

Unapproved Minutes

Approved 1/9/17

Town of Blue Mounds
Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 12, 2016

Dennis Jelle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Supervisors, John Brixy and Wayne Jones, and Clerk Helen Kahl. Nancy Goplin, Treasurer was not in attendance.

Helen read minutes of the November 14 meeting. John moved to approve, Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Road Maintenance Report. Just snow plowing. Truck should be ready within a couple weeks.

Building and Grounds. Phil Solchenberger is working on the heaters in the garage.

Set meeting for caucus in January. John moved we have caucus at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, January 9, our regularly scheduled meeting night. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

No Public Comments

Paul Marquardt Rezone Petition. The County Zoning staff had some comments about setbacks, septic system and lot lines. Dennis first talked to Paul about the setback. The board feels the barn could stay there since it is existing and on private property and does not encroach on public road. Marquardt would like to keep it, but is willing to take it down if the county insists. The Land Use Committee visited the site and approved it unanimously. John moved to approve. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0. The rezone is on the ZLR agenda for tomorrow night. Helen will send report to county tonight. Marquardt paid \$300 rezone fee.

Wayne made a motion to approve the driveway applications for both lots. John seconded, motion passed 3-0. Marquardt paid \$600 for the two driveway permits. Dennis signed the permits.

Jill Jonas spoke regarding the proposal to have an advisory referendum regarding Citizens United on the April 4 ballot.

She pointed out local control, as the first main point. She feels "We the people" should mean "we the people," not We the Corporation.

No large financing. She mentioned a list of unfunded state mandates that would restrict local control, such as pipeline projects,

She handed out a map and list of communities that have passed resolutions thus far.

Second main point is to create a road to representation without large finance backing. The constitution does not say money is speech. Most everyone agrees there is too much money in politics.

She asked for board to put resolution on the April ballot. There is no extra cost to putting it on the ballot in April because of our local elections.

Dennis surveyed the audience and several audience members agreed they want it on the ballot.

John made a motion to put the referendum on the April ballot, Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Helen will send the following referendum wording to the County to put on ballot:

Resolved, that “We the People” of the Town of Blue Mounds, seek to reclaim democracy from the expansion of corporate personhood rights and the corrupting influence of unregulated political contributions and spending. We stand with communities across the country to support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating:

1. **Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, non-profits or other artificial entities, and**
2. **Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.**

A “Yes” vote indicates you support a Constitutional Amendment, while a “No” vote indicates opposition to an Amendment.

YES

NO

Dennis had information from Steve Grundahl asking for our support for a fabrication trade class at the Mt. Horeb High School level. They are hoping to apply for a \$25,000 WEDC grant. John wondered if he had looked into the Technical College system which might already have such a class. It was decided to table this and get a bit more information on future funding, and whether or not the Tech College system has such a class in place already. There were concerns about future costs in light of cuts recently made in building trades and ag programs. John suggested we might send a letter of support at a later date once these questions have been answered.

Discussion Regarding Market Revaluation scheduled for 2017. Helen reported we are at 99% equalized value and the assessor recommends we do not have a Market Revaluation.. John moved we authorize a maintenance valuation from the assessor in 2017, Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0. Helen will contact Accurate.

Deputy Clerk process. We had 8 applicants, 4 of which Helen will interview by the end of the week. She will call on the board to interview the final 2. Town of Middleton has offered to assist if we have a new clerk.

Boundary Agreement...Dennis talked to the Administrator in Mt. Horeb and told him that we would put together a basic boundary agreement and present it to them.

Dennis attended ATC meeting last week. They have not yet made a decision on the route. It will be at least a year until it's final. There are people who are opposed to the line itself. Dennis did not get an answer as to how the cost of the line would affect our rates

Dane Com is still not working right, no improvements over the last month.

Updates on Opt Out. We will have a public hearing on the Unified Ordinance on Monday, January 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Helen was given a timeline for posting notices for the meeting. It is necessary in order to approve our official Town Map and any related changes in the Comprehensive Plan due to the Opt out in order to put it on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Land use committee, planning to meet in January to go over the Comprehensive Plan and Proposed Ordinance..

Economic Development committee will meet this week. They will probably be taking a stand on the Grundahl proposal for the Fabrication Lab.

John made a motion that the Board confirms the referendum results on the Public Safety Building and that Dennis should represent the Town of Blue Mounds at the District meeting and vote YES. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Dennis mentioned that we are looking for someone to help with grave markings at East Blue Mounds Cemetery. Helen suggested we put out a notice and see if anyone is interested in taking it over. There is a \$25 per siting reimbursement for the person who does it.

John moved to pay the bills of \$14,548.68. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

John moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk