

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
VFW HALL 1420 S. Main Street, Jefferson, WI 53549

Chairperson Don Bigelow called the Thursday, September 5, 2013 Town of Jefferson Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Board members were present: Supervisors Tyson Barnes, Nancy J. Emons, Jim Mode, and Tracie Stammer; Chairperson Donald D. Bigelow, Treasurer Alice Fischer, and Clerk Bonnie L. Ames.

Chair Bigelow said the meeting was noticed in the *Daily Jefferson County Union* (Thursday, August 29, 2013) and in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Supervisor Nancy Emons moved to approve the Thursday, September 5, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda with the change of *Resolution 09-13 ATV* to *Ordinance 09-13...*, seconded by Supervisor Tracie Stammer; carried on voice vote.

Supervisor Tyson Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 5, 2013 Board Meeting as printed, seconded by Supervisor Jim Mode; carried on voice vote.

Treasurer Alice Fischer read the bills for a total of \$24,372.38. She also provided the Board with a report, *Fire Charges per Ordinance 04-13*. Stammer moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Barnes; carried on voice vote.

Public Comments:

County Supervisor Jim Mode said the County Supervisors had presented several resolutions to the County Highway Department's facility plans. He said those resolutions included using steel instead of concrete; reduce the heated area of the facility by 6,000 sq. ft.; automatic car wash instead of manual. He also mentioned a geo-thermal heating system.

Plan Commission:

Plan Commission member, Nancy Emons said the Plan Commission discussed *Driveway Ordinance #79* and older/existing driveways in relation to the concerns of the Fire Chiefs who stressed the importance of emergency vehicle accessibility to driveways and having driveway ordinances. Bigelow said that through our Driveway Ordinance the Town has established the minimum specification of new driveways. Emons said that we need a public education program done either by the fire department(s) or by the Town so that residents maintain driveway accessibility. Also, the Plan Commission continued discussion on Articles A and B of the proposed Town of Jefferson Zoning Code.

Regular Business:

In support of the Town's proposed Move to Amend Resolution, Town of Jefferson resident Gretchen Geist, representing The Move to Amend Rock River Affiliate, spoke on behalf the Move to Amend Campaign. This campaign/movement supports the enactment of a Constitutional amendment based on, "Corporations are not people and money is not speech." She stressed the importance of, "Removing the tremendous influence of money...; detrimental large corporation influence over small business, education and the environment." One point that Dan Fary made was that we need to remove the influence of money on our elections. Also speaking in support of this movement/resolution were Brad Geyer and Tom Gatzke. Clerk Ames read *Resolution 9-13 Move to Amend*. Supervisor Jim Mode spoke in opposition as he is against amending the Constitution (of the United States). Emons moved to adopt *Resolution 9-13 Move to Amend*, seconded by Barnes; carried on voice vote 4 to 1 (Jim Mode).

Clerk Ames read *Ordinance 09-13 Use of Town Roads by ATV Club to Connect to Private Trails*. Chair Bigelow changed/corrected Ambrose Road to Ambrose Lane. Stammer moved to adopt *Ordinance 09-13 Use of Town Roads by ATV Club to Connect to Private Trails*, seconded by Mode; carried on voice vote.

Emons gave the Sullivan EMS Report, and that they have been discussing the Sullivan EMS budget. Some budget items of discussion were providing EMS coverage of one paid EMT of 12 hours rather 24 hours; Sullivan EMS could become a subaccount of a fire district rather than the towns.

Emons also gave the following suggestions to update the Sullivan EMS Intergovernmental Agreement:

1. Article 6.01 - the annual meeting is in May, should be in April;
2. Section 8.02 - the finalized budget in a timely matter, change to October 1;
3. Section 8.08 - funds due from municipalities January 31st, if paid in full January 31, but if paid quarterly due the first of each quarter with the exception of first quarter, January 10;

4. Section 12.01- any member may withdraw January 1 with notice not later than December 1 of the preceding year, suggest June 1 announce withdrawal effective January 1 (six month notice).

The Board will act on the agreement/updated agreement when it is brought before the Board.

Barnes moved to authorize members to attend Wisconsin State Towns Association Annual Convention, October 27-29, 2013 in Middleton, Wisconsin, seconded by Stammer; carried on voice vote.

The 2013 Town projects discussed: fall mowing is currently being done; brush trimming and tree removal still needs to be completed. The Board discussed the sidewalk on west side of S Helenville Road; a complaint of mowing an embankment on private property of which Barnes said the Town mowing is only done in the road right of way. The Board wants to get more information on both issues – the sidewalk and the mowing complaint.

Emons moved to adjourn the Thursday, September 5, 2013 Town of Jefferson Board Meeting at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Barnes; carried on voice vote.

Chair Bigelow announced the dates and times for Open Book – September 26, 2013 (10:00-4:00), Sept 27 (12:00-6:00), and Sept 28 (10:00-2:00); Board of Review – October 21, 2013 (5:00-7:00); the next regular meeting – October 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Ames
Clerk, Town of Jefferson