

TOWN OF WILSON  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 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 Brian Hoffmann and Supervisor Tom Stoelb. **Also in attendance:** Town Clerk Georgene Lubach, Treasurer Julie Evans and Maintenance/ Road Supervisor Rick Meyer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Nancy DesJardins, 706 Panther Ave** – Correction to a public comment made at the January 4, 2016 Town Board meeting concerning Chapter 30 Public Parks, Conservancies, Cemeteries violation fee. The comment was \$50 - \$100 fine and one year in jail. This is incorrect the correct fee is not less than \$25 and no more than \$100 per incident and no jail time.

**APPOINTMENTS / NEW & OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of the draft minutes, January 4, 2016** - Motion by DesJardins second Stoelb by to approve the Town Board minutes for January 4, 2016, on voice vote all members present voted aye, motion carried.
2. **Deputy Pringle; Traffic Safety Enforcement Team presentation** – Present with Deputy Pringle was Deputy Breidung. Deputy Pringle introduced a new project on traffic related problems. He is looking for support and feedback from Sheboygan County and if there is a benefit to form a traffic safety enforcement team. The study would look at complaints and traffic problems related to speed and alcohol. The board provided their support for the project and look forward to seeing this report.
3. **Public Access to Public Waterways** – Photos of the public access waterways were provided by Rick Meyer. Meyer will contact the DNR for direction on removing trees and brush.
  - North Evergreen Drive – Recommendation; trim brush, contact homeowner to remove landscape plantar
  - Beach Court to Lake Michigan – Recommendation; Maintenance will add soil and seed in spring
  - Juniper Drive to Black River - Recommendation; possible trimming
  - Juniper Drive to Lake Michigan - Recommendation; contact home owner to move split rail fence, snow fence and storage structure building.
  - Pioneer Road to Lake Michigan - Recommendation; none
  - Wahgouly Road to Lake Michigan - Recommendation; trim trees, contact home owner to move split rail fence
  - Hillside Road to Black River – Recommendation; contact home owner to remove building materials, bricks, lumber and follow up on garage encroaching into public road near access site.
  - Wilson-Lima Rd to Lake Michigan – Recommendation; remove two of the 6x6 posts and construct a cable or chain instead for entry.
  - Town Line Road to Lake Michigan - Recommendation; trim trees
4. **Room Tax discussion and collection remedies** - Supervisor Rostollan shared a letter that will be sent to Sleep Inn, requesting payment of the Room Tax to the Town or the Town will take legal action, the board approved the letter. Supervisor Hoffmann questioned Bed and Breakfast and other businesses in town that are not paying Room Tax and suggested a permitting process for rentals. This would provide a data base of rentals that are 30 days or less, requiring inspections of the rental would help enforcement of rental properties. The Town would have addresses and owners names on file to help identify and collect the room tax. Motion by Hoffmann, second by Rostollan to send to the Plan Commission to review a permitting process of all rentals in the Town and make a recommendation to the board, on roll call vote Rostollan –aye, Hoffmann –aye, Stoelb –nay, DesJardins –nay, Chair –nay, motion failed.  
Motion by Hoffmann, second by Rostollan to send to the Plan Commission to review a permitting process of rentals of less than 30 days and make a recommendation to the board, on roll call vote Rostollan –aye, Hoffmann –aye, DesJardins –nay, Stoelb –aye, Chair –nay, motion carried.

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5. **Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the future fire services in the town** – Present from the BRFD was President Kory Wendlandt and Chief Brian Schmitt. The board discussed this study should focus on where fire protection should be 10-20 years. Evaluate strategically, services, operations, budget, and challenges. Where dollars spent can be spent effectively and efficiently. Supervisor Hoffmann added review of manpower, equipment, location and costs. Wendlandt agreed a long term focus is needed and shared BRFD cannot operate on what they receive from the Town. BRFD has voted to go to a Municipal Department; Oostburg Fire Department has a template we could follow. Chair Ehmann is in the process of compiling an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the fire services in the Town this will be on the next agenda.
6. **Public Comment:**
- **Jane Zabrowski, 212 Whitetail Run Ln** – Spoke concerning the need to post signage in right-away, requesting all postings to be uniform, some no parking signs, then all right-away's should read no parking. Wilson-Lima Road posted private property beyond this point to North and to the South. This sign should be posted at every right-away. People come on to the beach, have no direction they do not know where they belong, the beach is privately owned, it is homeowners front yard. Enforcement of the beach is a problem it should not be up to the property owners to do the enforcement. They are told the Constable is not to be called, the Sheriff's department is not to be called either, instead take photos, get their name and phone number. Homeowners clean up garbage left behind would the Town want to install trash receptacles and maintain these.
  - **David Bruggink, 231 Beach Ct** – He is in opposition of placing a park bench in the Beach Court right-away. This draws people to linger; restrooms would be needed along with trash receptacles for all the garbage left behind that he picks up. Additional signage should be installed showing where private property starts.
7. **Reports:**
- a. **Maintenance Report** – Updates on snow plowing, reviewed with the board Park and Forestry sign options.
  - b. **Constable** – Reports were reviewed
  - c. **Treasurer** – Balance sheet, cash balances, activity reports and financial information were presented. Omitted Rammer Pond assessments will be tacked onto 2016 assessments.
  - d. **Clerk** – Future agenda items and correspondence was reviewed
  - e. **Town Board** – Future topic agendas were reviewed
8. **Disbursement Reports: Black River Fire Department, Town of Wilson First Responders, Town of Wilson**  
Checks on hold: **Check #18499**  
Motion by Stoelb second by Rostollan to approve disbursements dated 1/18/2016 – check numbers 18553 – 18584, Black River Fire Dept. for \$2,947.13, check numbers 18553 – 18557, 18560, Town of Wilson First Responders for \$4,190.77, check numbers 18558 – 18559, Town of Wilson for \$20,689.25, check numbers 18561 - 18584 for total disbursements \$27,827.15, on voice vote, all members present voted aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Stoelb, second by Rostollan to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., all members present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Georgene Lubach, Clerk