

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF VERONA

December 2, 2014 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Rego, Enburg, Geller, Combs, Miller

Absent: None

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright

Also Present: see sign in sheet

1. Call To Order – Dave Combs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Rego to approve the agenda with 7A being postponed to a future meeting. Second by Enburg. Motion carried.
4. Announcements –
 - a. Dane County Sherriff's Office update – Officer Paul Thompson introduced himself to the Board and reviewed recent citation data.
 - b. Update re: Gregg Miller's board seat – Gregg explained that he had not yet closed on his property, so he was still a Town resident and able to fulfill his role for approximately two more weeks. Dave Combs explained that a replacement would be appointed after Gregg formally steps down.
5. Public Comment – Several people spoke against the proposed quarry. Leslie Jorgensen asked the Board to consider the safety issue on Fitchrona Rd. She pointed out that the peak truck traffic could be 261 trucks a day or 21 trucks an hour. Robert Kohlengerg encouraged the Board to consider the new residential development along Fitchrona Road, stating that the quarry's traffic would conflict with residential areas. He also raised concerns about night operations. Tim Barrey expressed concerns about the size and weight of the trucks and conflicts with cars. He also stated that the road doesn't meet the needed standards. Gary Berger has spoken at an earlier meeting but submitted written comment into the record at this one.
6. Unfinished business
 - a. Discussion and possible action re: a road haul permit for Yahara Materials to use Fitchrona Rd. - Tim Geoghegan of Yahara Materials explained that they have provided updated traffic counts and cost estimates for a concrete verses asphalt intersection as requested at an earlier meeting. Manfred Enburg asked if they had looked at alternate routes. Yahara responded that they had but that turning left out of their site doesn't work well for them or the City of Fitchburg. Manfred stressed that he could not make a good decision until he was convinced all alternatives had been explored. He also discussed the possibility of posting the road and limiting the weight to 8,000 lbs. Amanda pointed out a 2007 resolution limiting the weight on Fitchrona Rd to 10,000 lbs per axel without a permit. There was also conversation about soils and the current intersection standards. Tim stressed that Yahara is willing to contribute to the cost of repairs and be a partner with the Town, and he wanted to know what else they could do to satisfy the Town. Manfred responded that he's like to see an analysis of alternate routes. Mark Geller asked about the number of trucks and their weight. After some debate it was estimated that Yahara would run 52 trucks and hour based on their current business model and that they would weigh 73,000 lbs. Mark also asked if they could go through an adjacent quarry. Tim responded that the that quarry is operated by their competitor, but that could be a possibility. Bob Rego stated that ultimately Fitchrona will need to be rebuilt and the town, with no growth, would not have the money for that. He explained that going through route whole owned by Fitchburg would be much simpler. Dave Combs raised concerns about the current flooding of Fitchrona Road. Gregg Miller explained that even if the Town and quarry can come to agreement on the road impacts, he's concerned about the impact of the traffic on the residents. Dave summarized that the original proposal by Yahara remains the same, but the Town still has concerns. Tim asked the Town to put its concerns in writing so they can address them. He encourage the town to prioritize their concerns and supply maps. The Board agreed and the action remained tabled.
 - b. Discussion and possible action re: Dane County parking access to the Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife area off Sunset Drive. – Chris James presented the County's plan. They are proposing a

lot for approximately eight vehicles. The will eliminate a current access and shift it to the east. There was discussion about sight lines and trees. Motion by Enburg to untable the discussion. Second by Miller. Motion carried. Motion by Enburg to approve the access. Second by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

7. New business

- a. Discussion and possible action re: Ordinance 2014-4 Adopting Chapter 3(Fire Protection) of the new code of ordinances. – This item remained tabled.

8. Reports

a. Plan Commission:

- i. Discussion and possible action re: comprehensive plan amendment – Amanda explained that the PC will likely act on a modified version of what's been discussed in the past (removing the neighborhood plan boundary and putting some land north of PD into farmland preservation).
- ii. Discussion and possible action re: abandonment of Wesner Rd. – Manfred explained that he'd like to hold a public information meeting about Wesner Rd. and discuss full abandonment, partial abandonment, and a MoU.

- b. Public Works – Amanda explained that Purple Cow has closed the road patrolman has nowhere to take brush. The Board discouraged burning it. Instead they suggested cutting less, moving it to the new site later, or shredding the brush. John mentioned trees on Paulson that are shadowing the road and creating an icy area. Given the fact that there is nowhere to take brush, the Board suggested simply salting more.

c. EMS:

- i. Discussion and possible action re: 2013 EMS Commission minutes – Motion by Rego to approve. Second by Geller. Motion carried.
- ii. Bob Rego reported that Terry Schnapp, the new appointee, attended his first meeting.

- d. Open Space and Parks – John Wright reported that there was no December meeting scheduled. It was mentioned that a new Board member would need to serve on OSPC.

- e. Town Chair – Dave Combs announced summarized the budget meeting for those in the audience. The Town's offer on 7685 CTH PD has been accepted, but a closing date has not been set yet.

- f. Supervisors: Bob Rego asked if the implements of husbandry regulations would be discussed at the next Plan Commission meeting. Amanda responded that it will be on the agenda and asked for help in getting notice out to people who use big equipment. She also noted that the Dane County Towns Association has suggested a draft ordinance, which she will forward to the Board. Manfred Enburg asked the Board if the Town should invest in drafting a concept of what Fitchrona Rd needs to be. Some members were hesitant to spend the money if an alternate route were to be determined. There was a general discussion about reaching out to Fitchburg again.

- g. Clerk/Treasurer: John Wright reported on tax bill preparation and the mill rate. He also explained that his first interactions with the new assessor have gone well.

h. Planner/Administrator:

- i. Discussion and possible action re: 2015 general engineering services – Motion by Enburg to approve. Second by Rego. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Discussion and possible action re: Scope of Services for Boundary Agreement assistance from MSA - Motion to approve by Geller. Second by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.
- iii. Update re: Old PB bridge consultant selection – Amanda reported that the Town has been authorized to go out to bid again. She'll set up coordinated interviews with the City of Verona. Manfred and Bob volunteered to participate in the interviews.
- iv. Late December meeting of the final payment of 2014 bills – Amanda suggested a meeting on Dec. 29th to finalize 2014 payment.

9. Motion by Enburg. Second by Geller to go into closed session per Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (e) and (c) for the purpose of:

- a. 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.

- i. Discussion and possible action pertaining to the purchase of land for Town operations and
- b. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 - i. Discussion pertaining to staff reviews and proposed 2015 salaries.
 - ii. Discussion pertaining to a contract with the Planner/Administrator

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Motion to return to open session - Motion by Enburg. Second by Miller. Motion carried.
- 11. Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in closed session. – Motion by Rego to approve the 2015 pay rates as presented minus the amount detailed for the Administrator. Second by Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Enburg to approve an updated contract with the Administrator as presented with amendments related to probationary language and salary. Second by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12. Discussion and possible action re: Resolution 2014-8 Adopting the 2015 Condensed Budget. Motion by Enburg to approve. Second by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13. Approval of payment of bills for November – Motion by Rego. Second by Geller. Motion carried.
- 14. Review of Building Permits, Inspection Reports, Road Haul Permits, and Right-of-Way Permits.
- 15. Motion by Enburg to approve the Nov 5th minutes. Second by Rego. Motion carried.
- 16. Adjourn – Motion by Miller. Second by Geller. Motion carried at 10:10 p.m.

Approved: 1/13/2015

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona