

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

Town Board

August 10, 2009

7:30 p.m.

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

Helen Kahl read the minutes of the July 13 meeting. Al moved to approve, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Regarding Subdivision Ordinance Amendment 2 (CSM Restrictions) & 9 (Hydric Soils). This hydric soils proposal does not include cities and villages. On small parcels the soil may not actually be hydric, even though the soils map indicates it is. Al moved to send letter to DCTA and Patrick Downing that if the ordinance is adopted, a hydric soils determination should be made by a certified soil tester. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Regarding the CSM Ord Amendment 2, it appears that they want a survey on a whole farm, even when a small parcel is being split off. Al moved we oppose Ordinance Amendment 2, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Helen will send a letter to DCTA and Downing indicating our opposing view.

RE Dane County Ordinance #1. Sub 2, RE Permitted Signage. Al moved to approve, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Helen will mail form to County.

Al moved to amend our Driveway Ordinance #4, to say the township has no restrictions on the length of private driveways in the Town of Blue Mounds. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Helen will type up an amendment and add to the Ordinance.

Regarding temporary weight limits on town roads. Vermont wants to put weight limits on North Road during certain times of the year and is asking us to do the same with our part of the road. In order to have an ordinance, the roads must be identified, dates for the restrictions must be determined, it would apply to licensed vehicles, specific weights would be spelled out. Another way to do it would be to work with the producers to determine a period of time during the winter when hauling would be restricted and perhaps a permit would be required at those times.

Regarding the Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Mounds Park Road. We passed the ordinance in June to reduce the speed limit to 35 in order to allow NEV's, but apparently it must be 45 or 15 and anything else would require a traffic study. Al went to Brigham's board meeting and they are not passing it. The Iowa County Commissioner was firm about the rule. Al and Karl Heil of the State Park have contacted DOT to see if we can work something out. We'll revisit the issue in September.

Helen reported we are still on target to be up and running with the website by September 1.

Building and Grounds Committee, Denny Oimoen will rent part of the bay for \$200/month on a month to month basis, beginning about September 1.

Comprehensive Planning Committee will not meet this month, but will meet again on September 21. There will be a draft available for review at that time. Last month businessmen from the Cave of the Mounds and Little Norway attended and some ideas were exchanged. It was suggested the Mounds/Cave/Little Norway area be a "heritage" area, with our building being the farthest west commercial building. Those businesses would like to see some lodging like B & B's or hotels in this area. A public meeting will be called probably in October in order to present the plan.

Land Use Committee has had no requests. Regarding the Haberkorn driveway, Al moved to approve and send him a "Recreational Only" permit. Joen seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0. There will be no fee attached, and no engineer's plan required.

Sealcoating is done. Some bikers wiped out on Sutter Road where we started pea graveling half way down the hill. We should probably purchase some signs to indicate loose gravel ahead. Dan will check with Rural Insurance regarding the signs vandalized on 4 or 5 of our roads. He will do some grading on Blessingway where it washed this weekend. Minitube is constructing the fence on that road.

Fire District Report, budget is being worked on at this time.

Correspondence: There is a proposed moratorium regarding future land purchases by Dane County for Park and Open Spaces. It is authored by Duane Gau and Ronn Ferrel, Dane County Supervisors. Dennis moved we send a letter to the authors and to Patrick Downing supporting the August 3, 2009, Moratorium on County Land Purchases. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Town Board met with C.A.R.P.C. representative, Karmon Mesbaugh, regarding issues affecting our area and the villages of Mt. Horeb and Blue Mounds. Our Board voiced its concern about losing control with them, the County, and Village annexation issues.

Regarding the budget paperwork on Dane County Towns Association. Our dues will not change. Al moved to approve the budget, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0. Helen will send Jerry Derr a comment regarding our approval.

George Couch mentioned that there is a new house going up on HWY E (Hitzemann property) where they are putting up 8-20 ft light poles. He wonders if we are including any dark sky regulations in our land use plan or considering such an ordinance. Helen will check Town of Perry's ordinance on their website and we'll discuss further.

Helen gave the board information on the Wis DNR Flood Storage Overlay District. Al will call Roger Lane to see if we can get a map of affected areas.

USDA's Dept of Emergency Management meeting regarding Financial Assistance on equipment purchases because of the National Disaster Declaration has been canceled. We don't qualify anyway.

Al moved to approve Helen to attend the Mineral Point Budget and Finance Workshop in September, at a cost of \$55. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Dan mentioned that the 4-wheel new/used truck is getting springs repaired at the cost of \$2000, so we have to dip into the road budget even further.

Regarding salt delivery, the county is putting him off on scheduling the delivery and he's worried about getting it paid for in this calendar year. Dennis will make a call to the county.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk

