

Unapproved Minutes(Approved 8/10/09)

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

Town Board

July 13, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Dennis Jelle opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chairman, Dennis Jelle, Clerk Helen Kahl, Treasurer, Nancy Goplin, and Supervisors Al Antonson and Joen Meylor.

Helen Kahl read the minutes of the June 8 meeting. Al moved to approve, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Kevin Connors appeared representing the County Land and Water to update us on the Stewart Lake project. As far back as the 70's there was erosion, and discussions began about dredging the lake. Sediment first had to be controlled and the process to do that resulted in about 13 sediment basins being built. A biologist subsequently decided the sediment basins were working quite well. Dam repair was performed and survey work was done which determined that there was a tremendous flow of water there. Bids were put out to a number of vendors to do the dredging and hopefully will be signed this week. Some development grants have been applied for beach construction, canoe/kayak launching area, handicapped fishing access, rest rooms and a shelter. Blue gill and bass fishing, but not trout would be native to the lake, making it a good family fishery. It would take a couple years of no-fishing until the smaller fish can grow. The dredging project will hopefully begin around August 1 and finish up by October 15. The Village of Mt. Horeb has contributed \$100,000 and some other costs to the project. The Friends of Stewart Lake will eventually have projects for folks to help.

Helen read emails from Brigham Town Clerk, Audrey Rue, indicating they have found it may not be possible to lower the speed limit on Mounds Park Road to 35 mph, without conducting a traffic survey, as the Board approved last month. Al moved to table the speed limit Mounds Park Road speed limit, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Al will try to attend the Brigham Town meeting August 4 to find out more about this development.

Helen reported on garage sale and spring clean up ideas. There will not be a clean up day this fall, but we'll talk to Town n Country about it and get firm prices for a spring one. Combining with Village of Blue Mounds might lower the cost a bit.

The Town's Website should be up and running about September 1.

Report on building and grounds. Denny Oimoen is interested in renting the whole bay. It was advertised for \$495, but Denny is willing to pay about \$225. Al moved to offer it to Denny for \$400/month, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Report from Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting. The next meeting is Monday night, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. Representatives of Cave of the Mounds and Little Norway will be present to discuss the proposed HWY ID-151 Commercial Corridor.

Land Use Committee Report, nothing on the agenda. Tom Sutter may need a driveway permit signed and a special meeting may have to be called.

Road maintenance report. Dane County has faxed a salt agreement that has an increase of \$17/ton over last year. Dennis asked if we could cut back on the salt application. Al moved to

take delivery of 200 T in 2009 and take the other 200 T in spring of 2010. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Amacher Road washed out, but that is beyond the town road, on private property.

Regarding the driveway coming out onto Topper Road, Dennis researched it. It is owned by Doug Habberkorn. He wants to be able to get in and out of his property so he put gravel in the ditch at the road. He's apparently got a deal with a neighbor, Kevin Handel, to use part of the right-of-way that was established when the property was split up. Larry Acker was present and feels it isn't right for him to have this driveway without going through the permit process and having it up to driveway standards. There is no building site on the land and the concern is that heavy equipment could go in and out of there and break up the town road. Dennis will call Habberkorn a site meeting will be called in order for the board to look. It was suggested a "recreational only" driveway permit be issued. Joen moved to proceed as such, Al seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minitube is putting up a fence on Blessingway. They're in the town right of way. They will move the fence out 33 ft from the center of the road.

The Fire District is in the process of fund raising for the new ambulance in addition to the spring fund raiser. A formal announcement of the fund raising is coming soon. The fire department got notification that they got a Homeland Security grant to help pay for existing personnel rather than having to hire more. Some of that money may be put aside for personnel. The grant is about \$79,000 a year, decreasing each year for 5 years.

Correspondence: We discussed the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant for replacing one of our trucks, but the grant probably wouldn't be as much as we could get by selling the truck to a landscaper.

There will be a Safe Harbor Motorcycle Ride that may involve some of our town roads on August 22.

There will be a DCTA Executive Board meeting on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Windsor Town Hall. They are looking for volunteers to be part of a Budget & Dues Committee.

Helen reported on Gypsy Moth Program by the Department of Natural Resources.

In Helen's report on Mid-Year Financial Situation, she reports we are under budget on Utilities/Building Fuel, Fuel/Oil & Tires, and Building Expense. We are quite over budget on Supplies and Repairs and Cemetery Expense. She also reported that the county is looking at buying all new election tabulating machines next year and would offer a 5 year payback for the municipalities.

Al moved to approve the bills, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Al moved to adjourn, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk

