

TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2006

On Tuesday, October 24, 2006, the Town Board of the Town of Paris held their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present for the meeting were Chairman Virgil Gentz; Supervisors, Ken Monson and Jeff Ashmus; Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Terry; Building Inspector, Frank Christensen; Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway; Fire/Rescue Chief, Bill Beetschen; and Town Attorney, John Knuteson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from previous meetings of 9/27/06 and 10/2/06 were **APPROVED WITH THE AMENDMENT OF LIGHTING, NOT SIGNAGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF 142 AND “MB”, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

The Treasurer’s Report was read as follows:

General Account

September 1, 2006	\$	22,501.96
Plus: Deposits		312,105.32
Less: Checks Issued		311,344.12
Balance: September 30, 2006	\$	23,263.16

Investments

State Investment Pool	\$	9,597,618.31
Money Market Account	\$	1,516,924.66

The Treasurer’s Report was **APPROVED ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

THERE WERE NO CITIZEN COMMENTS:

At this time, Mr. Larry Harding, who is running for the 66th District Assembly addressed the Board regarding the upcoming election.

1. PLAN COMMISSION BUSINESS:

There was no action taken at the Plan Commission level for the month of October, 2006.

2. FIRE/RESCUE BUSINESS:

Chief Beetschen stated that there would be blue prints available approximately January 9th for the new engine. The Board will be given two weeks to review them, and then Pierce will schedule a pre-build meeting. The scheduled delivery date for the engine is June 6, 2007.

He stated that the staffing is going well.

People need to call prior to burning. Yard waste can be burned in small piles without prior approval; however, larger amounts must be called in first. It is not allowed to use accelerants.

Supervisor Monson stated concerns about the paid on premise personnel being able to clean the Town Hall – will they be able to get it done?

Chief Beetschen felt there will be no problem with doing this.

Supervisor Ashmus asked that the paid on premise personnel make it a point to clean the Town Hall on Monday mornings.

Chief Beetschen will do this.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DOG CONTROL/HUMANE OFFICER (previously tabled):

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

It was stated that a “dog catcher” does not need to be certified; however, a “humane officer” must be certified – this would allow the officer to issue citations.

Town Attorney Knuteson would feel more comfortable if the person were a certified humane officer.

Attorney Knuteson supplied the Board with a draft agreement with Mr. Ron Willis of R.A. Pest Control for picking up dogs. Mr. Willis is not presently certified; however, he has expressed to Mr. Knuteson that he would attend the 40-hour certification training course.

Supervisor Monson asked what other municipalities are doing?

Attorney Knuteson stated that Safe Harbor is looking at contracting with all other municipalities.

Supervisor Ashmus questioned the wording of the contract wherein it states "dogs and cats", and also "cruelty to animals." He feels that the Town is only interested in dogs right now.

Attorney Knuteson stated that it would only be for dogs for the 2007 year.

Chairman Gentz is not interested in picking up stray cats.

Supervisor Ashmus would prefer contracting with a dog catcher for three years. He also questioned liability insurance and workman's compensation? He wants to make sure that the Town would not be liable for anything.

Supervisor Monson would prefer just hiring a dog catcher.

Chairman Gentz stated that the Town would have to check with Wausau Insurance regarding any liability.

Supervisor Monson would like to see what the gentleman that works for the City of Kenosha would charge, and also whether or not Mr. Willis has insurance.

TABLE THIS MATTER FOR A FUTURE MEETING, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LETTER RECEIVED CONCERNING SPEED LIMIT IN FRONT OF PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

It was stated that Providence School would like to see the speed limit in front of the school reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph.

Mr. Holloway asked if this would be all the time; or just when children are present?

Chairman Gentz assumes it would be only when children are present, but he is not sure.

Attorney Knuteson stated that the speed would be reduced on either side of the school.

Supervisors Monson and Ashmus would be in favor of this for only during school hours.

Chairman Gentz is expecting a letter from Paris School Administrator Slowinski.

AUTHORIZE DRAFTING A LETTER, AFTER WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PARIS SCHOOL, TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT IN FRONT OF PARIS GRADE SCHOOL AND PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TO 35 MPH WHILE CHILDREN ARE PRESENT, OR DURING SCHOOL HOURS, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOTICE TO SOLICIT SNOW PLOW BIDS:

Attorney Knuteson stated that the Town is not required to seek bids regarding snow plowing.

Supervisor Monson would like to see the snow plowing bid out; he would also like the notice for bids to include shoveling in front of the doors.

AUTHORIZE PUBLISHING REQUEST FOR SNOW PLOWING BIDS, WITH THE INCLUSION OF SHOVELING, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

6. UPDATE ON THE TOWN'S JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE:

Attorney Knuteson supplied the Board with a memo regarding the junk vehicle ordinance.

Chairman Gentz stated that in the past, the Town has taken pictures of the violations.

Supervisor Ashmus stated that the Town needs to do whatever is necessary to take care of the violations. He suggested contacting former Town Attorney, Matt Quinn.

Supervisor Ashmus will take pictures of violations in the event the Building Inspector, Frank Christensen is unavailable to do so.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOWN'S INVESTMENT OPTIONS:
Chairman Gentz wants to check into other investment options for all of the Town's funds.
Supervisor Monson felt that this may be putting the Town's money at risk by changing things.
Attorney Knuteson stated that the financial institutions are secured by 100% security. He also stated that the Town should have an investment policy if they don't presently have one.
AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INVESTMENT BANKING, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

8. UPDATE ON TOWN HALL REMODELING:
There will be another meeting with Camosy on Monday, October 30th at 4:30 pm.

9. UPDATES FROM JOHN HOLLOWAY – PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:
Mr. Holloway stated that the Town is getting an increased number of inquiries on dog related business.
Supervisor Monson felt that the Town Board should wait to see what happens with the recently approved dog business before making any decisions about future ones.
Mr. Holloway also reported he has had an influx of people complaining about their neighbors doing business in a non-business zoning.
Chief Beetschen stated that he too has been advised of businesses being run from homes.
Chairman Gentz would like Chief Beetschen to supply the Town Hall with a list of business that the fire department inspects.
Mr. Holloway stated that the Plan Commission has met with the Hrupka family regarding splitting some property.
There will be a Smart Growth meeting on October 31st.
Camiros will be having a "kick-off" meeting in the near future.

10. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:
*Chairman Gentz has been receiving calls regarding bring Cable to the Town of Paris.
*November 15th the Town's Association Meeting will be held at the Town of Paris Town Hall at 7:00 pm.
*The Town's Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner will be Held December 4, 2006.
*Building Inspector Frank Christensen stated that the Memorial Bricks were put in place last week Friday.
*Mr. Christensen questioned the Town asking that the Biehn property be rezoned back to agriculture since they did not meet the conditions established for them.
Mr. Holloway stated that the agricultural parcel that Biehn had added to the business parcel was supposed to be combined.
Mr. Christensen didn't think the combination had happened.
Mr. Christensen and Mr. Holloway will get together and check into this matter.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW:
NONE

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS:
November 14th at 7:00 PM – Budget Hearing
November 15th at 7:00 PM – WTA Meeting
November 28th at 7:00 PM – Town Board Meeting

At 9:30 PM, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Terry
Clerk/Treasurer

