

OTTAWA TOWN BOARD

Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2015

Chairman Arrowood called the meeting of the Ottawa Town Board to order. Roll call attendance was taken, and Town Supervisors Goodchild, Casper, Rupp and Jones were all present.

Supervisor Rupp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly activity report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Goodchild and carried.

The Building Inspector's monthly activity report was reviewed. There have been 6 new home permits issued this year. Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper, and carried.

The Board members reviewed the Town Engineer's monthly activity report. Supervisor Casper questioned the redundancy of some of the items listed in the report. Chairman Arrowood replied that new information is shown in italics, and the items on the report keep the Board up to date. Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

Chief Bowden was present to update the Board on what the Dousman Fire District has been up to. He said that they have been reviewing contracts, and reaching out to make sure that everyone is being served. He said that they are actively recruiting members as they have lost ten members in the last four months to full-time jobs. They are working on retention. He described the big calls that they have responded to in the last month. They have been out and about, and have kept very busy

A Deputy from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department stopped in. Supervisor Goodchild asked him to keep an eye out for people parking on the grass in the park, as they are breaking sprinkler heads. The Deputy said that they could do that.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to reappoint Plan Commissioners Linda Weber and Joe Kershek to three year terms. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rupp and carried.

The Berkeley Running Club Red Socks made application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailers License to serve beer at the North Face Endurance Challenge which will take place in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine Forest, on October 3 and 4, 2015. Chairman Arrowood explained that we are still waiting for a letter from the DNR acknowledging the event as we have received from them in years past. He asked that this be made a condition of approval for their request.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the Temporary Class "B" Retailers License for the Berkeley Running Club Red Socks, to serve beer at the North Face Endurance Challenge which will take place in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine Forest, on October 3 and 4, 2015, with the condition that the Town receive a letter from the DNR acknowledging the event. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to approve the following applicants for Operator's Licenses to serve beer at the North Face Endurance Challenge as described above: Timothy Kementz, Heather Lipusch, and Thomas Schiessl. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, to approve as written, Ordinance # 7-15 – An ordinance to repeal Chapter 9 entitled Peace and Good Order, Section 9.01 entitled Regulating Hunting and the Discharge of Firearms, and Subsection (5) entitled Rifle Discharge of the Town of Ottawa code. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper. Supervisor Goodchild was opposed. The motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed boat ramp and launch dredge project at Pretty Lake. The sand is silting in, making launching very difficult. Approximately 210 yards of sand need to be removed to alleviate the problem, and gravel needs to be added to the launch area so that cars don't get stuck. On April 13, 2015, the Town Board approved spending up to \$5,000.00, and to proceed with the project.

Subsequently, Supervisors Casper and Goodchild met with Dwight Simon. They submitted a general dredging permit application to the DNR, and simultaneously, applied to Waukesha County for a Conditional Use permit to store spoil. They found out that since this area has never been dredged before, they need special permitting, not a general permit. Additionally, the DNR requires a detailed plan. A sediment curtain would have to be in place. The dump trucks hauling the sand to the storage site must be sealed. The Army Corps of Engineers needs to look at everything. The property owners on each side of the site must be okay with it. And if anything goes wrong, the Town is liable.

Supervisor Casper suggested that they cannot do what they intended to do. They need to find special "sealed" trucks. They need aerial photos of both the dredge and spoil sites. Supervisor Goodchild suggested that they would need strict oversight and special equipment in order to dredge the boat launch. Supervisor Casper was concerned that the cost is getting out of hand.

Supervisor Goodchild proposed that the Board does not know the estimated cost of the project, and cost figures and options are needed. Depending on the costs, maybe we should just forget it. He thought that the Board could ask the Town Engineer if they have someone in their employ who is qualified to be involved in this type of project. If they do, we could ask for an estimate of costs for their services to put this together. How much would the engineering alone cost?

Supervisor Casper said that there are just too many unknowns. He and Supervisor Goodchild are not engineers.

Supervisor Goodchild made a motion to contact Ruckert and Mielke for an estimate to address the following: permitting, construction documents, oversight of the project, and an estimate of project costs. Supervisor Rupp seconded the motion and it carried.

The Park Board purchased a 1996 Polaris 6-wheeler UTV with a dump box from the Dousman Fire District in 2000. It has been used primarily for the park. It has 6500 miles on it. The Park Board purchased a zero-turn mower that is used by Mike Kilsdonk in the park. The Town owns a John Deere tractor that won't start. \$8,000 was included in the 2015 budget for capital purchases for the park. Supervisor Goodchild suggested that the Town could get rid of the John Deere tractor, and the old Polaris. He said that they looked at a new Polaris 570. The dealer would give the Town a municipal price of \$8,814.00, and would allow \$1,200.00 on trade for the older Polaris. The addition of a roof would add \$300.00 to the price.]

Chairman Arrowood added that \$1,200.00 is not a lot for the older Polaris. Maybe we should just keep it and trade in the John Deere tractor. Supervisor Goodchild said that we would then have to maintain two UTVs. Mike doesn't need two. Should we sell it ourselves, trade it in or keep it?

Supervisor Casper made a motion to purchase the Polaris 570, and trade in the older Polaris UTV, with a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion and it carried.

Under correspondence, we learned from our Assessor that Time Warner Cable has shifted to a tax exempt status. They want their personal property to be removed from the 2015 assessment roll, and would like their 2014 paid personal property tax to be reimbursed. They did not file for reimbursement by January 31, 2015, so they are not entitled to a refund of the 2014 personal property tax that they paid.

Someone called the Town Clerk to see what restrictions were in place regarding registered sex offenders in the Town of Ottawa. He was inquiring because he was interested in purchasing a home on Pretty Lake. The Clerk advised him that we do not have an ordinance to preclude him from purchasing property in the Town of Ottawa.

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2015, as amended. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Goodchild and carried.

Supervisor Rupp made a motion to pay bills as listed, in addition to checks to M Klein and L Geyman for payroll and associated withholdings, and to We Energies and Cardmember Services when the bills arrive. A check was preapproved to pay for the purchase of a new Polaris UTV also. Supervisor Casper seconded the motion and it carried.

Supervisor Rupp made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Casper and carried.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa M. Klein, WCMC, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Ottawa