

Town of Verona Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2018  
Town Hall, 7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI 53593

Committee members present: Tom Mathies (chair), Bob Rego, Meredith Stier Christensen  
Also present: Town Clerk/Treasurer John Wright

Tom Mathies called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.  
Without objection the agenda was approved.  
Without objection the January 17 meeting minutes were approved.

Discussion:

- Code of ethics for board, commission, and committee members
  - ◆ Discussion:
    - Use the original definition of family members after discussion with Wisconsin Towns Association attorney.
    - Separate sanctions for employees and officials.
    - Forfeiture will be up to the maximum allowed by state statute.
    - The Town Board may issue a citation for a violation.
  - ◆ Next step:
    - John: incorporate code of ethics into Chapter 1 for consideration at the March or April Town Board meeting.
    - John: may propose change to allow the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes to adopted ordinances.
- Road weight limits
  - ◆ Discussion:
    - The Town Board decided to allow the Town Patrolman to establish road weight limits.
  - ◆ Next steps:
    - John: review state statutes for exemptions.
    - No further Ordinance Committee action is planned.
- Obstructions within the Town rights of way
  - ◆ Discussion:
    - The Town Board requested an ordinance that reflects the state statute on encroachments.
    - Town ordinance will rely on the state statute rather than creating a separate offense.
  - ◆ Next step:
    - Tom and John: present ordinance to the Town Board
- Road opening permit – no update.
- Mobile tower siting permit – no discussion.
  - ◆ Discussion:
    - Dane County handles permits for siting tower in towns.
    - The Town requires building permits for tower construction.

- The Town's comprehensive plan can designate areas that should not have towers. This will guide Dane County.
- The Town does not have zoning authority so the best approach is to use the comprehensive plan to guide tower siting.
- ◆ Next step:
  - John: update the Town Board on this approach to siting towers.
  - No further Ordinance Committee action is planned.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Approved: March 21, 2018

Prepared by Tom Mathies