

Town of Richmond
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Minutes

Chairman Jeff Karbash called the meeting to order. Present: Karbash, Supervisors Tom Kraus, Susam Miller, Carol Behrens, Dave Overbeek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda by Miller, Second by Behrens, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Minutes by Kraus, Second by Miller, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Kraus, Second by Behrens, Passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Liaison - Deputy Tim Otterbacher reported 164 calls in August, 46 were controlled burns. Will talk to Committee re accidents at County A and County P intersection. Citizens should be aware of burglaries in township recently, call Sheriff if you see anything suspicious.

Roadman's Report - Wally McManaway at family event this evening, written report distributed.

Building Inspector - no permits issued in August.

Public Comment - Margaret Pulera furnished article from Journal Sentinal re tractor collisions, note drivers are not slowing down, equipment is getting larger.

Bartender License - Motion by Kraus, Second by Behrens to approve license for Branden S. Waters, passed unanimously.

Board Reports

Karbash - met with Attorney John Macy & Rock County personnel re County Line Road; met with Wally McManaway & Dave Overbeek re roadwork.

Overbeek - call re rock wall encroachment - Wally McManaway checking culvert at Oakwood & Chapel Drive, have not heard from owner's attorney.

Miller - nothing

Behrens - nothing

Kraus - nothing

Jane Roberts - "Move to Amend" Movement - Mrs. Roberts represented the Rock River affiliate of the national Movement, explained they are asking for a Resolution from the

Town to remove money influence in political campaigns that allow corporations to contribute large amounts of money to certain candidates. Referendums and Resolutions have been passed in many surrounding communities. She introduced Dan Fary of the Rock River Coalition, who also spoke on the issue. After discussion, Overbeek Moved to adopt the proposed Resolution. Chairman Karbash asked if this would also limit funds from other organizations such as the Tavern League - answer was yes, any legal entity/corporation. Second by Miller, passed unanimously.

Whitewater Unified School District - District Administrator Eric Nunez and Business Manager Nathan Jaeger spoke on the budget process and district goals. Mr. Jaeger noted 2013 levy increase is projected to be 5%, the same as the decrease in State Aid. Citizens are invited to call Administrator Nunez and/or Manager Jaeger with questions, concerns, and visit the website for information. 2013 ACT average is 22.7; State average is 22.1. Town of Richmond is approximately 15% of their tax base, last year's levy was 1/4 million \$ less than the previous year. Supervisor Overbeek thanked both gentlemen for their excellent presentation, noted the Town's other school district has not come before the Board.

Tunneling Permit - Clerk presented application from We Energies. Motion by Behrens, Second by Miller, to approve, passed unanimously.

204 LRIP application. Chair noted Roadman McManaway had submitted suggestions for projects to use, asked if Board had other suggestions. Kraus - Johnson Road from Harris Road south to Island Road, has been considered previously. Motion by Overbeek, Second by Behrens, to use Johnson Road south from Harris Road to Island Road. Passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Plan Update - Clerk explained reason for update was change in elected officials to be contacted in case of emergency, suggested in future she be given authority to change those listings as needed without coming to the Board. Motion by Miller to approve the update and Clerk's suggestion, Second by Overbeek, passed unanimously. Behrens noted there will be a meeting on September 24 at 6p.m. re the County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Town of Whitewater Boat Patrol Payment - Clerk noted the Board usually wanted to approve these requests individually. Overbeek noted it is a lot better since the Sheriff took over the boat patrol. Motion by Miller to approve payment for the safety patrol, Second by Overbeek, passed unanimously. Motion by Overbeek to send a letter with payment that we appreciate the clarity and format of the letter this year, Second by Behrens, passed unanimously.

Complaints - None.

Payment of Bills. Kraus asked if the list of invoices could be given to Board members in their packets. Clerk said it could, but might not include checks written for bills arriving on the day of the meeting. Motion by Kraus to pay the bills, Second by Overbeek, passed unanimously.

Motion by Overbeek to Adjourn into Closed Session per WI 19.85 (1) (g), conferring with legal counsel re strategy concerning possible future litigation. Second by Miller, passed unanimously. Consensus from Closed Session to allow Attorney Macy to proceed as directed. No formal motions required at this time, so no need to return to Open Session.

Motion to Adjourn by Kraus, Second by Overbeek, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ceas, WCMC
Town Clerk