

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF VERONA

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Combs, Miller, Enburg, Geller

Absent: Rego

Staff Present: Arnold, Wright

Also Present: See sign in sheet

1. Call To Order/Approval of Agenda

Motion by Enburg to approve agenda. Second by Miller. Motion carried at 6:30PM.

2. Public Comment –

Jim Pulver, representing the Town of Springfield, described the Town of Springfield's experience working with Epic and its subcontractors on the development of the existing turbines. He warned the Town Board to get commitments in writing and understand that there are unanswered legal questions about the approach that Epic is taking. He cautioned against setting a unwanted precedent with the approval of the power line. Dave Laufenberg from the Town Springfield explained that potential may exist for another power company to accept the power and all options have not been explored. Art Meinholz from the Town of Springfield said that Epic is working with property owners to place more turbines in the Town of Springfield, but has not worked through the Town. Manfred Enburg asked how the turbines were taxed, and the Springfield representatives said they're still researching that. Gary Steuck stressed that utility lines are typically for the public good, and he feels this one is not. He explained the Epic would still need back up capacity and urged the Board to consider the larger energy usage picture for Epic, stressing that Epic could reduce the demand for electricity and reduced the miles driven by employees to reduce the environmental impact. Dave Laufenberg encouraged the Board to work with MG&E to make the option of keeping the power on the grid work. Tim Sweeny added that Epic's growth is out of control and should be managed. Gary Steuk said if an agreement is approved the Town should get something out of it like better sound barriers. Manfred Enburg explained his concern about TIF funded roadways being torn up so quickly stressing that its wasted tax dollars. Dave Combs thanked everyone for their comments

Jay Neider from JSD Engineering explained that his firm submitted a proposal for the design of the Old PB Bridge and that he hoped work with the Town.

3. Comprehensive Plan Amendment for 2778 Prairie Circle

Amanda explained why she was suggesting a comprehensive plan amendment for the Sweeny property. She went on to say that she had gotten confused about the process and was seeking a resolution of support tonight (not an ordinance as indicated on the agenda). She would then need to send this resolution to adjacent jurisdictions and allow them 30 days to comment. She suggested moving the public hearing to the Annual Meeting date. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-4. Second by Miller. Approved unanimously. The Sweeny's were available for questions, but the only question was from Dave Combs to Amanda clarifying if she had County support for this approach. Amanda replied that she had spoken with County staff about the approach, but was not sure if the ZLR committee would approve it or not.

4. Right-of-way agreement for a proposed power line to serve Epic

Dave Combs explained the draft agreement that the Board received had not been reviewed by Epic's attorney. In addition, the Town's attorney has not received a copy of Epic's agreement with the City of Madison, and he would like to review that before moving forward. Motion by Miller to table discussion of the agreement. Amendment by Enburg to table the agreement until such time that the Town and the City of Verona can meet to discuss planning and growth issues related to Epic. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Pellitteri contract

Tim Bolhuis from Pellitteri was available to answer questions about their proposal for a contract extension. Amanda explained that she was interested in whether or not the Board wanted to go out for bids or extend the existing contract. Several Board members stated that existing service has been good. Dave Combs reminded people that we currently own Pellitteri bins, so it would be efficient to stay with their service. Motion by Miller to have staff work with Pellitteri on a contract extension. Second by Geller. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Reports

A. Engineer/Public Works:

Amanda reviewed the consultant selection process for the Old PB bridge design work. She stressed that all the firms were impressive. However, she, Manfred Enburg, and Gregg Miller all felt Ayres and Associates was the strongest candidate. Manfred and Gregg both commended JSD Engineering on their proposal. Amanda explained that selection was not final until it's approved by DOT. Motion by Enburg to present Ayers and Associates as the Town's top choice. Second by Miller. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Plan Commission:

Manfred Enburg discussed his interest in undertaking a planning process for Old PB with other partners. A general conversation about growth and planning followed. Amanda reminded the group that the City of Madison is moving forward with the annexation of the Smithies/Audubon Society land and asked if there were any comments. There were none.

- C. EMS: No report.
- D. Fire:
Dave Combs explained that the dissolution and new service agreement were approved by the Verona City Council the night before. Amanda walked the Board Members through each agreement. There was a brief conversation about land under tax increment financing. Amanda relayed the concerns expressed by Bill Krell, the Town's representative on the Fire Commission. Motion by Miller to approve the agreements as presented. Second by Enburg. Motion approved unanimously
- E. Open Space and Parks:
Gregg Miller reported that OSPC is awaiting more information about the County purchase of Bruce Company land. He also talked about the OSPC reviewing the trimming and brushing policy. Amanda clarified that it appears from the Town's records that work was initiated in early 2012 and not completed. Several Board Members expressed interest in updating the policy. John Wright told Members that two people have expressed some interest in joining the OSPC. John will forward their contact information to Dave Combs so he can appoint them if they are interested.
- F. Town Chair: Dave reported that he spoke at a Chamber luncheon and that he and Amanda had been invited to meet with the County Executive's staff about the potential Brown Farm annexation.
- G. Supervisors: Bob Rego had sent in a comment that Sunset Drive had flooded and he wondered about placing permanent signs at some commonly flooded spots. Amanda said she could talk to Mark Judd about that. Dave responded he had some concerns about putting up additional signage.
- H. Planner/Administrator:
Amanda gave an update on the damage done to lights at 2779 Cross Country Circle. She explained that the Town's insurance agent suggested she submit a claim. However, after talking to the agent she believes the claim will be denied because the trees appear to be in the right-of-way. Mark Geller explained that if the trees are in the right-of-way, it's a hard lesson to learn, but the Town should not reimburse the cost of the lights. The others concurred. Several Board Members encouraged staff to create "frequently asked questions" or other form of information to educate people about the right-of-way regulations.

Amanda explained that staff does not feel ready to implement the building fee increases discussed at the last meeting. Staff would like more time to consider the overlap between those fees and other permits fees like the driveway escrow fee. Motion by Enburg to postpone action on Resolution 2013-3 until such time as staff feels able to properly implement the fees. Second by Miller. Motion approved unanimously.

- I. Clerk/Treasurer:
John Wright walked the Board through some reports he had generated related to unpaid taxes and tax exempt land. He also discussed the transition to Quickbooks.

John Wright updated the Board on the Maurer claim discussed last month and handed out a summary (attached). Without documentation that the Assessor sent the Maurers a notice of changed assessment, John recommended reimbursing the Maurers for the taxes on \$140,300 of value with interest. Motion by Miller to reimburse the Maurers for that amount. Second by Geller. Motion approved unanimously. Dave Combs suggested the John copy Paul Musser, the Assessor, on his correspondence with the Maurers.

- 7. Motion by Enburg/Second by Geller to approve the payment of bills for month of February. Motion carried.
- 8. Review of Building Permits, Inspection Reports, Road Haul Permits, and Right-of-Way Permits
- 9. Motion by Enburg/Second by Miller to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried.
- 10. Motion by Miller/Second by Geller to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:45 pm.

Approved: 4/3/2013

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator, Town of Verona