

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF VERONA

March 1, 2016 6:30 P.M.

Town Hall, 335 N. Nine Mound Road Verona, WI 53593-1035

Present: Geller, Dreger, Enburg, and Duerst

Absent: Maxwell

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright

Also Present: see sign in sheet

1. Call To Order/Approval of the agenda – Mark Geller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda by Enburg. Second by Duerst. Motion carried.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announcements – Mark Geller announced that the Board would go into closed session later in the evening.
4. Public Comment – Steve Sheets requested that the Town pursue raising the speed limit on Nesbitt Road to be consistent with the City of Fitchburg. Currently the speed limit in the City is 35 mph and in the Town it is 30 mph. Steve also requested that the Town explore lowering the speed limit on Fitchrona Road where it is currently 40 mph.
5. Old business - None
6. New business - None
7. Reports
 - a. Plan Commission:
 - i. Discussion and possible action re: development agreement and condominium declarations for 3159 Shady Oak Lane – Laura Dreger reported that the Plan Commission went through each page of the two documents last week and they were recommending approval of both. Buffering of the neighboring properties had been subject to a lot of conversation, and new language had been added that attempted to meet the Town’s request without creating any unbuildable lots. Laura added that the Town’s authority over condominium declarations was somewhat limited. Mike Duerst asked if the new homes would have Town trash service and John Wright added that special charges can be added. Either private pick up or public could be accommodated. Mike Duerst asked if there was anything that the Town was overlooking. Manfred Enburg added that issues could still be worked out during the permitting process. Motion by Dreger to approve the documents. Second by Duerst. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Update on boundary agreement – Amanda Arnold reported that she hoped to have a draft document for the Board to review at the next meeting.
 - iii. Update on comprehensive plan – Laura Dreger explained that the Plan Commission hadn’t had a chance to work on the comprehensive plan at the last meeting but they would be meeting more frequently to focus on the comprehensive plan.
 - b. Public Works Committee:
 - i. Discussion and possible action re: driveway permit for 1734 Black Cherry Court – Manfred Enburg explained the Public Works Committee had reviewed the application and was comfortable approving the driveway permit but not a variance for a culvert longer than the 26’ specified in the code. Dan Duren, who is building the new house, explained why he felt it was needed. After some debate, Manfred Enburg made motion to approve the driveway permit and not act on the variance. Second by Duerst. Dreger: aye, Enburg: aye, Duerst: aye, Geller: no. Motion carried.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action re: 2016 bridge inspection contract – Amanda and Manfred explained the bridge inspection process. Motion by Enburg to approve. Second by Duerst. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Natural and Recreations Areas Committee:
 - i. Discussion and possible action re: becoming an Ice Age Trail Community – Bill Keen reported that NRAC supported the application and had made suggestions to the City of Verona who is submitting the application. Motion by Dreger to support the application. Second by Enburg. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Ordinance Committee: Tom Matthies reported that the committee would like to take on regulations related fireworks permits and bicycle events. Other suggestion made were road haul permits and sewer stand by fees. It was decided that Amanda would create a list of what each committee is undertaking. The board can review it and prioritize things.
 - e. EMS Commission: Mike Duerst reported that a contract with the staff had been reached. He also reported on the construction status of the Verona and Fitchburg fire stations.
 - f. Town Chair:
 - i. Discussion and action re: response to Yahara Materials – Mark Geller explained that Yahara Materials has come back to the Town with a new hauling proposal. They would like to use Grandview Road and would rebuild it. Mark wanted to know if the Board was interested in having that conversation. After some discussion the Board decided that they are not interested in hauling on Grandview, but would be willing to have Yahara make a presentation to the Public Works Committee if they are interested in using and rebuilding Whalen Rd.
 - ii. Update and possible action re: bidding of new facilities – Mark Geller reported that the bid opening would be the next day. He reminded the Board that the point of putting it out to bid was to get factual numbers. After that the Board can strategize about funding.
 - g. Supervisors: No reports.
 - h. Clerk/Treasurer: John Wright reported on delinquent tax payments. He also asked for guidance on the refunding of trash fees for a property that had turned an old house into a shed and returned the carts. The Board agreed that a pro-rated refund should be given. John also reported on his work the hazard mitigation plan and the CMOM report.
 - i. Planner/Administrator:
 - i. Update on building inspector search – Amanda reported that the job had been advertised and there was some interest. She plans to bring a recommendation to the Board next month. There was some discussion about contracting with a city or offering benefits. The consensus was that those options could be pursued if the less expensive option of paying a portion of the building permits didn't work out.
8. Motion by Enburg to go into closed session per Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Second by Duerst. Motion carried
 9. Discussion and possible action pertaining to interest in the land at 7685 County Highway PD.
 9. Motion to return to open session by Dreger. Second by Duerst. Motion carried.
 10. Action and discussion on issues discussed in closed session – No follow up action was needed.
 11. Discussion and approval of minutes of the February 2nd meeting – Motion to approve by Dreger. Second by Enburg. Motion carried.
 12. Approval of payment of bills. Motion to approve by Enburg. Second by Duerst. Motion carried.
 13. Adjourn to adjourn by Enburg. Second by Duerst. Motion carried at 10:02 p.m.

Approved: 4/6/2016

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona