

Monthly Town Board Meeting – August 15, 2016

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport

5 in attendance

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on August 7, 2016 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on August 12, 2016.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman – Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 – Present;

Matt Manske, 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: July 18, 2016 Monthly Town Board Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second by Supervisor Manske to approve the July 18, 2016 Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report: Read by Treasurer Grove. Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw and seconded by Supervisor Manske to accept the July 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report as read & printed. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: (a) Move Funds from Building Permits Account to Building Inspector Account: Supervisor Shaw made a motion to approve moving \$1,107.02.11 from the Building Permit Account to the Building Inspector Account, with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried. (b) Move Funds to Local Orders Account: Supervisor Shaw made the motion to approve moving the necessary \$179.16 from the Contingency Fund to the Local Orders Account. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried. (c) Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Chairman Curns to approve payment of Vouchers 26160 through 26217, dated July 19, 2016 through August 15, 2016, and Direct Withdrawal of Social Security, Medicare & Federal Taxes of \$1,270.08; for a total of \$21,915.34. Second to Chairman Curns' motion was made by Supervisor Shaw. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: Chris Martinson-New London School Board member was present to give an update. Mr. Martinson advised on School Board efforts to save money on ongoing maintenance, the Agriculture program, new teachers and the new Curriculum Director.

Building Inspector: Supervisor Shaw read the submitted Building Inspector's Report.

Animal Control Officer: (a) Animal Report Forms/Veterinary Invoice/s: Reviewed. (b) Citation Letter/s: None.

Plan Commission: Plan Commission Chair, Lee Shaw reported that Plan Commission meetings were held on July 27th and August 10th to prepare for the October 17th, 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Steve Motiff & Tanner Berg regarding a change to the Planning Classification of the property. Chair Shaw also reported that Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Chair, Ryan Brown was present to advise that updates to the Preferred Land Use Map need to be made.

Huckleberry Acres – New Owner James Fingerson: License Transfer Approvals -Effective: September 1, 2016:

(a) Liquor; (b) Cigarette; (c) Campground: Motion to approve the Transfer of the Huckleberry Acres, liquor, cigarette and campground license (*from Sue Murray*) effective September 1, 2016 to James Fingerson was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Elections - Poll Worker Approval: Gary Neumann: Supervisor Shaw made a motion to appoint Gary Neumann as a Poll Worker, with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Operator Approval - Heather Meyer – Phil's Still: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw & seconded by Supervisor Manske to approve the issuance of an Operator License to Heather Meyer. Motion carried.

Adopt – Resolution 74-2-16 “Just Fix It”: Wisconsin Towns Association has asked all Towns to adopt so that they may be submitted to Governor Walker. Supervisor Shaw made the motion to adopt Resolution 74-2-16 – “Just Fix It,” with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried. (*Copy on Town Website*)

RESOLUTION 74-2-16

“JUST FIX IT”

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and,

WHEREAS, towns are responsible for over 50% of the road miles in the state; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads, as well as urban streets and transit systems across the state; and,

WHEREAS, according to “Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin,” commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and,

WHEREAS, according the same research municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012, which is less than it was in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades, which has adversely affected local transportation finances; and,

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs; and,

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin, and unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that all of the interstate, state, and local road systems play a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin and must be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and,

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mukwa Town Board to urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a solution that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, at the Monthly Town Board Meeting held on the 15th day of August, 2016.

Roads: (a)Monthly Report: Mukwa maintenance reported that road patching is ongoing and that there was a large hold on Jennings Road near Markman Road. Signs installed. Mentioned low shoulders on Bean City Road by Greenfield and near Bob Ebbens.

(b)Road Equipment-Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: (1)Ditch Mower Update: Mower fixed – end rods changed and new shoes ordered to resolve issues.

(c)2017 Road Projects - Discussion: Since new culverts were being installed this year on Weyauwega, this would be a good project for 2017 – give the new culverts time to settle down. Both Ferry and Broadway were also discussed. This will be added to the September Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

(d)Follow-up: (1)Culverts: Weyauwega Road – not completed as of meeting. (2)Road Repair/Patch – Jennings Road: Work not completed as of meeting. (3)Tree Removal – Bean City Road: Tree not removed as of this meeting.

(e)Waupaca County Highway Department Snow Removal Contract Renewal – Discussion: Discussion on roads plowed, any changes needed and what Town maintenance plows. A meeting with County Highway will be set-up. This will be added to the September Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

Meetings/Training/Waupaca County Zoning Hearings: Attended: (1)Supervisor Shaw attended the July 21st – 10:00 a.m. Waupaca County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting held at the Courthouse Room 1037. Reported that traffic deaths are up so far this year.; (2)Chairman Curns & Supervisor Shaw attended the July 26th – 6:00 p.m. Ambulance Consortium Meeting held at the Weyauwega City Hall. Reported that Town cost should remain the same or possibly decrease due to possible additional participants in Gold Cross service. Next meeting will be held in December.

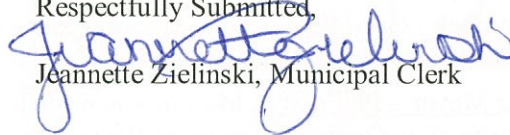
Upcoming: (1)August 18th – Waupaca County Towns Association-Manawa; (2)September – Wisconsin Towns Association Fall Workshops – Various Dates/Locations; (3)October 5th – Wolf River Preservation Meeting – Fremont; (4)October 10th & 11th – Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention/Training – Stevens Point

Election Reminder: November 8th – See Clerk Zielinski to Register to Vote or request an Absentee Ballot.

Notice of September Monthly Town Board Meeting Date Change: Meeting has been moved from Monday, September 19th to Tuesday, September 13th

Correspondence Received: School District of Weyauwega-Fremont – November 8th Facilities Referendum Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shaw. Second made by Supervisor Manske. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk