

## **TOWN BOARD – FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

On Tuesday, February 27, 2007, the Town Board of the Town of Paris held their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Virgil Gentz at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with the following persons present: Chairman Virgil Gentz; Town Board Supervisors, Ken Monson and Jeff Ashmus; Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Terry; Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway; Fire/Rescue Chief, Bill Beetschen; Rescue Assistant Chief, Melanie Knigge; Building Inspector Frank Christensen and Town Attorney, John Knuteson.

Minutes from previous meetings of 12/11/06; 1/22/07 and 1/23/07 were **APPROVED ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Terry, read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

### **General Account**

January 1, 2007	\$ 159,607.33
Plus: Deposits	\$ 920,077.39
Less: Checks Issued	\$ 636,492.40
Balance: January 31, 2007	\$ 283,584.99

### **Investments**

State Investment Pool – 1/31/07 Balance	\$10,092,958.00
Money Market Account – 1/31/07 Balance	\$ 3,071,914.94

The Treasurer's Report was **APPROVED AS READ, ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:           NONE**

**1.     FIRE/RESCUE BUSINESS:**

**a.     QUOTES REGARDING RESCUE BILLING:**

Chief Beetschen explained to the Board that he has received information from three billing companies – Life Quest; Andres; and ABA Medic.

Supervisor Ashmus asked how the Town is billing people now?

Chief Beetschen stated that the Town bills two times; the Town gets 80% of the bill. The Town does not bill residents.

Supervisor Monson stated that there are no dollar figures on these quotes.

Chief Beetschen said that these companies would like to give a presentation to the Board.

Supervisor Ashmus asked if the company would work on the Town's computers?

Chief Beetschen said everything would be on the company's system.

Chairman Gentz was quite concerned about the cost; however, he did talk to the Town's auditor, and the auditor felt that an outside company should do the rescue billing.

Chief Beetschen suggested a telephone conference between Melanie Knigge, two others and the individual billing companies; then they (committee) would report back to the Board.

Supervisor Ashmus asked if something like this is worthwhile for the Town, considering the small number of calls the Town responds to.

Chief Beetschen said that it is worthwhile.

Chairman Gentz suggested that within the next two weeks, the department should check into this further.

**THIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> TOWN BOARD AGENDA.**

At this time, Chief Beetschen stated that:

\*The Town passed the State Ambulance Inspection with 100%.

\*The next round of fire inspections will be coming up soon.

\*March 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a training burn at 13913-38<sup>th</sup> Street.

\*NIMS offers on-line training free.

Chairman Gentz asked if anyone on day-time staffing does fire inspections?  
Chief Beetschen said that the fire inspectors just finished schooling. Only occasionally is one of the day-time staff also a fire inspector.

**2. PLAN COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

1. Petition by Walter and Vera Jaeger (Owners) and Timothy and Brandy Panek (proposed buyers/agent) to rezone 10 acres of Tax Parcel 45-4-221-032-0101 from A-1 and C-1 to A-2 and C-1. The existing parcel, located at 16515 1<sup>st</sup> Street, is currently 72.13 acres with two residences located on it. The purpose of the petition is to allow for the separation of the west residence and barn from the original property. The proposed split would be from the northwest corner of the Jaeger farm with the dimensions of 300 feet of frontage and a depth of 1,508 feet.

No one was present for the meeting. Plan Commission Chairman Holloway explained the petition. By dividing this off of the Jaeger farm, they are in a position that there will be no further splits from this property.

They will use the existing driveway.

**ACCEPT PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL, NOTING THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING HOME ON THE PROPERTY AND THERE WILL BE NO NEW BUILDING, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

2. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Town Board with regard to Chapter 3 (Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources) of the Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County.

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway stated that he will have Chapter 3 sent to Attorney Knuteson via email. He also stated that Kenosha County has already adopted this Chapter. In reading the document, Chairman Holloway found some typographical errors and has already sent them on to the appropriate people.

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway would like to have Town Board Chairman Gentz accompany him to a meeting with representatives of Kenosha County.

**TABLE THIS MATTER, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**3. UPDATE REGARDING THE TOWN'S INVESTMENT OPTIONS: (Previously tabled):  
No new information received:**

Attorney Knuteson spoke with Julie Craig, from the Auditing Firm. Ms. Craig doesn't feel that the Town needs all of the items listed in the present Request for Proposal regarding the Town's Investment Options. Only the investment portion should be included – not the checking account. He would suggest that this remain tabled.

Supervisor Monson was concerned with tabling it again – hadn't the Town already tabled it the maximum number of times?

**THIS ITEM REMAINED TABLED UNTIL MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

**4. UPDATE REGARDING PROPERTY REVERTING BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL ZONING/TWELFTH STREET INVESTORS: (previously tabled):  
MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

Attorney Knuteson will draft a letter to Kenosha County regarding this matter.

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway stated that Kenosha County doesn't see a need to rezone this parcel. B-5 would still require a conditional use permit.

At the Plan Commission level when this original rezoning came forward, the plan commission motion was to deny rezoning – the plan commission vote was 3-3 and then, they sent it on to the Town Board with no conditions at all. Attorney Matt Quinn and Mr. Holloway worked on the conditions and the Town Board approved those conditions 2-1.

Attorney Knuteson stated that if the Town Board approved rezoning with conditions, and the conditions have not been met, then it should revert back to it's original state.

Supervisor Ashmus stated that the Town Board needs to be consistent in their decision making. The Board should proceed with sending a letter to the County.

Supervisor Monson stated that he has been opposed to the rezoning of this property all along – the Town Board should follow the rules they set. The conditions were not met, and the zoning should revert back to it's original zoning.

**AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY KNUTESON TO SEND A LETTER TO KENOSHA COUNTY ZONING WITH THE BOARD'S INTENTIONS, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Supervisor Ashmus would like to see a draft of the letter before being mailed out.**

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEMORIAL FOR LARRY BRUMBECK:**

Mr. Larry Brumbeck worked for Kenosha County for 29 years. He recently passed away and the Town of Paris would like to send a donation to Kenosha County. The County is considering either a tree or a concrete bench in memory of Mr. Brumbeck.

**DONATE THE SUM OF \$250.00 TO THE LARRY BRUMBECK MEMORIAL, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**6. DISCUSSION REGARDING BIDDING FOR INSURANCE:**

Ms. Michelle Strauss, from Horton Insurance Agency, Inc., was present for the meeting.

Chairman Gentz stated that he had received a few telephone calls from different insurance companies wishing to give quotes to the Town of Paris.

Chairman Gentz would like to compare insurance costs.

Supervisor Ashmus would be interested in looking at different quotes.

Chief Beetschen stated that the Horton Insurance Agency is an exceptional insurance company for fire and rescue.

**OPEN UP TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR INSURANCE, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**THIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE APRIL, 2007 AGENDA.**

**7. APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSE PENDING RECORD CHECK:**

**Sharon A. McNamara**

**APPROVED ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**8. UPDATES FROM JOHN HOLLOWAY – PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:**

\*There will be a Smart Growth meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, at the Kenosha County Center;

\*May 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Public Meeting for Smart Growth;

\*The drag strip was invited to the last plan commission meeting.

Chairman Gentz stated there would be a meeting next Monday at 2:00 pm at the Kenosha County Center. If the drag strip were to go through, it would open up the conditional use permit.

Chief Beetschen stated that motocross activities have many incidents.

Chairman Gentz stated that the track would be billed for ambulance service.

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway stated that the drag strip would be needing rezoning also, because about one-half of this property is still zoned agricultural.

\*Larry Biehn is under pressure to liquidate.

\*Hi-Way Sales is for sale again – it is being advertised as auto repair and body shop; however, he doesn't have a permit for that use.

\*There was an incident at I94 and Highway "E" this weekend regarding a loose sign. It was suggested that Attorney Knuteson draft some sort of ordinance to cover this sort of matter. Possibly a nuisance ordinance.

\*Mr. Holloway is concerned about the semi traffic on Highway 142.

\*Chief Beetschen agreed that something needs to be done regarding the semis by Highway "MB" and "142."

**9. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

At this time, Supervisor Ashmus stated that the Board Members are voted in by the people of the Town of Paris – not the persons that run the drag strip. The Board needs to do what is in the best interest of the people of Paris.

Supervisor Monson said the Board will have to watch the drag strip closely.  
Supervisor Monson has received telephone calls from Gohlke regarding the landfill.  
The holding tank alarm needs to be fixed – he will call around to look for one.

Chairman Gentz spoke on getting “no parking” signs along the frontage road.

Building Inspector, Frank Christensen received a telephone call from a realtor wanting to put up a 200 unit storage unit on frontage road North of “K”. He would suggest the Town purchasing the property.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW: NONE**

**11. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be meetings in Racine regarding intersections and the frontage road.

March 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a WTA meeting/dinner at Randi’s.

March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00 –pm, there will be a reception at the Brat Stop for Gail Gentz, former Clerk of Circuit Court.

**At 9:40 pm, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION.  
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Linda M. Terry  
Clerk/Treasurer*