

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS
MINUTES OF THE
April 10, 2017 MEETING
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL

Chairman: Dave Alsteen

Supervisors: Vic Peterson, Mike Kaczmarek

Treasurer: Sue Konitzer

Clerk: Jan Betts

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Dave Alsteen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave did the roll call and all members were present. Also present were Bob Aprill, Mary and Terry Renel, Stanley Ostrenga, Rod Fifield, Heather Fifield, Paul Shallow, John Fabry, Donna Fabry, William Fabry, Jeff Kadlec, Andrew Kadlec, Cory Rank, Jamie Kuhn, and Randy Schlorf.

Mike made a motion that the approval of bills be tabled until after item 18 on the agenda. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

Jan read the minutes of the March meeting. Dave asked for additions or corrections. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

Jan passed out the Oath of Office and the current board members, Dave Alsteen, Chairman, Vic Peterson, Supervisor I, Mike Kaczmarek, Supervisor II, Sue Konitzer, Treasurer, and the new clerk, Heather Fifield, all recited it in unison. The first day of the newly elected board will be April 18, 2017.

Paul Shallow passed out the survey for the Maass rezone. There will be a swap of property that is currently Ag with property that is zoned RR. Mike moved to approve the rezone. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

There was also to be a land division on that property. Vic made a motion to approve the land division. Mike seconded. Motion carried

Paul Shallow also presented a rezone on the Butch Vorpahl property. They want to convert 10.9 acres back to forest. There is 1.2 acres that contains the business.

That they will leave as commercial. Vic made a motion to approve the rezone. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Shallow said that the large parcel that will become zoned as forest is, technically, a land division and needs to be approved by the board. Mike made a motion to approve the division. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

Cory Rank submitted an application for a rezone on his property. Currently it is a mix of RR and forest. He would like to have it all rezoned to Ag. This action is in line with the comprehensive plan, to leave a certain portion of land in green space. Vic made a motion to approve the rezone. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Cory is also seeking a Conditional Use permit to use that land for landscaping and planting trees. Mike made a motion to approve the conditional use permit. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

In preparation for the upcoming road work on Degantown, Dave is putting out an Invitation to Bid. It will be in the Times Herald twice and will be on the Town Website. According to state statute, there has to be private bids. The town will receive a grant from the government for \$18,400 and the county will do the blacktopping. The sealed bids will be opened at the May meeting.

The board discussed the recommendation letter that will be sent to Pat Virtues for action on Chapter 14 of the plan. Mike made a motion to approve the letter. Vic seconded it. Motion carried. The letter will be addressed and sent to the county.

There was a dispute about the \$65 assessed fee for the fire tender. The town will have to pay the fee but the county will reimburse the town. Mike made a motion to approve that action. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

Sue said that BMO Harris is revamping their accounts. So far, the town has not had to pay any fees for their service. As long as the town keeps a \$5000 balance in the checking account there will be no fees. Sue said that she checked other institutions in town and felt that it was best to stay with BMO Harris. Vic made a motion that the town stay with Harris. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Board Discussion

There will be a seminar in Green Bay for board members on Tuesday, May 16th. It was recommended that all members attend, especially newly elected ones.

Vic asked if any road repair work has been done. Dave said that will start soon.

The town received a letter from a citizen who had a complaint about fireworks. Dave explained that either he or the fire chief is able to write up permits to display fireworks. However, there are no restrictions and no requirements for the permit holders to notify neighbors. The board wondered if it would be possible to change or add restrictions without changing the ordinance. Dave said that he will get with the fire chief and see what can be done.

GAD would like to provide recycling curbside pick-up and would charge an extra \$9.50/month. Our contract with the county is for 3 years and there is a penalty for opting out before that. It was decided to wait until the contract is up.

The R & R issue concerning Little Suamico will not affect the town's contract with them.

The concern about whether there is enough money budgeted for garbage/recycling was addressed and the calculations show that there will be enough. Mike made a motion to pay bills. Vic seconded. Motion carried.

Vic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Jan Betts

Clerk