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Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Paudler, Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, and Sandy Thompson. Clerk Sue Schultz was present. Marc Schultz was excused. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda for giving the chairman permission to move around the agenda. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the board minutes of 8-24 & 9-2-10 & 9-13-10. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the bills. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion failed 2 (Michaels, Paudler) to 2 (Fogel, Thompson). Thompson wants amendments to the budget so amount spent in each line does not exceed state given in the budget.

Citizens Concerns

Tim Carrier, W5835 Koss Road, Onalaska had concerns about the process for issuing burn permits. The Fire Board will have to address this.

Chris O'Hearn, President of Brice Prairie First Responders reported there were visitors from Japan to study our first responder system here in September.

Howard Kelly, W7765 County ZB, Onalaska expressed concern on vote to not pay the bills. When the Town has late payments on bills, that affects the Town's credit rating and put the Town into a poor credit situation should the Town need to apply for a loan for an emergency.

Gary Fischer, W7573 Cty ZB, Onalaska, expressed concern of one Board Member's actions which could be looked upon as a conflict of interest. One member of Board or Plan Commission should not go out and speak to a developer especially if that person has a business related to the development.

Old Business:

Shop repairs to roof (for leaks) and air exchanger need to be made were discussed. A bird built a nest in the Air exchanger which caused it to short out. Schneider Heating and Air conditioning, Inc. will repair for approximately \$800. Work was ordered to be completed.

An estimate for the Roof Repair was received from Interstate Roofing for \$1,600. Estimates were also requested from business but none were submitted. Another name was provided. More investigation needs to be done.

LaCrosse County's Comprehensive Zoning Plan was discussed. Comments on it should be given to the clerk.

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve 35 mph Speed Limit to Johnson Coulee, Olson and Ronnie Road and to add to the Ordinance.

Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 1 (Thompson).

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ORDINANCE NO. 2010-9-28-2 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT On Johnson Coulee, Olson & Ronnie Road

The Town Board of the Town of Onalaska do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 52-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Onalaska, Wisconsin, is hereby amended to add the following location:

Johnson Coulee Road
Olson Road
Ronnie Road

for 35 MPH speed Limit.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly by the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska at a regular meeting held on the on the 28th day of September, 2010.

Signage will have to be ordered. Need to contact LaCrosse County Highway System for correct placement of speed limit signs.

New Business

The clerk asked for permission to dispose of old computer she was using that “crashed”. Clerk is now using the computer that was purchased in 2008. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve disposal of the computer under appropriate guidelines for electronics and cost is zero. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Agreement was presented by Brice Prairie First Responders President, Chris O’Hearn. This is a plan to organize various responding units to help each other. Neighboring municipalities work together on mutual aid. There is no additional cost to the Town for MABAS. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-9-28-1. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0)

ADDENDUM B TO MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-9-28-3

WHEREAS, the Town of Onalaska provides fire and/or emergency medical services under contract with Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc. in accordance with Chapters 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WHEREAS, whenever an emergency in the Town of Onalaska takes place, or another community requests the Town of Onalaska to provide mutual aid in such an event, the Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc. could act swiftly to mitigate the incident.

WHEREAS, the Town of Onalaska has reviewed the agreement which is entitled the “Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement” (Agreement) and has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Town of Onalaska to allow the Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc.

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under contract with said Town to participate in the Agreement for the provision of fire and/or emergency medical services,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska:

1. That the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement submitted for consideration and approval is hereby approved;
2. That pursuant to the contract for fire and/or emergency medical services between Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc. and the Town of Onalaska, Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc. may participate in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement in accordance with its terms.
3. That Brice Prairie First Responders, Inc. shall keep on file with the Town Clerk current proof of insurance and other certifications required in the execution of this contract.
4. That the Town Chairman and the Town Clerk shall be, and are duly authorized to sign the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement the form presented and submit it to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Executive Board.
5. That each of the fire and/or emergency medical service organizations within the Town of Onalaska be furnished with a copy of the signed agreement and of this Resolution.

Introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska,

Dated this 28 day of September, 2010

Asbury Cemetery Expansion was discussion only. At this point, more information is needed on the correct procedure and costs involved. To be feasible, need to add at least $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 acre to the Cemetery.

The Commissioners were asked to review the 2010 Recycler Newsletter and suggest changes for 2011. Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the Recycler Newsletter. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve Antone Road Culvert Replacement needed due to washout from recent rains. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0). Cost estimate from LaCrosse County Highway Department is \$4,700. Will have to move funds within the budget to cover this unexpected cost.

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The clerk explained the EECB Grant (energy grant for Shop) money and the need for budget adjustments. The state reimburses us for money spent. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve any budget adjustments needed for the EECBG. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Insurance payment is due October 1, 2010 for all equipment, property and liability. . Terry Mlsna gave an insurance proposal presentation. He advises that the Town is under insured. The difference between his proposal and the Town's current insurance is \$730. Supervisor Michaels made a motion to stay with Town's current insurer, Rural Insurance recommended by the Wisconsin Town's Association. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4-0). The town must update the list of equipment. We can look at the new proposal in the coming year when there is more time to review it. A committee of town citizens with experience in Insurance needs to be formed to review the proposal.

Berg Enterprises submitted a proposal for preparing a description of a portion of Pineview Drive for \$500. This is to clarify the legal description. This would include surveying and mapping required to determine the boundaries of County Highway OT and the west property line of the subdivision plat of Pines Addition.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve a proposal to survey west end of Pineview Drive to OT by Dick Berg for no more than \$500. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Plan Commission

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve Boundary Agreement with the city of Onalaska Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There will be a public hearing on this agreement held jointly with the City of Onalaska.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for Wildwood Valley Development of County D, Holmen. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0 with 1 abstaining (Thompson).

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the Penney Lane Condominiums Plat. Supervisor Frank Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4 to 0).

Park Committee

Prior to the Town Board Meeting, a public hearing of the DRAFT of the "Town of Onalaska Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)" i.e. Park Audit of Town Parks was made by Schreiber Anderson and Associate Reed Dunbar. Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the draft Park Report. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4 to 0). The Park Committee will meet soon.

Citizens' concerns

Howard Kelly, W7765 Cty ZB, Onalaska has three concerns. He suggested using citizens for committees such as for the Insurance Proposal. No Board member is a insurance expert. A

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committee could review the proposal. Second, is the Survey voted on for \$500 in the Budget? Answer is No.

Third, he said the Budget is a one year look out at the best possible situation for the Town. The Budget is a guideline, not cast in stone. Adjustments must be made for things that happen.

Board Member Concerns

Chairman Paudler reported on several items. The approach to the covered bridge in Marvin Gardens Park is eroding. Concern if just filled in with large boulders, could youth move the stone/boulders. Will consult DNR to see if can pour concert over the boulders.

A special town board meeting could be called on the concern of a town citizen on the operation activities of the Town Shop. The land is zoned Agricultural District B.

The LaCrosse County Zoning Ordinances allow municipal buildings and uses in the Agricultural District B under section 17.37(1)(b)(o) which lists those authorized uses and reads: "Public, private and parochial schools, churches, **municipal buildings** and institutional uses."

Neighbors in Apple Valley have complained about the weeds at the Quansit hut on Schilling road and the weeds. A letter was written to the land owner, who refused to cut the weeds.

There is an article in the Wisconsin Towns Association September issue on page 16 on towns authority to enter private property and mow the lawn.

Stop Signs locations should be in the ordinances.

Supervisor Schultz is going to examine the outdoor burning pits/issues with our ordinances.

Fogel said there was a complaint on the direction of the traffic in the parking lot at the election site.

Thompson said there was a complaint of the speed of Harter Trucks on Cheyenne Drive.

The clerk reported on the September 14th election which had 740 voters.

Correspondence was emailed to board members prior to the meeting.

Chairman Paudler asked if one of the two supervisors voting not to pay the town bills would like to bring the issue back to the table. Supervisor Fogel said yes he would

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to approve the payment of the bills.

Supervisor Steve Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 1 (Thompson).

Chairman Paudler offered to meet with Ms Thompson on payment of bills and understanding the Budget so that this would not be an issue each month. Thompson said she looks at the approval process differently.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz.

These minutes were approved on October 25, 2010