

## Unapproved Minutes

Town of Blue Mounds  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, December 11, 2017

Dennis called the monthly board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kasha read the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting. John made a motion to approve with correction of typos. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Road Report, nothing to report. Charlie's been salting and sanding.

Building Report. There are two windows that need to be replaced. Charlie will call and remind Mt. Horeb Glass.

Public Comments: Jack Pohle will withhold comments until we discuss the Land Division Ordinance.

Jeff Sutter and Duane Miller appeared to discuss Duane's land. Jeff is interested in purchasing 10.7 acres on the West side of East Blue Mounds RD which is noted as Parcel A on a site map. The board agreed that the parcel is non-conforming and would have a building site available. Parcel B, where Duane has his buildings, has no further splits. John made a motion to send a letter to both Jeff and Duane stating that Parcel A has a building site and Parcel B does not, Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0. Sutter has no plan to rezone the property at this time.

Adoption of Ordinance 18, Land Division Ordinance. From the audience, Jack Pohle had some questions: He questioned the oversight. Dennis explained that we have hired General Engineering as our Zoning Administrator. He questioned the 1.5 acre allowance mentioned in the ordinance. John explained that the 1.5 acre allows for a property owner with property near either the village of Mt. Horeb or Blue Mounds who wants to annex in order to get more splits and thus more money for his property. He could then be encouraged to stay in the township by having 1.5 acre lots instead of 2 acres. The 35 acre divisor rule would still apply. It could also be applicable to the school-owned property on HWY JG, thinking if they'd want to develop it for homes, they could be smaller lots. That area is designated on the Comprehensive Plan as Transitional. The board explained that the Comprehensive Plan would have to be changed at an Annual Meeting in order to change the 35 acre density rule and the Comprehensive Plan always has priority.

John made a motion to adopt Town of Blue Mounds Ordinance 18, Chapter 6, Land Development Ordinance. He indicated the Clerk would only have the ability to change misspellings. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0. A roll Call Vote was taken: John, Yes; Wayne, Yes; Dennis, Yes. Helen will publish notice of the ordinance.

The board discussed the new address numbering policy. The county will issue the address and we will order the supplies and issue the number to the resident when the building permit is issued.

Emergency Action Plan. Helen and Kasha would like another chance to inquire of town residents whether or not they might have equipment to provide in an emergency. John moved to table until the January meeting. Wayne seconded, motion passed. 3-0.

RE the Town moving to District 5 in the Towns Association, there has been no progress.

Website Maintenance Proposal. Helen explained that our website is outdated and clumsy to use and we've been discussing making a change. Our current website manager is not interested in working on a new site and said a website has a life of about 5 years. Ours is at least 10 years old. Kasha presented several proposals and she and Helen recommended we go with Webs by Wagner, LLC. John made a motion to hire Webs by Wagner not to exceed the budget amount for technology. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Helen and Kasha explained that they would like to convert to Quickbooks for bookkeeping. They explained the issues they have with WisStar. Kasha suggested we get the Quickbooks Pro from Amazon for \$288.99. John made the motion to purchase the Quickbooks program for \$288.99. Wayne seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Report on State Legislative Issues. John wanted to talk to the board about Dane County wanting to pass the wheel tax. There is a bill, AB 361, being introduced in the State Legislature that whether you have or want a wheel tax, it has to go to the voters for referendum. John made a motion we send our copy of the Resolution 2011-2, as an attachment to an email to Representative Michael Schraa to be read into the record at the hearing on Thursday, stating we support the bill and that the email and Resolution could be read into the record. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Land Use Committee. They made a site visit for Wisconsin Surplus. They tabled the vote on that. They also went to JG to the Pharo property and approved that petition 5-0.

Approval of Election Workers. Kasha presented a list of election workers: Pat Hefty, Pat Phillips, Jill Jonas, Sue Huntenburg, Darlene Reeson, Helen Ladwig, Faye Morse, Kathy Brock, Cheryle Goplin, Cathie Jensen, Jeannie Uren, Lynne Carroll, Leisa Bauer, Diane Dreger, Mike Dillis, Lee Ann Dillis, Michelle Jones, Nancy Cahill, Lydia Haynes, and Teresa Pazderski. John moved to approve, Wayne seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mt Horeb Economic Development Committee, nothing new to report. John did bring up the Greenhouse Project proposed by Simmet. If Mt. Horeb Economic Development isn't interested, would Ludwig want us to check with WEDC? When we meet with him in the New Year we can ask him.

Fire District Report. Groundbreaking was on Dec. 5. The bids are under budget. The old station will be auctioned off in the fall. The Department is losing one full-time firefighter to Madison so they will be interviewing soon.

Correspondence: Helen asked if the TRIP money we have on file would be used in the new year. Both Dennis and Charlie said the requirements are too restrictive and it would not make sense for our roads.

John moved to pay the bills of \$19,043.09. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

John moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Wayne seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Kahl, Clerk