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TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2015

4550 WOJCIK MEMORIAL DR.

STEVENS POINT, WI 54482

1. Call to Order: The meeting of the Hull Town Board was called to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30pm at the Hull Municipal Building at 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.
Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Dave Pederson, Dave Wilz and Jan Way.
Excused: Supervisor Melvin Bembenek, Clerk, Janet Wolle.
Others Present: Treasurer - Jim Kruziki, Road Foreman – Pete Kaminski, Deputy Clerk – Barb Brilowski, Asst. Fire Chief and EMS Administrator – Mark Fritsche.
Excused: Fire Chief – Mark Kluck.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vouchers: The vouchers were reviewed with few questions. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Supervisor Wilz, Seconded by Supervisor Way.
MOTION CARRIED!
4. Citizens wishing to address the board on non agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. NONE!
5. Topics, issues, opinions of interest from Citizens, Hull Staff, Elected or Appointed Officials: Chairperson Holdridge reviewed an article in the Stevens Point Journal: “*City Pursues Public Right to Give Input.*”
6. Reports/Comments – Hull Clerk, Treasurer, Road Foreman, Fire Chief & EMS: NONE!!
7. Update on remodeling of Hull Community Room – Bill Yudchitz:
 - The road crew has done the demolition up to the vault. Removed paneling, ceiling, carpeting, two bathrooms, office area and cut door into break room.
 - The question now is the merits of keeping the vault versus not keeping it. This vault is totally fire proof. It is more fireproof than the workroom built in the addition.
 - Presented thoughts on storage and an air lock for the east exterior door.
 - Would like to bid it by having bidders see the gutted room. Need to bid flooring, ceiling, electrical, plumbing, heating and perhaps “some” carpentry as the road crew is talented.
 - Goal is to enable 100 people to utilize room.

Holdridge: I think we should have you draw up a design so the Board can take a look at it.

Yudchitz: Yes, I think that is a good idea.

8. Hull Board of Supervisor position on discarding of unneeded materials for remodeling of the Community Room:

Holdridge: One of my concerns is to ensure that materials being removed from the meeting room are accounted for. There may be items that can be reused. I have put together a form, "Material/Equipment Disposal" to use to indicate how all of the items have been disposed of. It should indicate if the item(s) were thrown away, given away because they had no value or sold. Who purchased or received the item(s) and what was the revenue if any. Pete Kaminski should be in charge of this procedure.

Pederson: I will be putting some of the items on Craig's List. Some of the ceiling tiles are already sold.

Supervisor Wilz made a motion to approve the form/process. Supervisor Pederson seconded it. MOTION CARRIED!

9. Fire Department ISO rating report – Randy Spurlin:

- The new ISO rating is "5" if you are five "road miles" or less from the Hull Fire Department. Previously was a 9/10. But if you are farther than 5 "road miles" from the fire station, your rating is 10. The lower the number, the better the rating.
- Does not include Metro. The distance is "road miles" from the Town of Hull Fire Department.
- Based on response time and water supply. 40% of the grading was on water supply and how much could be hauled.
- To improve the rating in northern Hull or those farther than 5 road miles from the Hull Fire Department, the Town could erect a heated pole building and house a fire engine at that location.
- Effective on April 15, 2015.
- Needs to be done again in five years but will not be as extensive as it had not been done for fifteen years.

Wilz: What value if any does Metro give us?

Spurlin: I did ask about Station Two from Stevens Point being near the Kirschling Subdivision as well as having hydrants in the area and if that area would qualify for the "5" rating. I was told **NO** because Station Two is not part of the Hull Fire Department even though it is part of Metro. Right now, the way the criteria is written the "5" rating applies only to those five road miles or less from the Hull Fire Department.

Holdridge: How do you feel the Board should respond to this?

Spurlin: This is the final report. Report it in your annual report (Annual Meeting) or annual newsletter. Inform the public of the option of contacting their insurance companies. Some insurance companies recognize ISO ratings.

Holdridge: You and your group did a great job and we certainly appreciate it.

Pederson: I would suggest we write up a press release.

Holdridge: Good Idea!

Supervisor Way made a motion to accept this report. Supervisor Pederson seconded it. MOTION CARRIED!

10. Certified survey map for Peter & Kerry Klismith, land abutting Casimir Road and Infinity Lane, Section 7, Town 24 North, Range 8 East in Town of Hull:

Holdridge: Is the Surveyor or the Klismith's here? No one in attendance.

Chairman Holdridge: I move that we table this. Supervisor Pederson: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

11. Brilowski Road/County R sidewalk maintenance/snow removal for Hull residents south of Highway 10 to Old Hwy. 18:

Holdridge: This is the only place we have a sidewalk where Hull citizen's homes/properties backup to the sidewalk. The city residents live south of Old Hwy. 18 to the railroad trestle. In most situations their property also backs up to the sidewalk. The City Parks Department takes care of that sidewalk for them.

County Road "R" is a county road and their right-of-way covers that sidewalk. The county plows that road often as it is a heavily traveled road and throws the snow onto the sidewalk.

I sent two memos to Steve Schlice, Asst. Highway Commission, asking him if they had any contractual arrangement with the Town of Hull for Hull to ensure the sidewalks are maintained. He is not aware of an agreement. Janet Wollé, Hull's Town Clerk is also not aware of any agreement.

I rewrote our existing "Sidewalk Ordinance." I said "If our property fronts the sidewalk and is in Hull then it becomes our people's responsibility." I also said, "The unit of government (federal, state, county, city, village, town) responsible for or controlling the right-of-way in whose jurisdiction the sidewalk is located shall be responsible for sidewalk maintenance including but not limited to snow removal or removal or treatment of ice." This is what we should have. In my judgment we should not have to take care of a sidewalk when it is in the county right-of-way. I am proposing we change the ordinance. I have not spoken to an attorney but I suggest we do that and send notices to the people living along County R informing them, they are not responsible for that sidewalk.

Way: Is that sidewalk used very much?

Bill Beversdorf (citizen living along County R where sidewalk is in question): I would be guessing but I would say maybe ten (10) people per day use it.

Adding to what you said John, that sidewalk is very difficult to clear. The sidewalk is probably three (3) feet from the roadway. When the plows plow they have to travel fast enough to jettison the snow off the road which results in the sidewalk filling up with snow. With non-commercial equipment, it is extremely difficult to remove. This year has not been as bad because of the lesser amount of snowfall but I am at the point now where there is nowhere to go with the snow. Where do you put it? My thought is if this cannot be resolved, perhaps we just block that part of the sidewalk off.

Supervisor Wilz: I will make a motion to approve the re-written ordinance. That will be our position with the citizens and the county. Supervisor Way: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!!

12. Town of Hull Board position on re-routing of Highway 10 East south to connect with I-39 near County Road HH:

Holdridge: On November 17, 2014 we held a public information meeting on the Highway 10E/I-39 intersection and adjoining roads which was well attended. Jeff Stewart from the DOT and his two consultants attended. They presented six (6) designs which we saw first at this meeting along with the public. Someone from the audience asked what had happened to the plan coming in from Appleton on Hwy. 10 from the east and then taking it south to the Crossroads Common area to I-39, then go north? They begged off by saying the department has no plan at

this time to build Highway 10 south. When the citizens heard this, they were not happy. This is the first we (citizens) have heard of that and assumed the route would go south and connect with HH.

Potentially they plan on increasing traffic on Hwy. 10 East adding to the congestion. Travel this road in the summer on a Friday afternoon and you will note the problem.

I want to know what the position of the Board is. If their position is to have the road go south I believe there is a lot of support for this. I doubt that anyone wants to see more traffic on Hwy. 10 East.

A suggestion came out of the meeting to develop an ad hoc committee, take a look at the proposals and determine if they liked any of them, then communicate their thoughts to the Board and the Board could then take a position. There probably has to be some modification of the Hwy. 10/I-39 interchange. I doubt that anyone wants to see back roads go through neighborhoods.

So I am asking if the Board is supportive of the southern route.

Way: I am supportive of that and would not have a problem making a statement to that effect but from what I am hearing of what is going down in the state is because of the budget deficit and the lack of money there is to spend on roads, that is probably where the problem lies. They are battling right now as to where to get money to do any road construction in the future.

Holdridge: I understand that but they can build the Marquette Interchange or roads coming out of Chicago. This is political. They past a constitutional amendment to protect the Highway fund from being raided. They never seem to have money.

Pederson: I know we fought their effort to run Hwy. 10 north through the Town of Hull. If we don't push for the southern route and they band aid the exiting route, they can come back again and talk about going north. I think we need to support the southern route they had planned.

Supervisor Pederson: I make a motion to support the southern route. We don't need frontage or backage roads cutting through our subdivisions in order to peel off the traffic before it gets to highway 10.

Supervisor Way: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

Holdridge: I make a motion to support/form an ad hoc committee. They survey the citizen's impact and come back to the Town Board with a recommendation and the Town Board would take appropriate action.

Supervisor Pederson: Second!

MOTION CARRIED!

13. Weight Limit to incorporate new requirement of Husbandry:

This has to do with vehicles that serve farmers in the field. What I did based on ordinance proposed by the Wisconsin Towns Association, I wrote an ordinance.

We currently have a weight limit ordinance and all of our roads are Class B roads. In other words, if you travel Hull roads and you have any axle over 12,000# you are required to obtain a road permit from Hull. We want to control heavy trucks as we know the heavy vehicles do damage to our roads.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) along with the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) developed another ordinance (actually six different ones) in which the towns can choose what they want to do. Some towns can just let the traffic go. I have chosen "Option E – Opt In" which says when equipment used for agricultural operations is above the state weight limit, they are required to obtain a permit from the Town of Hull. The state has developed the permit for our use. The advantage of having a permit is Hull can dictate the roads to use. The Town of Hull is fortunate because we already have a Weight Limit Ordinance in place.

Supervisor Pederson: I make a motion to adopt Option E to come into compliance with the state weight limits. Supervisor Wilz: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

14. 2016 Wages for Hull Elected Officials Hull Town Clerk and Town Treasurer:

If there is going to be a wage change, it needs to be done prior to the election. We need to approve the wage/percentage for the election in 2016. Per Wis. State Statute 60.32(4), *When established, compensation under this section shall be established prior to the latest date and time for filing nomination papers for the office. After that date and time, no change may be made in the compensation of the office that applies to the current term of office.*

We need to set the wage for the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer. The Board's compensation is set at the annual meeting but always for the future.

Supervisor Wilz: I make a motion that we link this to the index we use for the rest of the staff. Supervisor Pederson: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

15. Application for vacant Hull Supervisor position – review of application:

Melvin Bembenek has submitted his resignation effective April 1, 2015. There is still one year left on his term. If someone is interested in sitting on the Board, they will need to fill out the application and then we will interview for the one year appointment by the Hull Board and the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Pederson: I move to approve the basic application. Supervisor Wilz: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

16. IRS standard mileage rate for 2015:

The IRS has changed its mileage rate effective January 1, 2015.

Supervisor Wilz: I move we accept the 57.5 cents per mile.

Supervisor Way: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

17. Calendar for 2015 with major dates:

I feel we should have a calendar which would also be on Hull's web page.

Supervisor Wilz: I move that the Board develops a monthly calendar with the known dates in the Town of Hull.

Supervisor Pederson: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

18. Operator's license application – Codi Klismith:

Wilz: Here are my thoughts and this is based off the last meeting where this came up. We moved to table it until we could find out what the law says in terms of certain violations in terms of getting a license to do something. I wanted to know the legal aspect. We were going to try to find out any violation per license by a person that would automatically knock them out or not allow them a license. If they have a background and it does not prevent them from getting a license, then they have a background and we should not judge them for the background. We should judge them for whether or not the law says they can have that kind of background. I believe people should get a second a chance. If they get a second chance and it is legal, so be it. That is why I asked for the legal aspect and I am not seeing it here. What does this license he is applying for say by the law that he has been disqualified because he did something that does not allow him to have this license? We need to try to get some direction of what the legal aspects are.

Holdridge: I don't know if the law will tell you that. One of the disqualifiers is when filling out the application, if violations are omitted we disqualify them. They have lied to us.

Wilz: There are jobs in this state that you cannot do if you have committed certain crimes.

Holdridge: David raises a good question. What does the law say that disqualifies you from being a bartender if anything?

Wilz: Then we would know. If there is nothing that disqualifies a person what do surrounding communities do?

Way: I think that #5 from Janet's memo is relevant. They can still tend bar with another licensed bartender present.

Wilz: So that is my point. We need to find that out, I would like to know. Maybe the employer needs to be informed as well.

Pederson: This is something the Wisconsin Towns Association should be able to help us with.

Supervisor Pederson: I make a motion to table this until we get our questions answered.

Supervisor Wilz: Second!

MOTION CARRIED!

19. Adjournment:

Supervisor Wilz: Move to adjourn.

Supervisor Pederson: Second.

MOTION CARRIED!

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brilowski, Deputy Clerk
Town of Hull-Portage County, WI
