

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **TOWN OF VERONA**

**Saturday, April 19, 2014 9:00AM**

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

Present: Rego, Enburg, Geller, Combs

Absent: Miller

Staff Present: Arnold

Also Present: None

Meeting purpose was to allow the Town Board to strategize about Town goals and priorities

1. Call To Order/ Approval of Agenda – Dave Combs called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Motion by Rego to approve the agenda. Second by Geller. Motion carried.
2. Review of goals for the meeting – Dave Combs explained that he'd be happy if the group could leave the meeting with a) consensus about whether or not build a new building and b) a plan for working with the surrounding jurisdictions. Manfred Enburg and Mark Geller both talked about the need for a professional presentation that would outline the status of the Town and the issues it's facing.
3. Review of the Town's financial health and account balances – Amanda walked through the account balances. Later in the meeting suggestions were made about spreading the balance between the two accounts at Capital Bank and about giving the State Bank of Cross Plains CD general names and planning for one to come available each year.

The group felt that money should continue to be reserved for a new Town Hall and that major investments should not be made in the current structure. It was determined that the Town should talk with Epic more about potential sites and also identify other key property owners to contact about the sale of approximately five acres of land to the Town. Manfred also suggested contacting the DOT about land that they own in the Town.

4. Discussion of upcoming expenses/projects/decision making points – Amanda walked through a summary of upcoming events for the Town (contract end dates, road projects, potential staff increases, etc.)

It was realized that the Town cannot make major plans without agreements with the neighboring jurisdictions. Dave stated that will Fitchburg is a current concern, the City of Verona hold control over more Town land so it should be the highest concern. The City of Madison was seen as a lesser threat, but it was mentioned that the Town should work with the City of Madison to allow more development in the Nesbitt Road area as a trade off for the City of Madison potentially annexing other land.

There was a general discussion about Fitchrona Road and the impacts of new development in Fitchburg. The Board talked about the concept of giving the northern portion of Fitchrona Road to the City of Fitchburg in return for the full control of the southern portion. The Board asked Amanda to set up a meeting with the Town attorney to discuss options. Bob Rego stressed that he feels the Town should invest very little in roads that have the potential to be annexed into any jurisdiction.

5. Discussion of status of discussions with neighboring jurisdictions – Amanda presented a map on which the group outlined areas of concern. Manfred suggested investigating whether or not a portion of the Town could be a village. He also suggested hiring an intern to work on planning/mapping projects.
6. Break
7. Discussion of action items – Key action items identified were to a) talk with the attorney about all the Town's options in dealing with other jurisdictions, b) to pursue building sites, and c) build a clear message about the Towns' needs.
8. Discussion of the Town's account balances based on earlier topics – See agenda item #3 notes.
9. Final comments/Adjourn - Motion by Rego to adjourn at 11:40 AM. Second by Geller. Motion carried.

Approved: 5/6/2014

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Amanda Arnold  
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona