

TOWN OF DOVRE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting for the Town of Dovre convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at the Dovre Town Hall. Patrolman, Art Harelstad, Jr. and 7 Town of Dovre Residents and Guests were present. Names of persons present at the meeting are available from the Clerk/Treasurer.

Chairman Dean Trowbridge called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call - Supervisors Present – Tim Nelson – Dan North - James Plummer and Bruce Tegels. and Clerk/Treasurer – Linda K. Reinolt.

Agenda – Motion by Nelson, seconded by Plummer to approve the Agenda as presented. No Discussion, Motion Carried, Unanimous Yes Vote.

Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Town Board Meeting, Financial Statement, Detailed Receipts & Disbursements and Reconciliation of Bank Statement Report for October 2013 were presented to the Town Board in typewritten form.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Plummer to Approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Town Board Meeting with the following correction. Statement from October Minutes - "These people also asked Mr. Olson if the Town Board Members were receiving financial benefits from either of the sand companies in the Town of Dovre. He asked the Board Members this question and each Board Member answered "No". **Correction** - Chairman Trowbridge answered "Yes". No further Discussion, Motion Carried, and Unanimous Vote.

Motion by North, seconded by Trowbridge to Approve the Financial Statement Reports as of October 31, 2013. No Discussion, Motion Carried, Unanimous Vote.

Motion by Tegels, seconded by North to approve the Reconciliation Report of the October 2013 Bank Statement - RE: Outstanding Check - Trowbridge will let Clerk/Treasurer know how to handle outstanding Check # 15091. No further Discussion, Motion Carried, Unanimous Vote.

Chairman Trowbridge stated that the Fireproof Cabinet for OSHA required Fuel Containers has been installed in the town shop. Fuel Containers were purchased and in place.

Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dovre Town Hall.

December Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Dovre Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

54 Snowplow Contracts have been contracted with the Town of Dovre. Clerk instructed to check with Insurance agent on the Insurance Coverage for the Town when snowplowing driveways. If town Insurance does not cover, get a disclosure from the Insurance Company to send with Contracts. North reported the Town of Almena charges \$150.00 prior to October 31st and \$200.00 if contracted after October 31. Plummer stated that plowing driveways has a long tradition in the Town of Dovre Town has the equipment so is able to provide this service. The Town Board will consider in 2014, increasing the driveway snowplowing Fee for 2014/2015.

Great Northern Sand haul route signage – Chairman Trowbridge reported he has heard from the State Superior Highway Office. They made recommendations and told Chairman Trowbridge it is up to the Town to determine what signage is needed. Chairman Trowbridge is working with Great Northern Sand. Considering a right turn no stop at corner of 25 ½ Street and 2nd Avenue.

Chairman Trowbridge reported that the Progressive Rail Company Railroad Crossing on 1st Avenue has been blacktopped and 6th Avenue crossing has also been repaired. The other 2 railroad crossings in the Town of Dovre will be repaired in the Spring when the frost is out of the ground.

Arlene Hoveland, a member of the Dovre Historical Committee reported that the Town Hall was built in 1900. The first Town Board meetings were held in Bronken School. There are also some new people on the Committee. Supervisor Plummer reported that the highest loan amount the State Historical Society would give is \$700.00. Assessor Lafond stated that if the site was incorporated into a park type area, there is money available through the DNR Grant Program.

The Town Board members are in agreement that the letter Jeff Olson, spokesperson for the Historical Committee, read aloud at the September Town Board Meeting was against the Town Board and it was a personal attack on them. This letter did not address the information the board asked the committee to provide. Arlene Hoveland, Committee Member, said Jeff Olson had composed the letter and this information did not come out of their committee meeting. He was Not speaking for the committee.

Arlene Hoveland told Chairman Trowbridge not to automatically put the Historical Committee on the Meeting Agenda every month.

New Town Hall – Town Board feels very strong about moving forward with this project and will put a fact sheet together to inform the public of the concerns for community improvement and funding for the project. Ideas are also needed with regard to the current Town Hall Building.

Adopt 2014 Budget – This will be on the agenda for the December 10, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

Chetek ATV Cruisers – No one is present from the organization. Will be put on the agenda for the December 10, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

Motion by Nelson seconded by Plummer to increase the cost of a Driveway Permit to \$25.00, effective January 1, 2014, Motion Carried. Unanimous Vote.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Tegels to purchase 4 new Tires for the 2005 Peterbilt Plow Truck, Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by North for Patrolman to have the propane tanks filled as needed, Motion Carried

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trowbridge to set a Policy to pay the Board Members Salary in 2 payments, October and April and pay the Per Diems as turned in by each Board Member, Motion Carried.

Public Comment discussion – Arlene Hoveland stated that Public Comment was not a part of the agenda prior to the Sand Companies coming into Town of Dovre, Barron Co. At that time the Public Comment was put in at the beginning of the Town Board Meetings and then was moved to be the last item on the agenda. Chairman Trowbridge suggested with the meeting starting at 7:00, public comment could be for the first 15 minutes.

Chieftain Sand and Proppant Barron LLC - Concern regarding trees that have died on the Berm at the Anderson Mine – Tim stated that they will be replacing these trees in the Spring. Chieftain will be getting a new Street Sweeper. Chairman Trowbridge asked that they keep the Board informed as to their plans with the mines and dry plant. Trowbridge stated he felt that Chieftain is doing much better communicating with the Town Board.

Board Members: Tegels – Question regarding sloping on the banks. Chieftain replied they are following standard mining practices and guidelines. They do daily inspections of slopes.
Nelson – Concerned with the Anderson Mine and would like more clarity to the situation.

Great Northern Sand, LLC – No one from GNS present. Chairman Trowbridge reported that Great Northern Sand, LLC is shutting down their wet plant for now. They are building retention ponds and opening up ground on the former Robert's Property purchased by Great Northern Sand, LLC.

Motion made by Nelson, seconded by North to adopt a Resolution in opposition to Bill SB 349 relating to regulations of non-metallic mining in the State of WI, Motion Carried, Unanimous Vote. This adopted Resolution will be mailed to Town of Dovre Legislative Representatives and a copy to WI Towns Association. Copy is attached to filed Minutes,

Resolution SB 349 proposes to limit town, village, city and county authority to regulate nonmetallic mining operations, including industrial frac sand operations, to zoning authority only, by prohibiting local units of governments to exercise police type ordinances, which for towns would be enacted by means of village powers, over nonmetallic mining operations; Whereas, limiting towns who do not have town zoning or are under county zoning would dramatically limit town board authority to protect the public health and safety in the town by taking away their authority to adopt industrial frac sand regulatory ordinances using Village Powers.

Resolution #2013-1 - Chairman Dean Trowbridge read aloud the First Part of the Resolution to NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: #1} – To give authority to Chairman and Clerk to determine to pay a bill, if it is imperative to pay it between Town Board Meetings and was not part of the bills to be paid at the previous Town Board Meeting. #2} – Bills approved to be paid shall be paid “deposited in the US Mail” within 72 hours of said approval (changed from 24 hours) #3} – Board will do more research on Direct Deposit. #4} – Minutes prepared and delivered to members of the Town Board within 5 working days of any such meeting. (changed from 72 hours) #5} – Financial reports shall be prepared and delivered to members of the Town Board at least 5 working days prior to a regular or special town board meeting. (No Change) #6} - All Meeting Agendas to be posted at the Town Hall at least 24 hours prior to any regular meeting. If law required, will also post in 3 designated places.(changed from 48 hours). #7} – All Meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. (no change). #8) Clerk/Treasurer to maintain at least 16 hours of open office time at the Dovre Town Hall each week. – (Per WI Towns Association - The board cannot mandate than an elected town clerk work out of the town hall or work a set number of office hours per week. They can of course try to make it an election issue in the next election, but again, this is not something a board can force an elected clerk to do.) No action on #8.

Motion by Plummer, seconded by North, to accept the 1st Reading of proposed Resolution #2013-1 with the changes made in all paragraphs except #3 and #8. Paragraphs #3 and #8 will be put on the Agenda for the December 10, 2013 Town Board Meeting, Motion Carried.

Building Inspector Report – Reports from the Building Inspector were given to each Board Member. Chairman Trowbridge reported Building Inspector, Joe Atwood has resigned. He will finish work with the buildings he is currently working with.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Plummer to accept Building Inspector, Joe Atwood's Resignation, Motion Carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trowbridge to put an Ad in the Chetek Alert and Bloomer Advance for 2 weeks for a WI. State Certified Building Inspector, Motion Carried.

Fire and Ambulance Reports: No Reports. Question - Is Fire Department trained and qualified to handle fires that could occur at the sand plants? Al Albrecht – Dovre Rep on New Auburn Fire Dpt. Fire Board - Yes they are trained and qualified.

Patrolman Art Harelstad, Jr. Report - Would like to order 8 loads of Salt/Sand from Jeff Antczak Trucking, LLC at a cost of \$15.00 per ton delivered. Chairman Trowbridge and Art met with Mark Servi of the Barron Co Highway Dpt. regarding the TRIPP Project. Chairman Trowbridge OK'd a change from Barron/Dunn Avenue to 3 ½ Street from 29th Street to 30th Street because of a problem relating to Barron/Dunn Avenue. (Note: Per Barron County Highway Dpt. – Can change project back to Barron/Dunn Avenue if problem is corrected)

Motion by North, Seconded by Nelson to authorize Patrolman Harelstad to order 8 loads of Salt/Sand Delivered, per "Proposal" from Jeff Antczak Trucking, LLC, Motion Carried.
Delivered: \$15.00 /ton \$22.51/yard or Picked Up: \$14.40/ton \$21.76/yard.

Motion by North, seconded by Trowbridge to change TRIPP Project from Barron/Dunn Avenue to 3 ½ Avenue, from 29th Street to 30th Street, Discussion – Motion Carried with Roll Call Vote – North – Yes: Trowbridge – Yes: Nelson –Yes: Tegels – Yes and Plummer – No.

Driveway Permits: None

Board Member Reports: **Plummer** – WTA Meeting at Barron on November 18th/ Speaker Kelly Owens-Assessing Process – Plan to attend. **North** – Going to WTA Meeting and Addressed the Historical Committee. **Trowbridge** – No Report. Nelson - Lane Back Lane Turn-Around – Private Driveway sign needs to be moved. Future request for changing a Turn-around to be addressed. **Tegels** – Proposed Town Hall Building Plans?

December Meeting Agenda Items; Adopt 2014 Budget; Appoint Election Officials for 2014 and 2015; Building Inspector: ATV Cruisers; Resolution #2013-1 – 2nd Reading; Cameron Rail LLC; Auditor for 2014;

Motion by Nelson to pay current bills as presented, seconded by Tegels, No Discussion, Motion Carried, Unanimous Vote.

Public Comment: Chairman Trowbridge read an Email Letter received from Mary Nietzel regarding several topics on the Meeting Agenda. One of the topics addressed and discussed by the Board was related to placement of Public Comment on the agenda. Copy of Letter is available with the filed Minutes.

Motion by Trowbridge, seconded by Nelson to place Public Comment on the Monthly Town Board Meeting Agenda just before "Old Business" for 15 minutes with each person allowed to speak 3 Minutes, Motion Carried.

Comments regarding building a new Town Hall. Clerk/Treasurer, Linda K. Reinolt was asked by a Board Member, if we had a new town hall building, would you work out of an office in the town hall? Clerk/Treasurer answered "Yes, if I still hold this position."

Motion by North, seconded by Trowbridge to adjourn the Town Board Meeting, Motion Carried.

Linda K. Reinolt, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Dovre, Barron County