

MINUTES OF THE HULL TOWN BOARD
COUNTY OF PORTAGE, WISCONSIN
HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2016

- 1) Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30 p.m. at Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Present: Chair Holdridge, Supervisors David Pederson, Dave Wilz and Jan Way.

Excused: Supervisor Rick Stautz.

Others present: Clerk Janet Wolle and EMS President/Administrator Mark Fritsche.

Excused: Treasurer Jim Kruziki, Road Foreman Pete Kaminski and Fire Chief Mark Kluck.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Minutes – Not complete
- 4) Vouchers – Review and payment recommendation

Motion Supervisor Pederson, **approve the vouchers as presented and discussed.** Motion second Supervisor Wilz.

Holdridge:

- When Portage County sends out a bill on the transfer station that should be coded and dated
- Small bills are signed off on by Pete, Janet, Mark Kluck, Mark Fritsche and Barb signs a couple

Brilowski:

- Reviews and codes utility bills i.e. AT&T, WPS

Way:

- Questions the unbudgeted road projects in the northwest quadrant

Wolle:

- The board stated \$60,000 from the contingency fund was to go to the projects
- We felt the projects should not be part of the roads budget but should fall under the capital outlay budget
- Jim and I talked about doing a journal entry and transferring \$60,000 in to capital outlay

Wilz: if the projects were a smaller amount we would take it out of reserves. If a larger amount we would go as far as even a loan.

Motion carried.

- 5) Public Comments. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. Non-agenda items may be raised under Opinions of Interest (Item 6 below)
- 6) Opinions of interest – citizens, Hull Staff, Hull Election Officials or Appointed Officials

Holdridge:

- Question sent to Pete having to do with a buried telephone cable hit by the road crew. Pete indicated he has talked with the telephone company and feels the cost for repair will be negotiated. The cable was not in the place it was supposed to be.
- Portage County has committed \$25,000 to put in monitoring wells around Portage County
 - Hull is looking at installing monitoring wells in Hull to learn about quantity and quality
 - The City of Stevens Point has given Hull permission to collect data from their wells that are in Hull's right-of-way
- Article in Portage County Gazette from John Moe, Clerk City of Stevens Point stated "Be thankful for those who turn the wheels of democracy". The article thanked all those who helped make the November 8, 2016 election happen

Wolle:

- The recount is over. It was completed at 2:45 p.m. today. It went very well with the wonderful guidance of County Clerk Shirley Simonis, Deputy County Clerk Kathy Genovese and the people serving on the County Canvas Board
 - There were people from the different camps, who were allowed to watch and ask questions of the canvas board

- The recount was very educational and a wonderful experience
- Individuals from the county and different municipalities worked together
- The recount started Thursday morning December 1
 - Janet Schedule for recount – ½ day on December 1st
 - 8 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Friday December 2nd
 - 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday December 3rd
 - 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday December 4th
- Shirley was the person in charge, however it was the County Canvas Board's responsibility to review and discuss things that came up differently than submitted on the night of the election
- Hull's Marilynn Kranig was a member of the Canvas Board
- The reconciliation was by each reporting unit
- One table was set up for review of absentee certificate envelopes
- A second table was set up for sorting of all ballots (original and absentee) sorted in to piles of 25
- The third table was set up for reconciling poll books
- After the poll book reconciliation was complete – all helped in sorting ballots in to piles of 25 Trump, Clinton and other (individuals then collected the other ballots and sorted per candidate)
- A court reporter was there to take minutes of the proceeding
- A member from the Portage County Sheriff's Department was in the room with us at all times

7) I-39 west historical position on development – Rustic Road documents

Holdridge – Hull citizens decided at a public hearing on April 19, 2012 not to designate Casimir, Walkush and Granite Ridge Roads become Rustic Roads

- Correspondence sent to Jane Carrola, Rustic Roads Coordinator (05-02-12)
- Citizens don't want development west of I-39

Pederson – Rustic Roads try to preserve picturesque quality out there. The same can be achieved through policies of the board as to how we maintain the road sides.

8) Safety speed review I-39 west – petition from citizens

Hull officials have received a petition from residents requesting the speed limit on the I-39 loop be set at 35 mph.

- An engineering study is needed to drop the speed limit
- Estimated cost of study \$6,000
- Road crew can work with Dave Glodowski, Engineer from Gremmer and Associates
- Technical aspects need to be put together – need to get the right concept to get information to WI Department of Transportation (WDOT)

Wilz – Engineering not budgeted for in 2016 or 2017.

Holdridge – Have to figure out where money is coming from for the study.

Motion Supervisor Way, **approve the engineering study for the I-39 west area and take funds out of the 2017 budget.** Motion carried.

9) Sand Creek Consultants – Town of Hull Agreement monitoring well update

Pete Arntsen of Sand Creek was present

- They will try to get a draft of the monitoring well project done prior to the end of the year (2016)
- The time and material phase will be done in 2017
- Will coordinate with Patty Dreier as the county is monitoring wells for nitrate and bacteria
- Once Hull sees costs will decide on phasing wells in
- What kinds of well(s) does Hull want to have installed
 - o How deep to water? Install wells and collect samples from areas where water is shallow
- Group Hull into uniform areas

Motion Supervisor Pederson, **approve the revised contract with Sand Creek Consultants re: monitoring wells.** Second by Supervisor Way. Motion carried.

10) Rural Insurance follow-up re: parks

Wolle: Chips were put in at parks as required by Rural with notice sent to Rural Insurance.

11) Hull road crew fulltime status since 1991

Chair Holdridge presented a matrix showing employment of full-time Hull road crew during his term starting in 1991 to current.

- ✓ In 2014 when Randy Hermann left we had a gap of full-time employees.

Supervisor Way: There were not 4 road crew members working for Hull in 2000 – 2010

- 2010 – 2014 Hull had 4 full-time road crew members
- Between 1997 and 2000 there were 4 road crew members
- Charted the years as well

Question if Jason Gradeless replaced Leonard Firkus.

Nick Kaminski and Bill Omernik started working for Hull as part-time road crew.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Pederson, **accept the report.**
Motion carried.

12) Employment of Joe Wierzba as 4th fulltime road crew member

Motion Supervisor Wilz, **approve Joe Wierzba as 4th road crew member effective January 1, 2017.** Seconded by Supervisor Pederson (second for discussion purposes).

Pederson – have you found all the money to cover Joe's wages in 2017?

Wilz – no have not found the money. Feel the board will come up with.

Way – Is it standard policy that when a position is available it is not listed for others to apply for?

Holdridge – Joe lives in Hull and crew likes him.

Way – do we assume he doesn't have another business?

Barb Brilowski – a young man applied for work in 2016. He was a mechanic.

Wilz – Did advertise job when Bill Omernik became full position?

Pederson – If would have to lay off an individual Hull would have to pay unemployment compensation.

Holdridge – Joe gets high marks. We sent him to a workshop on plowing.

Barb – Joe was absent 5 or 6 days in a row due to his other job.

Wilz – This situation would not be different. We went with Bill because he was a hard worker. Joe is the same way, a hard worker.

Holdridge – Have to have a discussion with Pete & Joe.

Pederson – Joe was a resource when we were doing remodeling.

Holdridge – Road crew is hard working group.

Motion carried.

13) Adopt-a-Road in Hull – update and commendation

Holdridge – Thank them and send a letter of commendation to citizens who want to and have cleaned up along Hull roads.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, **draft a letter of thanks to citizens participating in Adopt-A-Road**. Second by Wilz. Motion carried.

14) Approval of U.S. Cellular placement of cell tower on site owned by Town of Hull near Hull Municipal Building

Jim Weinmann of U.S. Cellular will be here in January 2017 to provide information regarding placing their cell tower on Hull property.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Way, **table action**. Motion carried.

15) Electronic communication for community room and Hull's administrative offices – PEG fee usage

Holdridge – Hull has \$100,000 in PEG fees which can be used for WIFI, but use with discretion.

Motion Supervisor Way, second Supervisor Pederson, **motion to use PEG funds with Attorney Konkol to advise**. Motion carried.

16) Application from St. Casimir Parish for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for an event, St. Casimir Winter Dinner, to be held on February 25, 2017 at St. Casimir Parish, 203 Casimir Road

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Pederson, **approve the Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for an event, St. Casimir Winter Dinner, to be held on February 25, 2017 at St. Casimir Parish, 203 Casimir Road.** Motion carried.

17) Operator’s license applications for: Robert Armatoski, Mallory Langfeldt, Megan Heidt, Lenore Haferman

Motion Supervisor Way, second Supervisor Pederson, **approve operator’s licenses for Mallory Langfeldt, Megan Heidt and Lenore Haferman.** Motion carried.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **follow the recommendation of Clerk Wolle to grant Operator’s License to Robert Armatoski on condition of no further OWI’s.** Motion carried.

Addendum #2. Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **grant an operator’s license to Marisa Westphal-Jankowski.** Motion carried.

18) Teamster Union Contract for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

.68% is the maximum CPU for labor union wages in 2017.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Way, **approve the Teamster Labor Union Contract for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.** Motion carried.

19) Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club Trail - John Wojcik

Will ride on Hay Meadow Lane to get around Hay Meadow Bridge due to flooding.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **approve the Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club Trail route in Town of Hull for 2016-17 winter season as outlined by Ed Szachnit.** Motion carried.

20)Wages for 2017

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **approve the wage increase of .68% guideline for all departments for 2017.** Motion carried.

ADDENDUM TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Announcement: Following completion of regular agenda items, the Town of Hull Board will convene in closed session as allowed by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice considering strategy to be adopted by the board with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. To be discussed property owned by Rebecca Bohne at 527 Maple Bluff Road.

The board will reconvene in open session as allowed by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2). Possible action regarding property owned by Rebecca Bohne, at 527 Maple Bluff Road.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Wilz, to convene in closed session as per announcement by Chairperson Holdridge.

Holdridge – Aye
Pederson – Aye
Way – Aye
Wilz – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Present Attorney Bob Konkol and Attorney Brian Formella (2 for the price of 1 ☺)
Citizen Rey Vega also present.

- Review of timeline of events involving 527 Maple Bluff Road
- Talk with Assessor Jeremy Kurtzweil

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Way, **reconvene in open session as per Chairperson Holdridge announcement.**

Holdridge – Aye
Pederson – Aye

Way – Aye

Wilz – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **adjourn the meeting.**
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk