

Monthly Town Board Meeting – January 21, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 9 in attendance - 4 non-residents.

Chairman Heise called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on

January 13, 2008 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on January 16, 2008.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of Officers: Walter Heise, Chairman – Present; Michael Wundrock, Supervisor 1 – Present; Neil Freeman, Supervisor 2 – Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer – Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk – Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will Adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Approve Monthly Town Board Minutes: The December 17, 2007 Monthly Town Board Meeting minutes were approved as recorded by Sup. Freeman. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Wudnrock. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from the December 20th, December 28th and January 4, 2008 Special Town Board Meeting: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock to approve the minutes from the December 20th, December 28th and January 4, 2008 Special Town Board Meetings. Motion was seconded by Sup. Freeman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to approve the December 31, 2007 Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: (a)Move Funds to NL Fire Department Account: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to approve moving \$6,825.00 from the Road Construction/Maintenance Account into the NL Fire Department Account. Motion carried. (b)Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to approve payment of Vouchers 21314 through 21357, with exception of Void Check Number 21326, dated January 1, 2008 through January 21, 2008, and Direct Withdrawal of Monthly Interest Payment on the Road Construction Loan of \$195.84, for a total of \$1,489,724.79. Motion carried.

Weyauwega-Fremont School District-School Tax Rate: F. James Harlan, Weyauwega-Fremont School District Administrator was present to address Mukwa residents concerns (those who live in the Weyauwega-Fremont School District) regarding their property tax bills. Town Assessor Larry Preuss was also present to help residents and the Board understand the actual process of how all information obtained and the steps that are necessary to calculate the actual tax bill. Mr. Harlan and Mr. Preuss expressed that they are happy to answer any questions regarding this issue. Mr. Harlan also invited residents to attend School Board Meetings which are held on the fourth Monday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Weyauwega Middle School.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: Supervisor Wundrock prefaced the Public Forum by taking a moment to speak for the Board in the fact that the responsibility for snow removal lies with the Board, and the Board fully acknowledges that snow removal had not been done well or timely. Dan Deeg-Bean City Rd: Mr. Deeg responded that, yes there were problems, but once it was done it was done well; Jayne Deeg-Bean City Rd: Mrs. Deeg felt the Town should weigh the option of hiring Waupaca County Highway for snow removal. Her concern was that there were approx. 16 accidents on Bean City & Manske. Sup. Wundrock agreed that if problems continue, that may be an option. Mrs. Deeg questioned the use of salt/sand – Supervisor

Wundrock explained that unless weather conditions are at a certain temperature or if it is too windy, many times these products really don't work. It was explained by Mukwa Road Maintenance Personnel, Leroy Ritchie that salt doesn't work at temperatures under 20 degrees. Dan Deeg added that the Town should consider that after a rain, should try to get salt down-works better. Sup. Wundrock emphasized that the Board must try to have better communication with snowplow drivers, to insure that work is getting done in a timely manner. Mark Grossman-Forest Pine Dr: Mr. Grossman asked for Town procedures for getting equipment/personnel out –who makes the call? (Mr. Grossman had previously had a Town role and understands the difficulties of snow removal). Mr. Grossman expressed that Bean City Rd is a primary road and it seems that the Town is consistently late getting out plowing. Mr. Grossman emphasized that it is the Town Chairman's responsibility to make the call to personnel to insure that the work is getting done in a timely manner. It was asked approximate time to plow the entire town – approximately 8 hours on the south side and 6 hours on the north side – depending on weather conditions. The Board also explained that besides the unusually bad weather, there was some unusual circumstances-one snowplow driver had surgery and the replacement driver backed out. Mrs. Deeg inquired whether, in such an emergency, could we contact the County for help. It was explained that currently that probably would not be an option as the County is also short staffed and have actually dropped snowplowing other Towns. Jim Miller-Mechanic St: Mr. Miller expressed concerns about access to Hwy 54 from Northport (Ferry, Broadway, Church) – especially with snowmobiles parked near intersections, making visibility a concern. Sup. Wundrock wanted to emphasize that all intersections should take precedence and should be a priority. Lee Shaw-Klatt Rd: Mr. Shaw expressed that as the Town has grown and there are so many larger trucks, and people are out so much more – the snow gets packed down hard as a rock. Chairman Heise, Sup. Wundrock and Sup. Freeman all wanted to apologize and emphasized that they would work harder at this issue.

Brian Kuhnke-Variance for Garage Setback: Not present. Will be added to February Agenda.

County Supervisor: County Supervisor Fleese was not present, but had contacted Clerk Zielinski to advise that he had spoken with Ron Johnson, DOT regarding the Bean City Speed Limit issue. Mr. Johnson had indicated that he would send a letter of finding to the Town by the end of January – it has not yet been received.

Building Inspector Report: None.

Animal Control Officer: (a)Animal Report Forms/Veterinary Invoice/s: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/ Sup.Freeman to approve the Animal Control Report as read. Motion carried. (b)Citation Letter/s: None issued.

Plan Commission Update: (a)Janruay 9th Meeting - Lee Shaw, Chairman: Plan Commission Chairman, Lee Shaw reported that all Plan Commission members were present for the January 9th meeting. Chairman Shaw reported that changes were made and sent to Omni regarding the Non-Metallic Mine Ordinance. Plan Commission has decided that this issue should be split into two separate ordinances - one for just sand/gravel and one for blasting/crushing. At this time the revisions are being made by Omni. Suggestion has been made by Wisconsin Town's Association attorney, that before proceeding, this information should be further reviewed by an attorney that is more familiar with this type of ordinance-need to insure that this type of ordinance would be enforceable. Town Attorney Sorenson and Omni Associates agree that this would be the best plan at this time. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 7th, 6:00 pm, in the Mukwa Town Hall.

Roads: (a)Monthly Report: Some tree trimming has been done. The heavy, wet snow has knocked down a lot of trees on Bean City-will need to be addressed when weather permits. Chairman Heise was advised by road maintenance personnel that the chains on the grader are no longer repairable. Looked into approximate cost – around \$1500. Motion was made by Sup.

Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to authorize Leroy Ritchie to check prices with Reedsburg (recommended/used by Waupaca Cty. Hwy.), make sure have proper size, and then get back to Chairman Heise with this information, and thus give Chairman Heise authority to make purchase. Motion carried. (b)Possible Future Road Project-Big Eddy Road: Sup. Wundrock wrote a letter to Congressman Kagen inquiring as to whether there would possibly be any additional grants/earmarks available for this type of project. Estimate for this project is approximately \$45,000. Will be added to February's Agenda. (c)Snowplow Drivers: Sup. Wundrock wanted to emphasize that this item should also include snowplowing. Sup. Wundrock believes that the Town should advertise for additional, dependable applicants. Question the possibility of having contractual agreements, again emphasizing that the Town's safety must come first. These agreements need to be clearly stated, employee understands what's expected, work schedules are known and posted with Clerk and Chairman. Sup. Wundrock also questioned the possibility of an incremental wage scale and probationary periods. The Chairman and Board must coordinate this effort. Motion was made by Sup. Freeman with a second by Sup. Wundrock to approve the hiring of Doug Flease as a backup snowplow driver, once all appropriate paperwork is completed and approved. Motion carried. Motion was made by Sup.

Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to authorize Chairman Heise to contact Mr. Flease (to advise that he has been approved by the Board and now needs to fill out appropriate paperwork). Motion carried.

Waupaca County Zoning/Other Meetings: **Attended**: 1/15 NL Fire District Meeting: Chairman Heise attended. Replacement of tanker was discussed. Questioned best option for payment - equal payment or based on equalized value - decision to be made at the July 15th meeting.

Upcoming: 1/24 WIDOT Safety Meeting to be held at Midtown.

2/9 WTA Educational Seminar to be held in Waupaca; 2/21 Waupaca County Towns Association Quarterly Meeting to be held in Manawa. Sup. Freeman is planning on attending.

Operator License: Royalton Convenience Center-Ben Fenhouse: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to approve the issuance of an Operator's License to Ben Fenhouse for the Royalton Convenience Center. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 55-1-08 - Intergovernmental Comprehensive Plan Implementation Project: Motion was made by Sup. Wundrock/Sup. Freeman to adopt Resolution 55-1-08 - Intergovernmental Comprehensive Plan Implementation Project. Aye: Chairman Heise, Supervisor Wundrock; With Reservations: Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried. On file in the Clerk's office and on the Town's web site www.mukwa.org.

Landfill-Set 2008 Dates: The landfill on Cut-Off/Hutchison Rd will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. the following Saturdays: April 19th, May 10th, May 24th, June 21st, July 26th, August 23rd, September 20th, October 11th and October 25th. Motion was made by Sup. Freeman/Sup. Wundrock to approve the 2008 landfill dates as set. Motion carried.

New London Fire Department-Final 2007 Fire Run Reports: Motion was made by Sup. Freeman/Sup. Wundrock to accept the NLFM Fire Run Reports as reviewed. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (a)WTA ACE Educational Seminar-Agriculture's Changing Face: Meeting Environmental & Community Needs to be held on Tuesday, February 12th at Liberty Hall. Will check to see if any Plan Commission members would attend on behalf of the Town. Advise Clerk Zielinski if anyone would like to attend. Cost is \$30. (b)Blanket Permit for Century-Tel for work done in the Town. Clerk Zielinski will address this letter and send a copy of the Town's Permit that needs to be completed for each project done. (c)NLFMC-Ambulance: Regarding staffing service changes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Wundrock. Seconded by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk