

Monthly Town Board Meeting – September 19, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 15 in attendance; 2 non-residents present

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of this meeting was given to the Press on September 12, 2011 and the final agenda was posted in the three designated places on September 16, 2011.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman ó Present; Lee Shaw, Supervisor 1 ó Present; Neil Freeman, Supervisor 2 ó Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer ó Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk ó Present.

All Meetings/Hearings will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Pursuant to Town of Mukwa Ordinance 10-05.

Approve Monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw to approve the August 15, 2011 Monthly Town Board Minutes as printed. A second to the motion was made by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Supervisor Freeman to approve the August 31, 2011 Treasurer's Report as presented & read. Motion carried.

Budget/Vouchers: (a)Move Funds to Election Account: Motion to approve moving \$110.51 from the Contingency Fund to the Election Account was made by Chairman Curns with a second by Supervisor Shaw. Motion carried. (b)Approval & Payment of Vouchers: Motion was made by Sup. Shaw/Sup. Freeman to approve payment of Vouchers 23662 through 23713, dated August 16, 2011 through September 19, 2011, and Direct Withdrawal of Social Security, Medicare & Federal Taxes of \$1,058.05, for a total of \$36,569.85. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Town of Mukwa Residents: Ed Piskorski-Ebert Road: Mr. Piskorski advised that he personally patched a hole on Huntley Rd near the Harringtons and asked if the Town was planning on striping. Chairman Curns advised that there were no plans for doing any striping this year. Discussion on other concerns in that area. Mr. Piskorski told the Board he was going to do some striping himself. Chairman Curns advised that Mr. Piskorski should wear a vest as he was working as a citizen & not a Town employee. Tom Handschke asked if the 15 mph should be put before that curve as an advanced warning, County Highway Commissioner agreed that would be best.

County Supervisor: County Supervisor, Bob Fleese was present and had nothing new to present at this time.

Dean Steingraber, Waupaca County Highway Commissioner: (a)Concerns at Town/County Intersections: The two intersections of concern are Cty Trk X/Ostrander Rd/Fleese Rd ó near the Wolf River Trips Campground and also Cty Trk W/Klatt Rd ó near the High School. County Highway Commissioner Steingraber was present to discuss the concerns and possibilities with the Board and those present, which included Ostrander Road residents. Several possibilities/options were discussed, but warned that sometimes a change in one place can cause new/additional problems/concerns. Want to make sure any changes/corrections truly are the right ones; there is no money on either a Town or County level at this time for any repairs. It was verified that the corner of Ostrander Rd/Cty Trk X where parking has been allowed does belong to Waupaca County. Supervisor Shaw also felt that the intersections (Cty Trk W/Klatt/Beckert/Cedarhurst Subdivision) near the High School were of concern because of the amount of traffic & inexperienced drivers-traffic congestion & back-ups. County Highway Commissioner, Steingraber explained that these concerns were looked at when the school was built and felt that even though you do wait a long time to turn off of Klatt, that there really have not been any serious accidents, but he would find out accident history of both areas. Accident history dictates funding. (b)Hwy 54 & Broadway Street Intersection: Discussion on water that ponds near the intersection at the driveway near the Log Cabin Bar. Chairman Curns had been contacted by the property owner regarding this issue as water runs into her garage. Chairman Curns asked Greg Wood/Wood Sewer & Excavating to look at the area, and he felt that a catch basin will not work. Felt the only option would possibly be a 48" catch basin, load of clean rock & stone for the driveway & ramp the asphalt up-did advise that utilities may be a concern. Mr. Wood recommended that the current pipe needs to be cleaned, advised that the County Highway Department had cleaned it around a month ago.

Plan Commission: (a)Update/Monthly Report: Plan Commission Chair Shaw reported that there was no September meeting. Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall.

Building Inspector: (a) Report for August-September: Brent Otis-Sunrise Ct: Storage Shed; Mark Radke-Cty Trk W: Detached Garage; Rob Ferg-Hwy 54: Storage Shed; Robert Austin-Cut-Off Rd: Deck; Kay & Dale Kriesel-Dey Rd: Pole Building; Sarah Casey-Cty Trk X: Horse Shelter; Don Krostue-Driftwood Rd: Detached Garage. Monthly Total: \$118,300.00 Year to Date Total: \$757,200. Motion to accept the August-September Building Inspector's Report was made by Chairman Curns & seconded by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer: (a)Animal Report Forms/Veterinary Invoice/s: None (b)Citation Letter/s: None issued.

Roads: (a)Monthly Report: Mowing has been completed. Road/pothole patching will continue-weather permitting. (b)Road Equipment-Report/Repairs/ Purchases Needed: Grader still at Asylum Repair to have leak & hydraulic fixed (c) 2011/2012 Snowplowing - Possibility Expand County Hwy Dept Contracted Roads: Discussion. Mid-State offered a proposal; Greg Wood/Wood Sewer & Excavating mentioned he may be interested, as he was in the process of purchasing a new truck, but only if he gets a new truck. Board asked Dean Steingraber since he was present if the County would be interested in plowing additional town roads-just let them know what option we want. Mentioned that Ryan Griffen is getting out of the excavating business & has sand/salt available. No decisions made, will be added to the October Meeting. (d)Tree Trimming Projects: Need to pick projects, will be added to October Meeting. (e)Approve Gary Talady as Road Maintenance/Snow Plowing Employee: Chairman Curns made a motion to approve Gary Talady to do stuff for us, road maintenance & snow plowing, that type of thing. Second to the motion was made by Supervisor Shaw. Motion carried.

Waupaca County Zoning/Other Meetings: Attended: (1)Supervisor Shaw attended the August 18th Waupaca County Towns Association Quarterly Meeting held in Manawa and reported on the information presented, including the Employee Grievance Process, Concealed Carry, Prevailing Wage, Census and the change to the 40th Assembly. (2)Chairman Curns & Supervisor Shaw attended the September 7th New London Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held at the New London Municipal Building/Council Chambers regarding the Agenda item pertaining to Rural Tanker/Fire Department. Fire Chief not present (Chief did call to apologize), City will contact us when this is added to a meeting agenda. With the current proposed truck (around \$200,000+), the Town of Mukwa share could be \$112,000.

Upcoming: (1) Sept. 27th ó 7:00 p.m. Weyauwega Area Fire District Meeting ó Weyauwega Fire Department; (2) September 28th WTA Fall Budget & Finance Workshops ó Stevens Point; (3) October 12th ó 6:30 p.m. Waupaca County Highway Department Annual Fall Meeting ó Waupaca Shop, Fulton St.; (4) Oct. 24th & 25th - WTA Annual Convention ó KI Convention Center, Green Bay

Adopt Ordinance 2-11 ó Regarding Emergency Services: Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2-11 ó Regarding Emergency Services for the Town of Mukwa was made by Supervisor Shaw with a second to the motion made by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2-11 REGARDING EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, during substantial snow storms, it is necessary to replace or supplement snow plowing services for which the Town normally contracts;

WHEREAS, during wind storms, it may be necessary to clear trees or other debris from the roads without delay;

WHEREAS, such replacement or supplementation of normally contracted services would be provided on a temporary basis as needed to provide for passable roads;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in emergency situations and it may not be feasible for the Town Board to call a meeting and take appropriate action in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, the Town Chairman is authorized to obtain necessary assistance in case of an emergency, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 60.24(1)(e)(3), if so authorized by the Town Board;

WHEREAS, it is good governance to adopt a policy that any expenditure of Town funds by the Chairman, in the event of an emergency, should not exceed \$5,000.00 in any event;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Chairman is authorized to obtain such assistance as deemed necessary to replace or supplement any contracted services when an emergency situation threatens the unrestricted passage of a Town road.
2. In the event the Town Chairman is unavailable during any emergency situation, then the next designated Supervisor shall have the authority of the Town Chairman for the purpose of contracting for emergency services as provided herein. In the event the next designated supervisor is also unavailable during any emergency situation, then the remaining supervisor shall have the authority of the Town Chairman for the purpose of contracting for emergency services as provided herein.
3. The authority of the Town Chairman to contract for emergency services herein shall be limited to a maximum expenditure of \$5,000.00. Under no circumstances may the Town Chairman (or next designated Supervisor) incur any liability exceeding \$5,000.00. The Town Board reserves the right to contract for Town services except as expressly provided otherwise herein.
4. The Town Chairman (or next designated supervisor) shall report the contracting of any emergency services to the Town Clerk and the remaining Town Board members as soon as reasonably practical after the event.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication or posting as provided by law.

The above and foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on the 19th day of September, 2011.

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/s/Jim Curns, Town Chairman

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/s/Lee Shaw, Supervisor #1

/s/ Neil Freeman, Supervisor #2

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of an Ordinance passed by the Town Board of the Town of Mukwa, on the 19th day of September, 2011

/s/Jeanette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Code of Ordinance Published: 9/8/11

Posted at:

Northport Convenience Center: 9/19/11

Bean City Bar & Grill: 9/20/11

Mukwa Town Hall: 9/19/11

Adoption of Ordinance Published: 9/22/11

Rescind Ordinance 5-09 ó Ordinance Designating óSouthö Larry Road as a Restrictive Fifteen-Ton Highway: A complete study had been done by Omni Associates ó speed & weight. The ordinance is based upon recommendations from the engineer. Chairman Curns & Greg Wood/Wood Sewer & Excavating rented a bore & took core samples. Their findings were different than the Omni results. Greg Wood has worked with Omni on projects & was questioning why there was not an official óstampö on the results & analysis. Mr. Wood felt that Omni did not do their job & felt that the Town should get their money back. Chairman Curns & Mr. Wood both stated that they felt that Omni was told how to get the results that were wanted by somebody. Discussion. Chairman Curns made a motion to rescind based on current information that we now have. Discussion. No second was made. Motion died for lack of second. Cathy & Lloyd Stern both felt that if any type of changes were going to be proposed that notification should be sent to everyone on the road. Tom Handschke asked if it should be pulverized & paved, Chairman Curns did not feel that was necessary & money would be better spent elsewhere.

Raft Ordinance: Letter was drafted by John Faucher & submitted to the Board. Read ó

This serves as a reminder that All fishing rafts & floating piers in the Town of Mukwa must be removed & stored completely above the watermark (landward) on or before October 31st and remain through March 1st.

This mean that no part of such raft may be or become in contact with water (be it open or frozen) during the aforementioned period of time between Oct. 31st ó March 1st. This provision of Mukwa Ordinance 3-00 is also included in Chapter NR 324, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

In recent years, it has been brought to the Town's attention that several rafts kept over winter between New London & Northport at times (between Oct. 31st & March 1st) were partially in water and/or frozen into the ice. Rafts in this condition become a public nuisance & can be considered improperly maintained. Partially submerged, and/or frozen down rafts also reflect a negative light over the entire raft community.

The intention of existing Ordinance 3-00 & NR 324 is specific as to prevent this unsightly condition from occurring. Therefore steps should be taken to ensure that rafts are completely removed & stored landward far enough that fluctuating water levels during the restricted period of Oct. 31st ó March 1st do not reach said rafts.

If you do not have a trailer and/or place to park your raft on land during the off season, there are several options available & at least one raft owner who is willing to assist anyone who may have questions or need help.

Arrangements can be made to provide you with information & assistance by contacting Raft Inspector, Leon Fietzer at 359-0227. You may also contact Town Clerk Jeannette Zielinski at 982-9890 or by email, clerk@mukwa.us.

Sincerely,

Mukwa Town Board

Thank you for cooperating & helping us keep the wonderful tradition of fishing rafts alive on the Wolf River.

Clerk Zielinski will send the letter to all raft owners the first week in October.

Weyauwega Area Fire District: Will meet again, to discuss options for possibility of reinstating coverage for the Deer Haven/Guth area. Preference would be to pay based on a per hour/case basis. Supervisor Shaw made a motion to offer the Weyauwega Area Fire District, Deer Haven & Guth Road at their current hourly rates. Second to the motion was made by Chairman Curns. Motion carried.

November Monthly Meeting Date Change: From Monday, November 21st to Monday, November 14th

Correspondence Received: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shaw. Second by Supervisor Freeman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk