

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF VERONA

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Combs, Rego, Enburg, Geller, Miller

Absent: None

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright, Lease,

Also Present: see sign in sheet

1. Call To Order/Approval of Agenda

Dave Combs called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Motion by Enburg to approved the agenda. Second by Miller. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment– Brandon Bavery and Amber Mieden made comments about item #3 which are detailed below.

3. Discussion and action re: field road access for 2157 Sugar River Rd. –

Brandon Bavery and Amber Mieden explained that they don't think the proposal to move the farm access closer to their property is fair. They feel they will bear the impacts that the applicant doesn't like at the current location. They also don't feel the existing problems warrant deviating from the Town's rule to try to keep drives 300' feet apart. Lastly, they have concerns that the proposed access would one day turn into a road and disrupt the county feel they sought when they purchased the house.

Ron Lease suggested an alternate design (see property file). Sherry Crownheart responded that the alternative design would not work primarily because it was twice the distance to get to the same location. She didn't feel the County would allow it. There was a lengthy discussion about the design. Sherry explained that their engineer was trying to meet both Town and County requirements. Bob Rego responded that if they disturb less than 4000 sf of soil, they don't have to work with County. There were questions about whether or not the easement and proposed access could be moved farther north and impact the Bavery property less. There was a discussion about the tile field and if it was possible to move the drive. There were also discussions about a berm. Sherry thought the County wouldn't allow the disturbance of more soil. The Board suggested a must simpler design of just a culvert and apron (then equipment would travel across the grass). Sherry explained that the current design was intended to limit washout. Sherry talked about the need to support farming and allow the access. She also assured the Board that manure would not be spread.

Motion by Enburg to grant the access for a field access only at the southern boundary of 2157 Sugar River Rd in the general requested location with the understanding that the property owner will work with the Town's Project Manager to place the access as far north of the property line as is practicable, that a berm be constructed which would displace 4,000 square feet or less of soil, a fence be erected to the south of the access, and a tree line established in the same location
Second by Rego.

In addition the following conditions were established:

- The proposed field road access will have a gravel flare where it meets Sugar River Road; the remaining length of the access will be dirt
- The approval is for field road access only and shall not be construed as approval for future access to the two potential residential building sites and any future modifications would require a new driveway permit.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was determined that a special board meeting would be held sometime after April 4th. Amanda stated that she would set up the meeting.

4. Reports

A. Plan Commission:

- i. Manfred Enburg reported on the status of the Dane County blanket rezoning. He and Amanda Arnold reported that the County is making their recommendations based on existing use. However, Manfred encourage the Board to push for more residential zoning.
- ii. Amanda pointed out information in the packet about Dane County ordinance amendment 26. The Plan Commission is recommending that the Town not support the amendment because mines are already regulated a great deal, local governments can pass ordinances to control mines, and the effects of the ordinance could result in hauling longer distances and a rush to open inactive mines. Dave Combs suggested that the Board take action at their meeting.
- iii. Amanda also mentioned AB661 which would allow towns to opt out of Dane County zoning. She passed out information from the Dane County Towns' Association (DCTA) that suggests that individuals contact their representatives. She also mentioned that DCTA wants property owners to weigh in.

- iv. Amanda pointed out conceptual designs for the intersection of CTH M and CTH PD. She explained that there is a community meeting about the proposals on March 12th. Manfred explained that he has a lot of concerns about the design, specifically the part dealing with Raymond Rd. He asked Amanda to follow up and find out when the formal comment period will take place.
- B. Public Works:
 - i. Authorization to bid paving of Davis Hills Dr. and Sunset Dr. – Kevin Lord explained that because the town already has cost estimates and not a lot of drawing is needed these two project could be bid. Motion by Miller to authorize the solicitation of bids. Second by Rego. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Discussion of Range Trial design options – Amanda handed out some conceptual cost estimates and design options that MSA had prepared. Amanda explained that if the Town doesn't get the LRIP funds, the Board should be ready with an alternate plan. Kevin pointed out that if the Town gets the grant, the project might not be able to be started this season and some repairs will have to be made. After a lengthy conversation about potential annexation, biking, and design option, it was determined that the Board supported spending approximately \$350,000 and also looking at extending the work south of Sunset. It was determined that this would need to be put on a future meeting agenda for final action.
 - C. EMS: No new information
 - D. Open Space and Parks: Greg Miller explained that at the last meeting the OSPC brainstormed possible connections between existing trails and open spaces. John Wright explained that there was also discussion of resource corridors.
 - E. Town Chair: Dave Combs reported on a recent meeting with the attorney about municipal court. Dave also suggested a board retreat, which was set for April 19th.
 - F. Supervisors: No reports.
 - G. Clerk/Treasurer:
 - i. Delinquent tax report – John Wright handed out a list of delinquent taxes (real and personal property).
 - ii. Board of Review training – John encouraged the Board to get training. Mark Geller already had and he stressed that the tax roll needs to be believed to be correct and the Board should be thorough. Dave Combs added that John Wright and Paul Musser have discovered that the Payne and Dolan pit has been assessed at use value since it was constructed, and because no crops exist, it should be assessed manufacturing like the other pits. This is something Rose Johnson explored years ago, but no final action was taken at that time.
 - iii. Driveway ordinance update – John explained that in order to complete the edits to the driveway ordinance, staff should meet with the Dane County Stormwater management staff because it is likely that conflicts exist.
 - H. Planner/Administrator:
 - i. Audit update – Amanda explained that auditors had visited. She and the auditors agree that the account set ups need work, but that in general she felt the visit went well.
 - ii. Annexation – Amanda pointed out a map of a parcel being annexed by City of Madison at Midtown and Woods Rds.
5. Motion by Rego to go into closed session per Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (e) to discuss the potential purchase of property. Second by Miller. Motion carried.
 6. Motion by Rego to return to open session. Second by Enburg. Motion carried. No follow motions were needed based on the conversation in closed session. The conversation focused on future town hall/garage needs.
 7. Approval of the bills for February – Motion by Miller. Second by Rego. Motion carried.
 8. Review of Building Permits, Inspection Reports, Road Haul Permits, and Right-of-Way Permits – Motion by Miller to approve the road haul permit for Asplundh Tree Experts. Second by Rego. Motion carried.
 9. Approval of minutes of the February 4th meeting. Motion by Geller to approve with the correction of the year. Second by Miller. Motion carried.
 10. Adjourn – Motion by Miller. Second by Rego. Motion carried at 9:30 p.m.

Approved: 4/2/2014

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona