

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF VERONA

Tuesday, April 3, 2013 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Rego, Miller, Enburg, Geller

Absent: Combs

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright, Lease, Judd

Consultants: Musser, Lord

Also Present: See sign in sheet

1. Call To Order/Approval of Agenda

Robert Rego called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Motion by Miller, second by Geller to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Presentation from Paul Musser

Paul Musser, the Town's Assessor, explained that the re-evaluation will be done earlier than expected. Notices of a change of assessment should go out at the end of April. Amanda asked the Board Members if they could attend a Board of Review meeting on June 18th and the date was confirmed. Paul explained that while some houses have increased in value, the overall assessed value in the town has dropped by 4 to 5%.

4. Reports

A. Engineer/Public Works:

Kevin Lord presented options for spending money on road repair this coming summer. Since most of this year's funds will be spent on PB, a variety of smaller projects are candidates for the rest of the funding. Conversation focused on Sugar River. Manfred Enburg suggested that better decisions could be made with traffic counts and more information on the condition of all roads. Ron Lease reported out on the estimated cost of repairs needed for various single purpose roads if they are to be abandoned. Concerns were raised about repairs to Sugar River growing beyond the estimated scope. John Wright suggested doing boring to get an understanding of underlayment. Mark Geller suggested doing small repairs to several roads rather than investing in one. There was general support for this idea. Bob Rego suggested doing less this year with hopes of spending more on a larger project next year.

Motion by Miller, second by Enburg to proceed with the funding of the purchase of cold mix for repairs to Locust, White Crossing, Flint, and Range Trail; gravel; crack sealing; composting; bridge inspection; and seal coating of Midtown and Purcell Roads. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Enburg, second by Miller to table discussion of culverts on Jaggi and Forest Drives and discussion of Sugar River Road until a policy on single purpose roads can be developed and more work can be done on cost estimating for Sugar River Rd.

Mark Judd asked for guidance the purchase of a new snow plow. He asked if the Board wanted a single axle or dual axle. Bob Rego suggested getting quotes for both and upping the horse power if a single axle is sought.

B. Plan Commission:

Manfred Enburg reported on the mapping exercised being done by the Plan Commission. Amanda Arnold explained that the County is seeking Town feedback on a wind power ordinance. There was a discussion about the ability of a Town to further regulate wind energy. John recommended a speaker who came to New Glarus. John explained that Towns can regulate things like abandonment of the turbines and add fees. He suggested a similar set of regulations could apply to antennas. Motion by Geller to support the County ordinance and also pursue further research on the issue by staff and the Plan Commission. Second by Enburg. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. EMS: Bob Rego reported that the union contract has been signed.

D. Fire: Amanda Arnold reported that the Fire Commission is working to support the efforts of the City as they create a fire department.

E. Open Space and Parks: John Wright reported that he is going to meet with DNR staff to discuss a parking lot to provide access to the Sugar River. There was a brief discussion about a request received to have the Town fund plantings in a cul-de-sac. Amanda had suggested the person making the request contact the OSPC.

F. Town Chair: No report.

G. Supervisors: No reports.

- H. Planner/Administrator: Amanda reported the following -
- Staff is close to picking new office furniture for the backroom. The cost will be approximately \$10,500. Staff also needs to buy a new computer for a cost of approximately \$2,000.
 - Staff has received a request/offer from a local business man to clean up the right-of-way on N. Nine Mound Rd. in return for the placement of a small sign (like an adopt a highway program). Amanda acknowledged that details need to be worked out, but the Board as receptive to the idea.
 - Training is available for Town Officials through the Local Government Center. Amanda passed out a brochure.
 - The annual meeting is scheduled for the night of Tuesday, April 16th.
 - Town staff has not heard from Epic's contractors about the proposed power line since the last meeting.
- I. Clerk/Treasurer:
John Wright explained that he came across an ordinance from 1999(99-1) that commits Town staff to refunding excess tax payments with 10 days of the deposit of the tax check and no later than 15 days after the payment was received. These timeframes are difficult for staff to meet. Motion by Enburg, second by Miller to amend Ordinance 99-1 to change "10 days" found in section 3 to "30 days" and "15 days" found in section 5 to "30 days".
5. Motion by Enburg/Second by Rego to approve the payment of bills for month of March. Motion carried.
 6. Review of Building Permits, Inspection Reports, Road Haul Permits, and Right-of-Way Permits.
Amanda pointed out a ROW permit for Epic to cut trees in the right-of-way on Country View Road.
 7. Motion by Miller/Second by Enburg to approve the minutes of the March meeting with the correction of a typo under Item 6A. Motion carried.
 8. Motion by Enburg/Second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:55 pm.

Approved: May 7, 2013

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona