

**Town of Johnstown  
Polk County, WI**

Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Chairman, Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisors, Richard Naessen and Joe Zaspel; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz, and 3 town residents.

Approval of February Town Meeting Minutes – Motion Zaspel/Naessen to approve the minutes as submitted by the clerk. Motion Carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Motion Zaspel/Naessen to approve the February Treasurers Report as submitted by the Treasurer. Motion Carried.

Approve Vouchers for Payment of Bills – Motion Zaspel/Naessen to pay the bills as submitted by the Clerk. Motion Carried.

**The Regular April Monthly Town Board Meeting will be held at the Town Shed; 2181 County Road G, Comstock, WI on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting that will commence at 6:30 p.m.**

Polk County Zoning Ordinance Discussion – The town will need to adopt a resolution and updated zoning map by September 2016. For the purpose of discussion, this will be an agenda item for all meetings leading up to the town board adopting a resolution and updated zoning map. Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings to review the existing zoning of property located in the Town of Johnstown. We will have no jurisdiction regarding shoreline properties.

Fire District Boundaries and Fee Structure – Chairman Anderson has been exploring the use of surrounding fire departments and EMS teams to cover appropriate sections of our township. In addition to using Cumberland, the use of Apple River, Luck, and Turtle Lake would provide reduced response time due to proximity of some of the households within the township. We will continue with Cumberland as our primary department for 2016; the new district lines will take time and additional research to be adequately determined. Consideration may be given to draft a resolution/ordinance to charge for fire calls related to intentionally set fires; including brush and leaf fires that get out of control. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Naessen to continue to research the realignment of fire and EMS services for the Town of Johnstown. Motion Carried.

Period of Public Comment – Resident, Shirley Ferraro has requested that there be an audit of town financials completed every 2 years. Due to our structure of a Clerk and Treasurer, the State of WI and IRS, do not require the township to be audited. [WI State Statute 60.10] Ferraro presented a packet of her review of the town financials to Chairman Anderson and asked that he review and provide her with answer’s to the questions that she included in her review. Resident, Deb Schadegg requested and received a copy of the expense form that the town uses for reimbursement of expenses and mileage.

Supervisor Reports – Supervisor Naessen presented a request from Kevin Jansen for filling in a trench that was dug thru an old town road bed on the Jansen property located on the north side of 190<sup>th</sup> Ave. Jansen is asking if the town would be willing to purchase a culvert and he would take care of installation to fill the trench and make the old road passable again. Recommendation from the board is that Jansen contact the DNR due to the location of the trench and requested culvert installation.

Supervisor Zaspel commented on the amount of water that the new culvert on 220<sup>th</sup> was adequately handling with the spring thaw. Some concern was expressed regarding the fast flow; the board will do a site visit to see if there is anything that can be done upstream to slow the flow.

Road Maintenance Report – Culvert on 25<sup>th</sup> St. had to be steamed by the county due to freeze up. Water was coming over the road. Due to barricades that were put in place being removed by unauthorized persons, a barrel was placed to alert drivers of the possible danger.

We are awaiting the final TRID meeting to learn of the amount of aid that the town may receive for the repairs on 235<sup>th</sup>. Rough estimate of the repairs is at \$92,000.

Adjournment – Motion by Zaspel; seconded by Naessen to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion Carried.