went in, there is no fault on the part of the Town. Bruce Perlmutter wants the Town to act because he states the natural slope was never addressed and there are neighbors above that do not have rain gutters or anything to alleviate the amount of water. Discussion on what options are available. Perlmutter is not opposed to contributing financially towards a project. Wright and Peterson will discuss best course of action and act.
5. Parks and Vacant Land Committee Applicant. Discussion on the application. Knutson noted that lack of a job description makes it difficult for applicants. Committee needs to get that going so it can be presented to the current members and future members to make sure everyone has a full understanding. Motion by Heal to appoint Jeffrey Butler to the Parks and Vacant Land Committee, second by Candahl. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Wellhead Protection Ordinance. Peterson discussed requirement for Well Protection Plan and noted DNR Rules require this Ordinance. Sanitary District No. 2 reviewed this Ordinance and recommend adoption. Town’s Association recommends that the Town Board adopt the Ordinance even though Sanitary District does have the power to adopt it. Ordinance protects the well from any commercial, municipal, or private projects that would negatively impact our wellheads. Motion by Knutson to adopt Ordinance 3.11, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
   a. Peterson noted quote for Air Conditioning for Fire Station Training Room is $7,200. Chimney liner will also be included at $1,450.00.
   b. Planning Commission Survey is almost finalized. Will be up for approval at the meeting on August 10th.
c. Peterson got a quote for windows, but most repairs will be put off until after we have decided to add onto Town Hall or not.

d. Boma water extension meeting will take place on August 17th at 6:30 p.m. Town Board is invited to come, but it is not required.

   a. Wright noted drainage issues in Valley.
   b. Roads lost (not major), contractor being sought currently.
   c. Chip seal after August 15 Easter Rd (power company) E Helke Rd Rosewood In Johnson Rd Continental Lane (also new pipe) Leske Rd, Millstream and Bloomer Mill Park and W Werner if funds allow. Heal asked a question about the speed limit signs out there, Wright noted that they were changed.
   d. Mormon Coulee Park Boy scout project almost complete.
   e. Tennis Courts will be completed soon, more hot mix than anticipated. Resident submitted question about pickle ball lines in Arbor Hills. Wright mentioned the idea of doing a separate pickle ball court because the wellhouse took their ball field. Ehler and Candahl discussed the necessary dimensions. Peterson inquired what the cost would be, Wright mentioned it would be nearly $20,000.00. The project will be reconsidered in 2022.
   f. Friday morning will start the 30 days of the new well running. It must be running for 30 days with no issues before Well 1 can shut down.
   g. National Night Out: Wright will have someone fog the park to keep bugs away, will investigate quotes.
   h. Sewer linings are complete. One sewer backup caused by the lining. Vista sewer tried everything to clean up and fix the situation and resident would not allow Vista sewer into the home. $133,000 final cost of the lining project. Wright will get reports on the new rates and numbers to see how the flow has decreased.
   i. Responses to the people who did not allow inspection and people who failed inspection.
   j. New Dump Truck to replace #3 has been ordered.

9. Chairperson/Supervisor Reports.
   a. Candahl noted Boundary Agreement still has not come back. Sewer agreement also has not come back. Discussed attempts to reach out.
   c. Knutson question on Boy Scout Wyatt Moe, Knutson presented project to Parks and Vacant Land Committee. She will invite Scout to present to Parks and Vacant Land Committee. Town Board will defer to Parks to make decision on project.
   d. Knutson asked question about Police Department Report. Detailed reports like the Fire Department’s call report to provide more information or require presence at Board Meetings to give more details on calls. Candahl stated we can return the report and ask for additional information.

10. Adjournment. Motion by Knutson, second by Heal to adjourn 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk