

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 6:00 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, and Supervisors George Beasley, Irma Brockley, Craig Cawley and Ethel Smith were present.

Others Present: Clerk Marlo Gustafson, Town Attorney John Miller, Town Engineer Robert Roth, Brian Clepper from Columbia Energy Center, and resident Susan Dolgner were also present. Treasurer Zimmerman was on an excused absence.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified that public notice was given on May 17, 2019.

Town Agenda: Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor by call of roll.

Prior Month's Board Minutes: Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Permit list was reviewed.

Road Report: Columbia County will again complete the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluations and Ratings) report. This is required every odd-numbered year. Columbia County Highway will be spraying weeds again this year on township roads. Town roads were inspected, and bids were received for crack filling and seal coating.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Cawley reported that there were no lot sales or funerals. There is one upcoming cremation burial planned. Spring cleaning is complete.

Recycling Center Report: There were no complaints at the May meeting. It was reported that the WDNR will not allow the center to take grass or leaves any longer.

Sheriff's Report: No report was submitted.

Building & Grounds Report: Supervisor Beasley attended the May Solid Waste Management meeting. No issues were presented. The locked bulletin board next to the third door to the building at the east end needs to be removed. The key could not be located.

Correspondence: Provided in the Town Board packet was a copy of an email from Attorney Miller to WP&L/Alliant Energy's Attorney Kuzma, explaining in detail that the Township will not amend the Murray Road agreement. Attorney Miller explained that "since the mid 70's, this section of Murray Road has been used solely as an access to WP&L's power plant. WP&L owns the land on all sides of this section of Murray Road, and this section of road leads solely to WP&L's generating facility. Accordingly, for almost half a century, the only traffic on this road, has been traffic to and from WP&L's facility. Before then, as understood, this road served a few residences and a drive-in theater. Since WP&L's power plant has been located there, WP&L has

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undertaken to maintain/repair/rebuild this short section of roadway. Accordingly, this Road Agreement does not represent the first time that WP&L has been involved in maintaining/reconstructing this section of Murray Road. It has been doing so for nearly a half a century. If there would have been any spillage of hazardous waste on that roadway, it would have undoubtedly been from a vehicle that was traveling to or from the generating facility, since no one else would have any reason to be traveling on this section of road that only serves WP&L's generating facility". Attorney Miller's email went on to explain that if different circumstances existed, Attorney Kuzma's concern in regard to prior spillage, unrelated to the generating facility, would have been a pertinent issue to discuss. So, given the fact that this road has been used as access to WP&L's generating facility for many decades, the Town does not believe that the circumstances warrant the amendment that was proposed.

Also within the Town Board packet was a letter and brochure from Kurt Calkins, Planning & Zoning Director, asking for a list of questions/topics that the Town Board would like to discuss, and further asked the Town to provide any adopted land division ordinances that have content more restrictive than the county-wide ordinance to prepare for a meeting with a strong focus on process and content in order to help Planning & Zoning to streamline efforts, provide for better communication, and help them understand our local land division and density standards and procedures better. It was discussed that the Town of Pacific Town Board and Town of Pacific Plan Commission should plan a joint meeting to discuss the above.

Outside Meeting Attendance: None.

Town Plan Commission Report: There wasn't a meeting in May.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Beasley/Brockley to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor by call of roll.

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Brockley/Smith to approve payment of current bills with checks numbered 15063 through 15087 and electronic draws 19-29 through 19-34 in the amount of \$79,382.50. All in favor by call of roll.

Investments Report: Nothing due until July 2019.

Murray Road Paving Status Update: Brian Clepper, Lead Generation Environmental Specialist, reported that the Murray Road work was completed. He discussed some upcoming projects which included closing of the wet landfill. He also mentioned that a newspaper report stating that fly ash was seeping into area wells was not factual. All historical impacts of fly ash exist only on their site. He reported that the WDNR classifies fly ash (also known as pulverized fuel ash) as low hazardous waste. Fly ash also gets transported off site for concrete and agricultural use. Brian will work on a future Community Involvement Meeting.

Crack Filling Service, Corp. Proposal: Crack sealing and spot sealing will take place on the following roads: Jeri Drive, Jodi Drive, Bobbi Road, Suburban Heights Road, Dunning Road, and the Town Hall parking lot for a total of \$15,500.00. Motion by Smith/Brockley to approve

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proposal, and not include North Star Road which was part of the original proposal. All in favor by call of roll.

Seal Coating Estimates and Columbia County Highway Aid: Motion by Beasley/Brockley to have Supervisor Cawley and Chair Devine review the seal coating estimates and make the necessary decisions on which roads to do and for use of County Highway Aid. All in favor by call of roll.

Operator License Application – Cassidy Lund: Motion by Cawley/Smith to approve Cassidy Lund's application as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Lichtfeld Claim – Due to Correction of Assessor Error: Gardiner Appraisal applied the wrong zoning code to Parcel 435.03 which resulted in a much higher assessment. The amount of the adjustment is -\$55,100.00 multiplied by the 2018 mill rate. Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve claim in the amount of \$747.17. All in favor by call of roll.

Assessor Services: Due to constant assessment errors and multiple resident complaints against Gardiner Appraisal, the Town is seeking a new assessor firm for an impending revaluation and a maintenance contract. Clerk will contact several Assessor Services, including Gardiner Appraisal to provide a proposal for cost of services.

Adjourn: Motion by Brockley/Smith to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Town Clerk