

Town of Blue Mounds, Board Meeting 7pm

March 9, 2020 minutes

Minutes for March 9, 2020

Present: Dennis Jelle -Town Chairmen, John Brixy-Town Supervisor, Wayne Jones-Town Supervisor, Mike Freitag-Town Clerk, Curt Winter-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

John motioned to approve minutes from February 10, 2020 Dennis seconded motion approved 2-0.

#### **DANE COUNTY SHERIFF BROOKE GAGNER REPORT**

Dane county report from sheriff for incidents. 477 calls for service in 2020 down 155 from 2019. Traffic incidents 100 plus calls. Safety issues like deer in road etc.no violent crimes, a couple drug investigation. Sheriff commented how several break ins have been occurring, a group of kids have been going on blocks or country roads and stealing whatever they can. Blue Mounds has had two incidents last weekend. Town of Blue Mounds will publish an announcement warning residents. Sheriff noted that someone is in custody for the recent homicide in Blue Mounds.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Is at the editor and being updated. This has become a PRIORITY. When we receive the final copy, it still needs to be voted on at a Public Meeting. Once the plan is done it needs to be distributed to a variety of places. We have Ordinance in place but the plan has not been approved yet and needs to be. Plan must be distributed to public.

#### **ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY**

Alan Kaplan- Building, Land Use, Town Building Permits have been issued. 2889 Erbe Road, Blue Mounds, WI. Single Family Dwelling with estimated building cost w/o land \$700,000.

Joey John- Building permit issued and Town Building Permit. Single Family dwelling with estimated building cost w/o land \$350,000.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Village of Mount Horeb has gotten rid of the Economic Development team and are going to hire a full-time staff member to take over. Lot of Members used to have input. Donations will not be accepted any longer. We are not even sure when they will be hired or what this persons job responsibilities will be. We will stay updated.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Windows need to replace in Town Hall. Lawn will need mowing soon. Mount Horeb glass needs to be called.

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Lots of potholes to work on. The Bridge that was damaged has been sent to insurance and the repair will be under way soon. All costs will be covered.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Hired new female fire fighter that will start soon. Has to pass CPAP Firemen test that includes several elaborate drills. She is an RN, and fire fighter.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

AB869 Wedding Barn/Winery/Distillery. John was the only one who went to testify. Discussion followed about reserve and regular Liquor Licenses. John made some simply changes. Very combative meeting. Senate section #26 is the only session left and that's merely a cleanup session.

**LAZARUS STREET LIGHT ISSUE**

The key issue is where the light should be placed. Once the it has been determined where the light will go Alliant can move forward. A map was presented where the light should be put. John motioned to approve the position of the light. Wayne seconded; motion passed 3-0. Included in the motion it is noted that we should contact other Towns to see how the handle Street Lights, or what form they use.

**POSSIBLE MALTING PLANT**

Dennis commented that if enough farmers would be willing to grow Barley a Malting Plant may be built on or near 18/151 by Erbe Road. Would provide another crop not just the normal. There is a lot of demand for Barley.

**ABSENTEE HOURS**

Clerk announced when the hours will be for Absentee Voting. It was noted that the Verona Clerk commented that because of the new virus called covid-19 Absentee Requests could skyrocket.

**DOR ISSUE**

Discussing why our levy increase was denied. Mark Hazelbaker, our lawyer, is looking at information. The next step will be trying to put a meeting together with our representatives to discuss the issue.

**BILLS**

John motioned to approve bills at \$653,454.85. Wayne Seconded. Motion Carries 3-0.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Passed. Next Meeting is on April 13, 2020.