

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all Board members were present along with Kayla Guns (Wrightstown Spirit), Bob Gerbers, and other members of the public. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes from October 20, 2014, Town Board meeting

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the minutes from October 20, 2014, Town Board meeting as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes from October 29, 2014, Budget workshop meeting

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the minutes from October 29, 2014, Budget Workshop meeting as presented; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion on options to govern Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Commercial Vehicles

The Board reviewed the six different local government options available under Wisconsin Act 377. Chairman Cashman explained that this legislation sets weight limits for Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural CMV at 23,000 pounds per axle and maximum total weight of 92,000 pounds.

The Board considered option E which would require the passage of a local ordinance versus Option F which would follow Act 377 without the adoption of an ordinance. Discussion was had on the advantages and disadvantages of both options. It was also suggested that the Town attempt to work with neighboring towns to ensure cohesion along borders.

This item is on the agenda for the Brown County Joint Municipal Court to discuss and consider on Thursday.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to table this items until the next town board meeting; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Building/Zoning Report

Bob Gerbers reported that in October, there were four permits taken out: 1) for a new home Nickel Ledge; 2) remodeling of a basement; 3) construction of a garage addition; and 4) construction of a storage shed. Total permit fees collected including a new home security deposit totaled \$2940.00. Gerbers collected \$1400.00 for inspection fees and \$230.00 for inspecting residences that had natural gas installed from Wisconsin Public Service.

Gerbers reported meeting with Steve Van Handel, ^{manager} ~~owner~~ of Big Valley Farms to discuss the construction of an enclosure for a wood burning stove. A permit will not be issued until Gerbers confirms that the new structure will have enough room to safely enclose the wood burning stove.

Craig Hutjens has requested to bore under Old Martin to put a 12" pipe 3.5 feet under the road in order to transfer manure via a hose that will maneuver through the culvert. A cap will be installed on each side of the hose.

Gerbers recommended that the Town have a minimum 36" culvert on the roads in agricultural areas in order to handle larger equipment. Supervisor Van Vonderen requested that Gerbers review current ordinance to determine what sections would need to be revised and then forward the request to the Planning Commission.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Cashman reported hauling over 30 tires to the Brown County waste facility that were found in the ditches. The total cost of disposal was \$78.00.

Chairman Cashman reported that last Wednesday, a resident's dog killed a number of rabbits that were being housed at his hobby farm on Old Military Road. The owner has chosen not to make a claim for reimbursement of the dead rabbits under the Brown County fund.

Dick's Lawn Care is continuing to cut the grass in ditches throughout the town.

Chairman Cashman explained that the bill from the Brown County Highway Department for the installation of steel posts included the cost of steel posts installed in front of the guardrails and the additional posts that were installed for the new signs.

Chairman Cashman reported that over the past two weeks, Mike Hoskens has been adding gravel to the ~~shoulders~~ ^{end of the} culverts on Eiler and Midway roads and will be changing the culvert out as well.

Planning Commission Report

Supervisor Van Vonderen reported that the Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday to review the final draft of the Agri-Business ordinance. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the revised chapters to the Comprehensive Plan on November 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Wind Siting

Supervisor Schwalbach reported that the Wind Siting Council presented their report including the minority report to the legislature last week.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Van Dyck reported that the 2014 dog license were turned into Brown County. The new licenses should be received soon. Based upon the Treasurer's projections, she is estimating a general fund year-end balance between \$135,000 and \$155,000.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to accept the financial report; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Correspondence-

Chairman Cashman announced that the Joint Municipal Court is this Thursday in Morrison and the majority of the Board will be attending. Clerk Charette reported the number of voters who voted absentee. Clerk Charette also announced the DNR MS4 permit webinar that will take place on November 20, 2014 and distributed a thank you card from Scott's Construction. Treasurer Van Dyck announced that she and the Clerk attended the Brown County Treasurer's meeting a few weeks ago. Supervisor Schwalbach announced that he attended the Wisconsin Town's Association Convention in Steven's Point last week.

Items for future meetings-Implements of Husbandry ordinance; Agri-Business Ordinance; budget.

Public comment-

None

Approval of Voucher in Payment of Bills

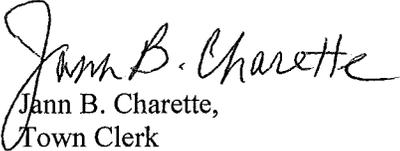
Clerk Charette provided the Voucher to the Board.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve checks #8731, 8743-8769 for a total of \$42,083.01 with five voided checks and no online payments; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried by voice vote.

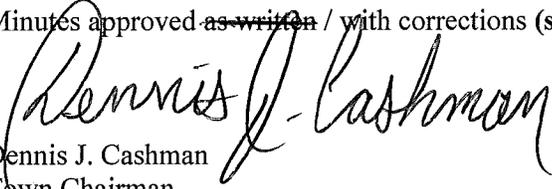
Adjournment

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried by voice vote.

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


Jann B. Charette,
Town Clerk

Minutes approved ~~as written~~ / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, November 17, 2014.


Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman