

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

Town Board

September 14, 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 Supervisor Al Antonson. Joen Meylor was absent.

Helen Kahl read the minutes of the July 13 meeting. Al moved to approve, Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Dane County Ordinance Amendment 16, 2009-10, Preservation of Topography near Property Lines. Al moved to approve, Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Regarding the intersection of Erbe Rd and West Erbe Rd. Neighbors appeared to give their opinions on whether to change the stop sign back to West Erbe Rd or perhaps add a stop sign on West Erbe. Al moved to add a stop sign on West Erbe Rd. and keep the current signs on Erbe Rd. Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Tod Sutter was at the meeting to represent the Thomas Sutter Family on renaming the road leading to their farm off West Blue Mounds Road. The Sutters are building a second farm residence which will be the second address on that road. Al moved to approve "Tomnan Road" for the driveway. Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Regarding Amending the Driveway Ordinance as worded: "r. The Town of Blue Mounds has no restrictions on the length of private driveways." Al moved to approve, Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0. The ordinance amendment was signed. Helen will up date Ordinance 4, the Driveway Ordinance.

Further discussion on change of speed limit on Mounds Rd. The Board passed Ordinance #7 lowering the speed limit on Mounds Road in June, but the DOT requires a traffic study for changing a speed limit to 35 mph. Al sat with the radar gun for 2 hours on a Thursday, prior to Labor Day. 75% of the traffic was in and out of the park. The highest he recorded was 44 mph. He made a report to DOT, and we are waiting for their decision.

Nicole Kahl appeared to show us the new website. Helen suggested we have a contest for town residents to submit pictures for the website. We will advertise the website in the tax bills this December, as well as putting the information out on an email. Helen recommended we now pay Nicole the agreed upon \$600 and she will write up a bill.

Regarding temporary weight limits on town roads. Dennis is thinking we will work with the producers rather than having actual limits. We will perhaps have a special meeting to sit down and discuss this with the producers. We can post roads, but there are not many problems, just a few situations at certain times of years. Designating driveways off fields has to be done as well so that roads don't get torn up.

Comprehensive Planning Committee meets next Monday night, Sep 21, at 7:30 p.m. Watch for a public meeting in October.

Land Use Committee report. No meetings scheduled.

Road Maintenance Report. Dennis noticed on Barton Road that silage compaction got into the ditch. Sutters plan to put another wall in next spring to prevent that from happening again.

Fire District Report. The annual meeting for the Fire District is Wednesday, Sep 23, at 7:30 p.m. The budget increase for 2010 is 5.48%. The main increases are the apparatus fund and the increase for the 2 full time staffers under the grant. The ambulance fund will be started soon. The truck for the ambulance will be ordered before the end of the year because the price increases \$10,000 after Jan 1. The ambulance has 200,000 miles on it now. Also, in 2012, there will be a whole new communications system in Dane Co. The newer trucks have the new radios, but all the other equipment will have to be replaced. The county will impose a maintenance fee every year. The Town of Blue Mounds share is over \$2000. The Fire District is hoping to get the 911 center head, John Dejung, out to a meeting to talk about this system.

Correspondence:

Town n Country sent a bid for the next 3 years. Their bid for next year remains the same as this year at \$144/household. Al moved to approve their proposal of \$12/home/month and the 2nd and 3rd year bids of \$12.50 and \$13.00/home/month. Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Helen read a notice from Dane County indicating a stop work order for Jim Kerr for a deck he is building.

Helen summarized a letter from Rural indicating our level of insurance on our buildings is currently at a 2% increase. Normally they increase at a 6% rate each year. The board feels 2% is sufficient in this economic climate and we should leave as is.

Charter Fuels: Their proposal for LP for town hall, the bid for Easy Pay is 1.299. The Board instructed Helen to go ahead with it, but first to call the CoOp and see what they're doing to PrePay this winter. One thing we could do is prepay for next year, the amount we have left in the budget and save on some of the fuel.

The board agreed to meet for a budget workshop October 5, 7:30. Helen will publish the meeting.

Mt. Horeb Schools has once again applied to have the property on JG annexed to the village. The application has gone back to the Department of Administration for review.

Regarding Assessors. We are due for a revaluation next year. The question is, should we stay with Gardiner or not? The Board would like a few other bids and Helen will send out bid requests. Dennis recommends we get Equity to bid as Town of Vermont is very happy with them..

Nancy reported that we didn't increase dog licenses enough to cover the increase from the County. Last year's profit to us was \$301.50. This year, our profit will be \$229.25.

Al mentioned that he did get in touch with Roger Lane regarding flood plain mapping. He said the flood plain storage overlay district does not affect the Town of Blue Mounds

Al moved to approve the bills, Dennis seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Dennis moved to adjourn. Al seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Dennis moved to go into closed session, Al seconded, motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk

