

Town of Red Cedar

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

February 10, 2014

A notice of the meeting was published in the Dunn County News, and the Agenda was legally posted at Sinz Plumbing, Value Implement, the Clerk's office, the Town Hall, and online at the Town's website (townofredcedar.com).

1. **Call to Order:** The Town board meeting was called to order by Ron Robelia, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, quorum call, and verification of public notice and approval of the agenda of the town board meeting were had. The following board members were present: X Chairman (Ron Robelia); X Supervisor 1 (Debra Gotlibson); X Supervisor 2 (Andy Gansberg); X Supervisor 3 (Dave Leach); X Supervisor 4 (Doug Miller); X Clerk (Cheryl Miller); and X Treasurer (Jill Haldeman).
2. **Meeting Minutes:** Board members reviewed the prior month's minutes.
 - (a) January 13, 2014 monthly board meeting minutes. Requested correction by Doug Miller (2nd page, (a) – change “motor” to “transmission;” and 6(c) – change “ordinance” to “policy.”) *Motion by Andy Gansberg to approve the minutes with the stated corrections; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
 - (b) January 28, 2014 special board meeting minutes. *Motion by Andy Gansberg to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Dave Leach. None opposed. MC*
3. **Public Hearings:**
 - (a) Govins, LLC – request town board recommendation that Dunn Co. grant a use variance and/or conditional use permit to allow weddings, receptions, and special occasion events to occur on property located at E6544 627th Avenue, Menomonie, WI as an allowed use. John Govin appeared and indicated that they seek approval from the town board to move forward with the county to request a variance to hold weddings and other events at the property, as well as have a public dialog with the neighbors present.

Concerns and comments brought forward by those present included the serving of alcohol on the premises, vehicle parking, how events would be monitored, loud music and noise during the day and late at night, current noise concerns in the neighborhood because of trucks, trains, and large industries, what would happen to the property if the venture does not work out, problems with drunk attendees and drunk drivers leaving the premises, vehicle lights coming out of driveways into residential homes and bedrooms, need of security personnel, specific recommendations and restrictions or possible deed covenants to lock in criteria for variance or conditional use permit which would stay with the property, keeping the property zoned as Ag rather than changing it to commercial, the state of declining home values and housing market in neighborhood currently, concerns that the venue would bring property values down further and neighbors would not be able to sell their homes, homes are hard to sell in the neighborhood and go for well below the assessed values, whether the business would be seasonal or not, parking issues in the fields when it rains, child safety issues with increased traffic on weekends during the day and cars racing around at night, loss of privacy and outside time in summer on weekends because of events occurring, and what types of noise barriers would be used.

John Govin indicated that there is plenty of parking in the pastures behind the property, alcohol would be provided and served only by licensed caterers or those who rent the venue as there is no liquor license at the property, event staff or property owners will be at every event, a clause in the contract will state that hosts must have liability insurance, the barn will hold 200 people, parking capacity is large enough for 600 guests on 4 ½ acres near the highway, outdoor ceremonies may be held in the back field behind the neighboring Dodge home, the music would end at 11:00 p.m. on weekends and the venue would close by midnight, they want to obtain a conditional use permit which may be revoked, seasonal April through early November, the barn will be insulated on the south side to ease highway noise, and they will consider insulating the north side of the barn as a noise barrier, parking may be a problem in the fields if it rains, and they intend to advertise within a 50 to 60 mile radius of the venue location.

Discussion with board members had. John Govin indicated that they intend to add a new floor in the barn, new siding has been purchased, decorative lighting will go in, there will be a small project to renovate the second floor, port-a-potties will be brought in for events, and they would be agreeable to entering into a developer's agreement with the town.

Motion by Deb Gotlibson to close the public hearing and table this matter until the next board meeting; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC
4. **Public Comments:** Christina Meyer, a candidate for Dunn Co. Circuit Court Judge, introduced herself and addressed the audience.

At this point, Business Item 8(e) was brought forward (review and possibly adopt ATV/UTV Ordinance). Chairman Robelia informed the board that the maps that the County received were not correct in that the road descriptions were correct, but the maps were not correctly cut and pasted together. The maps have since been corrected. Mike Cannon from the local ATV Club appeared and indicated that they would pay for all signs. The Town Patrolman will work with the Club on the sign issue. Supervisor Gansberg informed the board that someone had asked if the trail could be extended north on 610th Street to 530th Avenue. Discussion had. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Dave Leach. None opposed. MC*

5. **Financials:**

- (a) Board members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the prior month, including checks written, monthly receipts, and cash summary sheet. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to approve the Financials; motion seconded by Andy Gansberg. None opposed. MC*
- (b) Monthly and upcoming CLAIMS and PER DIEMS were brought before the board for review and discussion. *Motion by Andy Gansberg to accept the per diems and claims and bills; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*

6. **Reports and recommendations for consideration and possible action:**

- (a) Patrolman. Road work – the patrolman informed the board on projects worked on for the month as follows: *plowed a lot of snow; Ford issues; plow repairs; windshield replacement; and two bad tires on grader in past week.*
- (b) Finance Committee – report of work performed and possible recommendations. *Committee member Deb Gotlibson informed the board that the committee is working on monthly review of bills and claims right now; and committee member Jill Haldeman presented loan information on possible new truck purchase.*
- (c) Ordinance Committee – report of work performed and possible recommendations. *Committee member Jill Haldeman passed out the minutes and other information to board members on policies and ordinances being worked on.*
 - Review of the proposed Winter Road Policy. Board members will take home and review. *Tabled – this will be on the next month's agenda for board action.*
- (d) Planning Commission – report of work performed and possible recommendations. *Commission Clerk Cheryl Miller informed the board on the status of the mapping process.*

7. **Building Permits/Fire Calls were brought before the board for approval:** NONE

8. **New Business:**

- (a) New snowplow truck, including possible loan information obtained by Treasurer. Jill Haldeman passed out loan info obtained. Discussion had on truck purchase. Chairman and Patrolman will obtain information on single-axle trucks for the next board meeting. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to table this matter; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
- (b) 5-year plan for road reconstruction projects revisited from August, 2013. Discussion had on new Hoffman Hills road problems. LRIP discussed for North Ney Road and \$17,500.00 awarded. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to revisit issue in April at time of road inspection; motion seconded by Andy Gansberg. None opposed. MC*
- (c) Possible purchase of lawn tractor and weed trimmer for mowing and upkeep of town lot (August, 2013 board meeting). Discussion had. *Motion by Doug Miller to decline purchase of lawn tractor and weed trimmer; motion seconded by Deb Gotlibson. None opposed. MC*
- (d) Tractor upgrade – obtain bids for March, 2014 board meeting. Chairman and Patrolman will obtain estimates on tractors for the next board meeting. *Motion by Deb Gotlibson to table this matter; motion seconded by Andy Gansberg. None opposed. MC*
- (e) Review and possibly adopt ATV/UTV Ordinance. *This matter was brought forward and acted upon as outlined above.*
- (f) Review and possibly approve draft Snowplow Agreement for Subdivisions and Private Roads. Agreement reviewed by the board. *Motion by Ron Robelia to approve the Agreement and make it effective as of October 1, 2014; motion seconded by Andy Gansberg. None opposed. MC.*
- (g) Review and possibly enact Resolution Approving Snowplow Agreement for Subdivisions and Private Roads. Resolution reviewed by the board. *Motion by Ron Robelia to enact the resolution as presented; motion seconded by Andy Gansberg. None opposed. MC*
- (h) Attendance at Red Cedar Watershed Conference on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Discussion had. *Motion by Andy Gansberg to approve attendance of Ron Robelia and Dave Leach; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
- (i) Adopt a policy and establish a specific procedure for calling a special meeting of the town board. Discussion had. *Motion by Andy Gansberg to make it a town policy to allow a special meeting to be called by the Town Chairman or two town board members; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
- (j) Update on outcome of The Cut-Off/Red Cedar Bend hearing before the PRD on January 14, 2014. The Chairman provided an update to the board indicating that the County required the addition of cul de sacs so fire trucks can turn around, a driveway be designated for the DNR, and the developer has to allow people to use the road to access DNR land as the DNR has no control over the road. The developer and DNR are coming to terms. The matter cleared the PRD, and the project can move forward.

9. **Communications:**

- (a) Announcements were made, and communications and correspondence recently received were brought before the Board by the Clerk, Treasurer, and/or Town Officers. *There was no discussion or action taken on the following correspondence, communications, and announcements:*
- *Supervisor 2 - spoke to Tod Torgeson from The Cut Off with respect to entering into a developer's agreement, and Tod indicated that a letter of credit from them is sufficient; and he spoke to Steve Kothlow who indicated we are running the grader too much and that we should hire the county to plow instead of having two part time workers.*
 - *Clerk – passed out information and correspondence received.*
 - *Treasurer – spoke to Menomonie Transportation re: maps, and they are pleased with snow removal on town roads; and she will be meeting with Co. Treas. for the Feb. tax settlement.*
 - *Chairman – received a phone call from DKS re: purchase of salt from the county.*
- (b) Upcoming agenda items, if any, were discussed for inclusion or exclusion at next month's meeting:
- Tabled matters.
 - 610th Street ATV extension.
 - Mowing of town lot for summer.
 - Set road inspection date for April.
 - Town hall remodeling.
 - Estimates for truck and tractor.

11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting date was set for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

12. **Adjourn:** Said meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. *on motion of Doug Miller; second by Deb Gotlibson.*

Date:

Cheryl Miller, Clerk *(subject to Town Board approval at subsequent month's regular meeting)*