

**Town of Johnstown
Polk County, WI**

Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

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 6 town residents.

Approval of August 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 August 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 October Monthly Town Board Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Shed, 2181 County Rd G, Comstock, WI.**

Budget Discussion – Pay Rates for Town of Johnstown were discussed. Motion by Anderson to update pay rate schedule as follows: set the B/O grader operator wage to \$16 per hour; increase Grader Operator from \$16 to \$18 per hour; Remove Grader Maintenance as a pay scale option; increase general labor from \$12.50 to \$16 per hour; increase Election Inspector from \$8 to \$10 per hour, and Chief Election Inspector from \$8 to \$12 per hour; Chainsaw Use – not including operator from \$8 to \$12 per hour; add Lawn Mower Use – not including operator, as a separate pay scale item; and increase employee, Brad Chase’s hourly wage from \$18 to \$20 per hour. These changes will be retroactive as of September 1st, 2016. Seconded by Zaspel. Motion Carried. Prior motion rescinded by Anderson, seconded by Zaspel. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zaspel to approve Pay Rate changes, as stated above, effective January 1st, 2016 (vs. September 1st, 2015). Motion Carried.

Election Signs If you choose to allow election signs, real estate signs, garage sale signs, advertisement signs of any fashion, be posted on your private property please keep them out of the right-of-way so as to not obstruct ditch mowing and snow removal. This item was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting to determine if any action can be taken regarding signs posted in non-private locations; such as intersections and along roadways.

Liquor License – Motion by Zaspel to approve Liquor License application from Howard Dearborn, DBA Buck Horn Saloon, to operate at address of 1977 Polk Barron St., Comstock, WI. Seconded by Naessen. Motion Carried.

Wayne Swenson, Polk County Land Surveying – presented the documents necessary to clear an unrecorded deed of property transfer between Pairitz/Danniger in 1988. Checklist completed and signed by Chairman Anderson.

Period of Public Comment – Town of Johnstown advertised for a property assessor. Chairman Anderson received a proposal from Prochnow Assessing; one year of Maintenance assessing with all expenses included \$4600. Motion by Zaspel, seconded by Naessen to accept proposal as stated – clerk will notify Prochnow of acceptance. Motion Carried.

Supervisors Report – Naessen: Porta Potty will be removed from Pipe Lake boat landing at the end of September. What are the requirements for a standard driveway culvert? Recommend a minimum of 12” x 30’.

Road Maintenance – Motion by Anderson to ordered carbide blades for grader at a cost of approximately \$1438. Seconded by Zaspel. Motion Carried.

Culvert on 190th between “T” and 190th is failing. Cost of having it relined is not economical. Cost savings of doing it ourselves is approximately \$1000. Motion by Anderson, Seconded by Zaspel, to install replacement culvert as soon as possible at this location. Motion Carried.

Zaspel: There is a need for additional patching on 235th, from 45th to 50th. Brad will be working on this.

Adjournment – Motion Anderson/Naessen to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.