

Board Meeting  
February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Fred Belay, Chair, at 6:30 pm at the Town of Union town hall. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Bechard, Jeff Whyte, Deb Smith, Gloria Bloom, Treasurer – Poly Jensen, Clerk – Katie Garrett, and Deputy Clerk – Beverly Christopherson, and see attached list of visitors.

**Flag Salute**

**Plan Commission** – 4 or 5 residents were at the meeting. First on the agenda was Pritchard shed. Planning commission had no questions or concerns on this project and approved as submitted. Pritchard want to add on to his shed in order to put all his equipment away. Motion was made by Jeff Bechard to approve and Gloria Bloom seconded it, no oppose, motion carries. Second item was Larry Gregory – rezoning, conditional use, and comp plan change. He wants to rezone his land from Rural/Residential to C2. He wants to build storage units behind Bowl Winkles. The Town of Union has to be willing to take his parcel that town has listed as residential and change to commercial and then amend comp plan. Board does not have to vote on a motion for this at this time just need to state that town is willing to amend comp plan. We have to write first then the city approves before we approve.

**Zoning – Issue Junk vehicles, etc. on Town Properties** – County has a complaint form for people to fill out. Town of Union allows 2 unlicensed vehicles on property and County allows 1. If person does not want to fill out complaint form they can just call the county and report what they have seen. Fred Belay will put this information in Town Crier for all Town Residents.

**Clerk Position** – Katie Garrett will be leaving the Town of Union; she has accepted a position in Hayward. Katie has informed Janet Loomis at Eau Claire County that she is leaving and will need to help new clerk with April election. First issue is if the Town needs to post position in the paper or just offer it to Beverly Christopherson. Second issue is salary. Salary was originally set up at \$14K for clerk and \$6K for deputy, if no deputy then the \$20K is just for the clerk. Clerk will determine pay for deputy and if a deputy is needed. Would like to do a contract for Beverly to sign that states duties and pay.

**Blasting Ordinance – Truck Hauling** – Gloria Bloom made a motion to accept the ordinance with the changes that have been made. Fred Belay seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries. Fred Belay will talk with Hibbard about truck weight ordinance because we opted out.

**Dog Licenses** – Letter from Theresa Hestekin regarding open records law. Board said to give letter to Hibbard and find out exactly what we should give her. Both Bruce and Theresa added \$40 on their taxed and in the memo section put Kennel. Polly did not give them any tags or anything, \$40 was refunded to both Bruce and Theresa as tax overage.

**Humane Association** – \$2,500 was approved for the 2015 Humane Association contract. The charges for 2014 totaled \$3,800 if we did not have the contract we have a \$500 difference in what we approved contract for and what it actually is. The contract price for 2015 will be \$3,000; we will pay \$750 a quarter. Jeff Bechard made a motion to accept the contract at \$3,000 and Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

Fred Belay made a motion to rescind the motion from the last meeting approving the \$2,500 for contract and Gloria Bloom seconded it. No oppose, motion carries.

**Jake Brake/Noise** – Whatever the Town passed we need to re-do and need to follow what the US-DOT says per Hibbard. Hibbard gave us an ordinance we could pass to make legal; the Town Chair is the person that must enforce this. The Town needs to rescind the motion made for Jake Braking. Jeff Whyte made to motion to rescind the previous motion made on Jake Braking and Fred Belay seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

New Engine Brake Ordinance from Hibbard, Jeff Whyte made a motion to accept the ordinance from Hibbard, Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries. We need to publicize this and send to county.

**Roads** – Jeff Whyte that the brush was trimmed on Alpine Rd.

**Fire Station #3** – They served 70 people and thought that the donations they received turned out really good. Dave was asked by a town resident if the Fire Station would be interested in doing a Wounded Warrior Benefit. Wondering if this can be done at Fire Station or if it should be done at the Town Hall. If this is possible would like to do instead of the Open House the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Tom Lee will be heading up and it is a Spaghetti Feed, money goes to Wounded Warrior. This should probably be done at the Town Hall.

**Building Inspector Reports** – No paperwork for year 2015- Polly notes she has a check but clerk has no permits turned in from building inspector.

**Board Reports** – MPO – Didn't go to meeting. Next Town Association meeting is April 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Tourism – Evening Supper is Wednesday night.

Fire Board met – Still talking about Communication Tower at Township – also noted that they have paid the electricity for Verizon tower.

**Citizens Input & Questions:**

Deb Smith wanted to mention that Walkers Budget Proposal – All municipalities' mill rates, property appraisal will all be done by the County. The bigger counties want to manage all the surrounding towns.

**Review/approval – previous meeting's minutes** – Need to note that the Town Assoc. meeting was the 29<sup>th</sup>. Need to look for Charter Contract as noted in meeting minutes. Make sure to note the Tower-Fire Station – as Communication Tower at Township. Jeff Bechard made motion to accept minutes with changes and Gloria Bloom seconded. No oppose, motion carries.

**Newsletter Review** – Fred Belay will take care of putting information on Parks in the newsletter. Jeff Bechard will do something on Frac Sand. Need to note the Date of Election. Let residents of Town know that they need to look on their vehicle registration to make sure it is registered in Town of Union and not Eau Claire. Would also like to see some sort of article that states exactly what the Youth Forest can be used for. Deb will have something from Comp Plan.

**Treasurers Report** – Checks to County & School, county gives those amounts.

**Review/Approval of bills** – Gloria Bloom made a motion to accept the bills as noted on the report. Fred Belay seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

**Licenses – Operators, etc.** –Have 1 Driveway permit. Menards will not be serving any alcohol/beer, no liquor licenses available.

**Town Properties – Transfer Station gate sign - Apparently** a resident called regarding the transfer station being closed at 4:26pm and sign says 8 – 5. Need to update sign showing correct hours, Fred Belay will take care of this.

**Constables Report** – Nothing to report

**Set next meeting dates, agendas** –

Our next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Gloria Bloom made a motion to adjourn. Fred Belay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.  
Adjourn 9:10pm