

TOWN OF HARTLAND MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 10, 2012

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

- CHAIRMAN ROBERT WOLDT
- CLERK ROY BRODHAGEN
- TREASURER JENNY MITCHELL
- SUPERVISOR JAY TESCHKE
- SUPERVISOR FRANK HELLER

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Bill Dittman
Ross & Pam Berkahn
Liesner family
Marlin Noffke
Rick Fink
Tim Wagner
Shawano County Invasive Aquatic Species Team

CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly town board meeting of the Town of Hartland held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 was called to order by the Town Chairman, Robert Woldt at 7:00 pm in the Town of Hartland town hall.

MEETING NOTICES:

Chairman verified that proper postings had been done at the Town Hall, corners of N. Highline / Townline Road and S. Highline / E. Slab City Road.

MINUTES:

Clerk read minutes from the December monthly meeting. Jay Teschke made motion to approve minutes and Frank Heller seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payment of Bills:

Frank Heller made a motion to approve payment of accounts, check numbers 8627-47 totaling \$260,978.41
Jay Teschke seconded the motion, motion carried.

Financial Report:

January Income	\$682,559.04
January Expenses	\$260,978.41
January Month End Balance	\$8320.09

PLANNING COMMISSION

Frank made a motion, seconded by Jay to approve a zone request from Tim Wagner for the parcel of land that does not include his residence. Wagner was told by the Shawano County Planning Department that a zone change to General Ag use was necessary for him to be able to sell the land parcel in question.

FIRE COMMISSION

No report

ROADS

Brief discussion was held over the legality of using black plastic culverts versus the traditional metal ones. Roy, Marlin and others brought up the issue of logging occurring on the 40 acre parcel of land northeast of the Valley/W. Slab City Road intersection. The logger currently has logs piled in the ditch so high that they are now rolling onto the asphalt, not only presenting a very serious road hazard but also a snowplowing hazard as well. Bob stated that he would pay the landowner a visit.

SOUTH HIGHLINE ROAD DITCHING ISSUE

After some introductory discussion, including reading a letter to the town board from Berkahn's attorney, Jay informed the board what he had learned from Scott Frank, the Shawano County Land Conservation Service specialist. Jay had obtained a map from Scott Frank that illustrates the high spots in the ditch in question. These are the high spots that are causing the water to go westwards into the woods rather than being able to continue flowing north in the road ditch. Jay stated that if the town ditches down to the red line that is indicated on the map, Scott Frank assured him that the excavator would hit the existing water table and that consequently, the water may not flow properly anyway. Frank concluded that the town would need an engineer to determine if anything more could be practically and efficiently be done beyond just routine ditch cleaning due to the proximity of the existing water table to the surface and the unanswered question as to if further excavation could actually make the water flow north.

Robert Liesner wanted to know why the town would want to clean the ditch out at all if the existing humps that are preventing proper drainage aren't going to be removed since, according to the map, it won't accomplish anything more. Pam Berkahn stated that her and Ross want the ditch cleaned because it would at least take some of the pressure off their water issue. She stated that they are not trying to drain their land. However, they're currently taking on water from the Town of Lessor that had never occurred before until a new culvert was put in on South Highline Road. Now they have excessive amounts of water coming from Lessor and it can't drain properly to the north, thereby it just continues to deepen on their property.

The question was raised as to whether anything would be gained by doing any additional ditch cleaning. Pam stated that all they're asking for is to take off 6". However, Jay showed her on the map from the LCS office that doing so won't help the situation at all. Discussion was then held over why Henry Goebel can't be made to unblock the culvert. Unfortunately, the time frame is beyond the statute of limitations and the culvert is also on private property.

Scott Frank told Jay that he would contact him and would be willing to meet with him and all parties involved to discuss the matter further. After some further discussion, Jay re-iterated that we would just have to wait for Scott Frank to call and then will have to establish a meeting date and go from there.

Lastly, Liesner's presented Jenny with email correspondence they had with Scott Koehnke, a watershed management specialist from the Shawano DNR office.

MISCELLNEOUS ITEMS

Frank stated that Jerry Schneider had contacted him about deer carcasses being dumped on his property.

Frank made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve a bartender's license application for Kaci Staats. Staats' background check cleared with no issues.

Michael Druckrey entered the town hall at approximately 7:05pm, and as previously instructed by Shawano County District Attorney Greg Parker, Jay called the Shawano County Sherriff's Department to have him removed. After about 15 minutes a sheriff's deputy arrived and escorted Druckrey out of the town hall.

The Shawano County Invasive Aquatic Species Team provided the town with a synopsis of their 2011 research that included an aquatic vegetation study on White Lake as part of WI DNR effort to research and inventory aquatic invasives in Wisconsin. John and Ethan explained that no such data had previously existed for White Lake. John and Ethan provided a Powerpoint with their findings and reviewed future management steps that will be taken in an attempt to control the invasives that they've researched. The team wants to install educational kiosks at the White Lake boat landing that will review state laws and protocols to help minimized the transportation of invasives by boats, bait, etc. Jon and Ethan noted that the process is more of an educational one than one that includes actual control measures at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business was presented, motion was made by Frank and seconded by Jay to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.