

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

July 19, 2016 6:00 pm Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Meeting notice was published on the Town of Pacific Website and posted at the Pacific Town Hall. Portage Daily Register also received notice of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:00 pm.

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

Others Present: Treasurer Mark Zimmerman, Clerk Marlo Gustafson, Deputy Clerk Linda Koch, and Attorney John Miller. Also present were residents Bruce Kleespie, Lisa Wilson, and Jim Watson.

Verification of Public Notice: Made by Clerk.

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

Prior Month's Board Minutes:

Motion by Cawley/Brockley to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Amend Order of Business:

Motion by Brockley/Cawley to amend order of business to accommodate those present. All in favor by call of roll.

"No Semi" signage at North Shore Drive: A letter was submitted by Lynn and Nancy Van Epps of N7580 North Shore Drive regarding issues with oversized trucks/semis trying to negotiate the narrow one-way only drive. Residents Bruce Kleespie, Lisa Wilson, and Jim Watson were present to speak about the ongoing problem of 18-wheelers coming down North Shore Drive when there isn't room for the large vehicles to turn around. They would like the Township to place some type of warning sign. Attorney Miller cautioned the Board about placing such a sign and the implications involved in doing so, including the fact that the town cannot enforce traffic regulations on a private road. Attorney Miller will check on the legality of placing a sign and bring it to the Board next month. The residents who were present stated that they could place a sign themselves in a neighbor's yard near the problem area in order to warn semi drivers of the substandard road conditions.

Building Permits Report: Permit list was reviewed.

Road Report: Cawley reported that town roads were mowed by Columbia County. Seal coating should be completed soon.

Cemetery Report: Cawley reported that there were no lot sales or funerals in the last month. He also reported that the cemetery looked very nice for Father's Day.

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Recycling Center Report: Cawley reported that he attended the July 5th meeting and county employees and the public may no longer remove scrap metals or old lawn mowers from the metal recycling area of the facility. Solid Waste minutes were reviewed from June meeting.

Town Hall Report: Beasley reported on the dead tree on the property and the brush and trash along the lot line. He will give the lawn service company permission to cut the low limbs to allow the mower to pass through all areas.

Correspondence: Correspondence included in Board packet included a letter from Town Clerk to Robert Johnson of Pine Trails Golf Course LLC, regarding the requirement of licensed operators (bartenders) on his licensed premise, a letter from the State of Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources to Elmer Gosda of Saddle Ridge Marina Inc. regarding a permit extension for repair of riprap on the banks of Swan Lake, and a letter from Sue Moll, Columbia County Clerk regarding the requirement of “relier” clerks to track their own absentee ballots in WisVote for at least the August and November 2016 elections.

Outside Meeting Attendance Report: Beasley reported attending the Agriculture, Extension, Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting on July 12th. The discussion focused on deep wells.

Town Plan Commission Report: There wasn't a meeting, so there is nothing new to report.

Public Comments: Supervisor Smith reported that she received a call from Joe Bonin, owner of the Big Chicken Antique shop questioning if he needed any special permits for conducting a flea market in front of his store. Attorney Miller will review the Direct Seller's Ordinance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. Maturing investments were discussed. Two CD's matured this month and will be renewed with Farmers & Merchants Bank with an interest rate of 1.25% for three years. 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 13936 through 13959 in the amount of \$40,292.60. All in favor by call of roll.

Campground License Application: The application packet isn't fully complete. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

Operator License Applications: Motion by Smith/Beasley to approve operator licenses for Kristin Heinlein and Garret Thiede. All in favor by call of roll.

Amend Ordinance 250-19 (Closing Hours): Clerk Gustafson noticed that Town Ordinance 250-19 conflicts with state law regarding the permitted hours of carry-out sales of intoxicating liquor. State law cuts off the sales of intoxicating liquor at 9:00 p.m. The current town ordinance cuts off sales of intoxicating liquor at midnight. A township may impose more

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restrictive hours but not less restrictive hours. Motion by Cawley/Beasley to approve amendment to bring town ordinance into compliance with state law. All in favor by call of roll.

Update to Election Board: It is the opinion of the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (now known as Wisconsin Elections Commission) that with the exception of the municipal clerk, elected officials may not serve as election inspectors within the same municipality under the compatibility of offices doctrine which states the general rule that an individual may not hold two public offices or an office and a position within the same unit of government where one post is superior to the other. For this reason, Supervisor Smith is now removed from the Town of Pacific Election Board.

Public Nuisance Issue - Dead Trees on Swan Cove Lane: Discussed complaint of dead trees hanging over private roadway on Swan Cove Lane. Discussed the township's responsibilities on public roads vs. private roads.

Adjourn: Motion by Smith/Brockley to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Town Clerk