

TOWN OF WILSON
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
APPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Ehmann called the Town of Wilson Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Posting in accordance with open meeting law was confirmed by affidavit of posting and the meeting was declared an open meeting.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with the following members present: Town Board Chairman John Ehmann, Supervisor Dan Rostollan, Supervisor Nancy DesJardins, Supervisor Tom Stoelb and Supervisor Brian Hoffmann. **Also in attendance:** Town Clerk Georgene Lubach, Treasurer Julie Evans and Maintenance/ Road Supervisor Rick Meyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill Gartmann, 5008 OK West – Provided a clarification of the annual meeting draft minutes requesting his statement to be read into the record. Asking today the question asked at the annual meeting did anyone from the Town Board who signed the petition pertaining to Kohler Company to say aye. Chair Ehmann explained during public comment you address your comments to the board, it is not a dialog with the board. Gartmann continued he did not see any hands raised, did not want to deny anyone their rights to sign a petition and reported it was signed by Chair Ehmann prior to becoming a member of the town board. Concerned now also as a member of the Plan Commission and appointing members of that body. Denying Kohler their permit could put the Town in legal action.
- James Tobin, 317 Pioneer Road – Expressed his complete confidence in Chair Ehmann, “We heard Chair Ehmann assert that he will cast any vote’s inconformity with known facts of the law and specifically Town of Wilson Ordinances.” Questioned the conflict of interest concerning the advisory vote at the Annual Town Meeting calling on any board member to rescue themselves if they signed a petition in opposition to the proposed golf course on Kohler land. Voting in favor of the golf course regardless of the facts in hope of personal gain or fear of personal loss would constitute a conflict of interest. The petition concerned natural environment for preservation of clean water, clean air and the benefits of living in a quiet peaceful environment.
- Michael Reis, 228 Timberlake Road – Stated he had applied to volunteer for the Plan Commission at an opening, was interviewed and told there was another being interviewed. Learning after the meeting the Chair appointed himself. There were several other openings and he was never contacted and feels over looked or the Chairman wants his people on this committee. During the interview he shared every resident of the town has the right to do what they want with their property as long as they follow Town Ordinances.
- Phil Mersberger, 9759 Middle Road – Heard everyone’s opinion at the annual meeting, saw the signature of the Chairman on the petition and signing a document is not an opinion it is a fact. Facts, appointing yourself to the Plan Commission, appointing a consultant to the Plan Commission whom Kohler Co and previous Plan Commission chair did not favor, not raising your hand when the question was asked at the annual meeting did not display transparency. If the DNR grants their permits the Plan Commission should sit down and negotiate the conditions with Kohler Company.
- Wendy Honold, 5146 Evergreen Drive – Found the behavior at the annual meeting was disrespectful and complimented the Town Board how they handled themselves with professional integrity. Hoped everyone read her email she forwarded. Appreciated the Chair Ehmann’s comment in the newspaper that it is his intention to adhere to regulatory Town Law.
- David Schmidt, 5200 Moenning Road - Three peopled applied for the Plan Commission position, but someone outside of the Town has been appointed.
- Nancy DesJardins, 706 Panther Ave – It is recommended and in some Towns or mandatory the Town Chair be on the Plan Commission and another Town Board Supervisor be on the Plan Commission. After the DNR permits are in order the Town’s 20-yr Comprehensive Plan reviews how this fits into the plan. The appointment to the Plan Commission does not live in Wilson now, did live in the Town, last year donated \$20,000 to Schinker Creek Park and has done a lot for the Town and one of the biggest entities in the Town.

APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of the draft minutes, April 18, 2016 - Motion by DesJardins second by Stoelb to approve the Town Board draft minutes for April 18, 2016, on voice vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.**
2. **Update from Town Chair regarding the annual meeting –** Chair Ehmann read into the record a response in regard to the Annual Meeting events and article that appeared in the newspaper and providing a clear and factual understanding of the issues discussed. Ehmann addressed the challenge at the annual meeting and that he is ok with this. It holds elected officials accountable and comes with the job. He ran for the office to provide his background in finance and leadership trying to bring people together to solve major problems and challenges. Creating a town government that is more inclusive and responsive to residents, welcoming and respectful, bringing fresh ideas and different points of view. Ehmann continued covering 3 additional points; accusations made that he is here to advance a personal agenda, comments and accusations related to the golf course

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project and the Town's finances. The complete record can be found in the 2016 Town Board Records located in the Clerk's office, 5935 S. Business Drive.

3. **Bryan Grunewald of Schenck; Financial and Audit Report for fiscal year 2015** – Grunewald presented the 2015 annual financial report and audit. Providing an internal control exists in the operation of duties, the town has a limited number of employees to complete all financial recordkeeping duties and does not allow for proper segregation of duties for internal control. Grunewald covered the expenditures and revenues for 2015. A bar graph summary of the general fund balance from 2011 through 2015 provided a downward trend with the Town borrowing \$100,000 at the end of 2015. Public works was down due to lower snow plow costs. Questions were asked by the board.
4. **Sheboygan County and Abacus Engineers; Storm Sewer drainage plan at Woodview Avenue, Ridgewood Lane, S.13th Street, discussion, board approval** – Motion by Hoffmann, second by Stoelb to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Storm Sewer Construction to Sheboygan County MS4, between Town of Wilson, City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan County, all members present voted aye, motion carried. The memorandum will go to the City for their approval and signature.
5. **Ed Harvey Sheboygan County; Request for temporary driveway easement at 5935 S. Business Drive** – Motion by Rostollan second by DesJardins to approve the waiver appraisal for the temporary limited easement and total payment of \$200 for the Town Hall Office driveway entrance, all members present voted aye, motion carried. Work for the S. Business Drive/County OK is scheduled for 2017.
6. **Gregg Wagner, Lake Aire IV Expansion Construction for 2016** – Supervisor Rostollan would like construction of thicker pavements and looking into adding to the agreement property owners to be responsible for paying for the roads in the future. Motion by DesJardins, second by Stoelb to approve the 5-year extension of the developer's agreement with Green Acres, LLC for the development of Green Acres Lake Air IV, on roll call vote Rostollan – nay, Hoffmann – aye, DesJardins – aye, Stoelb – aye, Chair – aye motion carried. The clerk will work with Wagner to update the addendum to include the changes. The board reviewed submitted engineer proposals from Joe Bronoski of Abacus and Phil Bzdusek of Strand. Bzdusek was unable to produce a draft agreement needing more details of the construction. Engineer agreement will be placed on the next agenda.
7. **Gregg Wagner snow plow report** - 2015/2016 Snow Plowing costs and total salt usage was presented. 2015 cost of snow plowing was down but due to more freezing after snowfalls creating icy conditions this season salt application usage was up.
8. **Park and Forestry; 2016 Stewardship Grant** – Greg Hopkins completed the application for the proposed improvements and upgrade to Firemen's Park totaling \$46,720. Hopkins is seeking board's approval to act on the resolution to submit this grant. Motion by Rostollan second by DesJardins to approve the Resolution for the Town Board to approve the 2016 Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant for the Fund Grant at Fireman's Park, on roll call vote all members present vote aye, motion carried.
9. **Burkhart Heisdorf Insurance; Renewal of the Town Insurance** – Insurance costs up approximately 5%, but due to a Worker's Compensation Claim the Town's modification number is up considerably. Motion by Hoffmann second by Rostollan to approve the 2016/2017 Burkhart Heisdorf Insurance policy from EMC for \$54,858 on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
10. **Update from the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Fire Protection in the Town Wilson, discussion, possible board action** – Supervisor Rostollan reported at the April 25th meeting the committee concluded they would like the board to consider municipalizing the Black River Fire Department. Motion by Rostollan second by DesJardins to request the Town Board to pursue making the Black River Fire Department a municipal fire department, develop an over site committee reporting to the Town Board with further recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee, on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried. The next Ad Hoc Committee will meet on May 23, 2016.
11. **Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Transfer Station, discussion of resolution possible board action** – Town's legal is working with the DOR on the correct language for the Resolution.
12. **CUP Renewal updates, discussion and possible motion** – No renewals at this time
13. **Fire Partners Meeting update** – Supervisor Stoelb and DesJardins reported on the meeting. Discussion concerned the lease of the building for the partners. The board reviewed and had no concerns of the lease. Next meetings are in July and August.

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14. **Update on the improvement of West Stahl Road discussion possible board motion** – Supervisor DesJardins has been researching the rail road crossing and asking the board to allow Rick Meyer to investigate the cost to improve this intersection placing stop signs and the removal of trees.
15. **Proposals for tree removal** – No proposal at this time
16. **Discussion to hire part-time maintenance employment** – This will be placed on the next agenda
 - a. **Motion of hire summer seasonal employment** – Motion by Rostollan second by Stoelb to hire Benjamin Johnson for summer, seasonal part-time maintenance, not to exceed 32 hours per week at \$10.00 an hour, all members present voted aye, motion carried.
17. **Public Comment:**
 - Phil Mersberger, 9759 Middle Road – Questioning the resolution to charge for garbage disposal, encouraged information out to everyone through the newsletter or an informational public meeting.
 - Mary Hoffmann, 1621 Pheasant Lane – Concerned if payroll is brought back into the office and if it is a real benefit. Reporting taxes quarterly online is a tedious timely procedure, with a lot of liability and cyber security issues.
 - Mary Faydash, 5631 Driftwood Lane – The purpose of creating the Friends of Black River Forest was to create a level playing field between the board/town and the developer. Also it is perfectly common for a Chairman to put himself on the Plan Commission and thrilled we have a chairman that is trying to put the best people on the Commission. Urged residents to research first and read this would have saved a lot of upset and trouble. They read the Plan Commission hand book and found many members had not read the Plan Commission Ordinance. At the beginning they countered if the DNR allows the permit the project must go through. They will continue to provide more information.
 - Mike Reis, 228 Timberlake Road – Recommended installation of speed bumps to modify the junction at Stahl Road Intersection. Questioning can a non-resident be allowed to serve on these committees, what are the requirements and where can this be researched.
 - Joellyn Johnson, 9504 Sandwood Lane – Thanked the board and shared impressed with the work that you do, the diligence, communication and the meetings are interesting.
 - Kathy Rammer, 3010 Old Park Road – Thanked the board members, complimented them on handling the annual meeting calmly and eloquently. What is happening in the town is very important to everyone. 264 pages of research have been presented to the DNR concerning what can happen to the water, environment and neighborhood. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and thanked John for being patient, conducting the meetings with dignity and thanked the whole board for all their work.
18. **Reports:**
 - a. **Maintenance** – Resident complaints and concerns were addressed, updates on maintenance projects were shared.
 - a. **Constable** - Constable Van Ess report was reviewed, Constable Whipple has been out with an injury.
 - b. **Treasurer** - Balance sheet, cash balances, activity reports and financial information were presented
 - c. **Clerk** - Correspondence received, future agenda items and complaints received were reviewed
 - d. **Town Board** – No report
19. **Disbursement Reports: Black River Fire Department, Town of Wilson First Responders, Town of Wilson**
No checks on hold; Motion by Rostollan second by Stoelb to approve disbursements dated 5/02/2016 – check numbers 18785 – 18790 Black River Fire Dept. for \$5,887.87, check numbers 18791-18801, ACH, Town of Wilson for \$6,694.25 for total disbursements \$12,582.12, on roll call vote, all members present voted aye motion carried
Motion by Rostollan second by Hoffmann to approve the payroll disbursements dated 4/13/2016 for \$10,815.91 on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
Motion by DesJardins second by Hoffmann to approve the payroll disbursements dated 4/27/2016 for \$10,506.05 on roll call vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Stoelb second by Rostollan to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., all members present voted aye motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Georgene Lubach, Clerk