

Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016, at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The Clerk, Treasurer, Chairman Cashman and Supervisor Lasee were present. Supervisor Van Vonderen was excused. Bob Gerbers, Zoning Administrator, Tom Collins (Wrightstown Spirit) and other members of the public were present. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes from September 19, 2016, Town Board meeting

M/M by Supervisor Lasee to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016, Town Board meeting as presented; seconded by Chairman Cashman. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 28, 2016, Budget Workshop meeting

This item was deferred to the Monday, October 17, 2016 meeting.

Review abatement plan for Parcel R-32, 3284 Ryan Road

Chairman Cashman spoke with Robert Hecker, owner of Parcel R-32. The old town hall, located on the property, recent caught on fire. Cashman reported that Hecker has been cleaning the property and burning piles of wood from the basement that did not burn during the fire. Hecker hopes to have the property cleaned up prior to the first snowfall. The Brown County Sheriff's Department is conducting an arson investigation to determine who started the Labor Day weekend fire. The Department of Natural Resources inspected the materials and no asbestos is present. Hecker has a buyer for the historic brick from the building.

Renewal of Assessor Contract

Clerk Charette provided a copy of a new contract for assessment services. Charette explained that the last contract for assessment services with Bob Taicher was approved in 2014 at an annual rate of \$8,900. Taicher is requesting a \$300.00 increase for this contractual year. If approved, the contract would be retroactive and take effect June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017. This request is being considered now because it affects the 2017 budget.

M/M by Supervisor Lasee to approve the Assessor's contract as presented; seconded by Chairman Cashman. Motion carried.

Building/Zoning Report

Bob Gerbers reported that there were three permits issued in September for: 1) an in ground pool; 2) a storage shed addition; and 3) a new single family home. Two utility permits also were issued. Permit fees collected totaled \$1,255.00 of which Gerbers received \$815.00 for inspection fees.

Gerbers attended the Brown County Education and Recreation meeting on Thursday, September 29th at Way Morr Park. Gerbers spoke with Matt Kriese, Brown County Parks Director regarding county zoning over property located within the Town. Gerbers stated that since 1983, the county has only regulated the setbacks and the culverts in the towns. In his experience, Brown County allowed a town's ordinance to take precedence over its parcels and did not set the rules on the town roads. Gerbers recommended that the Town's attorney be contacted to determine what authority the Town has over this project. Brown County is proposing to have high end weddings on the property. It is estimated to cost \$100,000 per year to maintain and may take up to \$750,000 to bring it up to code. Chairman Cashman spoke with Brown County Supervisor John Van Dyck who stated there

are a few supervisors who are against it with approximately three or four of the supervisors on the Education and Recreation Committee who support the project. Supervisor Lasee stated that he will speak with Troy Streckenbach regarding this project.

Vanessa Maki, 843 Windchime Way, stated that she is interested in knowing what jurisdiction the Town has over the property. She noted that Brown County intends to have a caretaker live in the house located on the parcel and Supervisors inferred that they will only vote no if it is too expensive or if they do not have jurisdiction over the property.

Justin Samuels, 811 Windchime Way, is wondering whether the Town should contact the DNR to determine how the proposed blacktop of the parking lot will affect the neighboring environment. Samuels also inquired whether Brown County will plow the Town roads near the park. Cashman responded that is the Town's responsibility.

Eric Maki, 843 Windchime Way, stated that the Koch's offer did not restrict the type of use on the parcel by the county.

Cashman stated that this proposal is being returned to the Brown County staff and will then return to the Education and Recreation Committee on the third Thursday of November. Thereafter, it could be forwarded to the full county board in December.

Treasurer Van Dyck stated that any correspondence should be sent to all County Board members and also to County Executive Streckenbach.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Cashman reported that Lange Enterprise, Inc., will begin installation of the emergency signs throughout the Town on Monday, October 10th. Installation will occur by alphabetical order of street names. Lange is estimating that it will take 2-3 weeks to install these signs.

Cashman stated that he attended the Just Fix It meeting in Green Bay on September 29th. He reported that there is a shortfall in the state transportation budget. Local road aids will go up in the next budget. Cashman reported that \$.29 of every transportation dollar is being applied towards the financing for road projects. The state has bonded too much and the Governor Walker is unwilling to raise gas tax or fees to fund projects. It is projected that if the gas tax was increased by \$.05/gallon it would cover the shortfall.

Lasee explained that Wisconsin has a high gas tax already and the Governor is reluctant to raise it.

Cashman reported that the Brown County Public Works Department will hold a public informational meeting on the CTH ZZ project on Thursday, November 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rockland Town Hall.

Greenleaf Greenscapes will be cutting the top part of the town road ditches and will then return to cut the rest when the lower sections dry.

Kevin Derenne, 3950 Seven Oaks Drive, stated that at the September 19, 2016, Town Board meeting, he provided Tim Ambrosius, CQM, with a copy of the estimate for replacing the invisible dog fence that was broken during construction during the Hickory Ridge Drainage Improvement project. He provided a copy of this estimate to Chairman Cashman and Supervisor Lasee requesting that he be reimbursed for the estimate so that he can install the fence at a later date. The estimate is approximately \$1,797 which includes the wiring of a continuous loop around the property.

Kory Derenne, 3943 Stonewall Drive, stated the purpose for the drainage improvement project is to improve the drainage in the subdivision. Derenne stated that the ditch went from 12" drop over 200 feet to 15" drop of culvert pipe over 200 feet. Derenne claims there is no more of a slope than when the project started. Cashman stated that culverts are at the right heights. He stated that it is poor workmanship in between the culverts that is causing the

water to drain backwards. Derenne asked whether there will be any plans for the Town to cut the ditches 1-2 times per year. Cashman stated that if the landowner did not sign the temporary right of entry then the Town cannot go onto those properties.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Van Dyck reported that she transferred the money from the roads account to the general fund to cover the payment to Express Excavating for the Cashman Drive project.

The Town received \$2,820.64 from additional stadium district excess tax revenue. Van Dyck also reported that \$1,272 was received in agricultural use conversion fees. Van Dyck noted that she will have new dog licenses available by November 1st.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to receive the Treasurer's report; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

Announcements and Distribution of Correspondence-

Clerk Charette provided the following to the Town Board: 1) a copy of the October 4, 2016, De Pere City Council agenda and a copy of the De Pere Finance Committee agenda; 2) chapter 74 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding tax collections; 3) e-mail from Justin Samuels regarding parcel R-181-1 donation.

Treasurer Van Dyck reported receiving a complaint regarding missed garbage.

Items for future meetings- welcome signs; fee schedule; tax collection agreement, 2017 proposed budget

Public comment-

Terry Vertz asked what the agricultural conversion fee is. Van Dyck noted that it is for land that is taken out of farm land and used for another purpose. The Town receives half of the conversion fee.

Voucher in Payment of Bills

Clerk Charette provided the voucher for approval.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve checks #9645-9669 for a total of \$19,304.93 with no voided checks and no online payments; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

Adjournment

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann B. Charette, Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Dennis J. Cashman, Chairman