

**Town of Johnstown
Polk County, WI**

Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 10th, 2015

Chairman, Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisors; Doug Rouzer and Joe Zaspel; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer and 9 town residents.

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

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

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

**The Regular March Monthly Town Board Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, March 17th, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Town Shed, 2181 County Rd G, Comstock, WI.**

Carl Hefeld RE: Lynch/Danniger Real Estate Transaction- Carl Hetfeld presented the survey map for the sale of a portion of land: Sec. 15 – Gov’t Lot 1 in Section 15, T35N, R15W. A motion was made by Anderson to accept the Polk County Subdivision Ordinance Town Board Checklist for the above described real estate transaction. Seconded by Zaspel. Motion Carried. [Reference Survey map No. 6436]

Old Business: Deborah Schaddegg RE: Proposed Noise Ordinance - According to Roberts Rules of Orders, items cannot be added to the agenda as old business as you can’t go back to old business. It must be on the agenda as unfinished business. Schaddegg stated that she would hold her comments and address them during period of public comment, and that she did not have a proposed noise ordinance.

Period of Public Comment – Deborah Schaddegg presented several items, including asking for consideration of a reduced speed ordinance for 233rd and a section of 235th leading up to the Strenke pit in an attempt to reduce the Jake braking and slow the commercial traffic so that the residents can enjoy the road as they are entitled to; Old board minutes where a motion was made to crush 10,000 tons of gravel, yet there were never any motions regarding a dollar value and/or a contract with Madison Construction would be doing the hauling. Where is the motion to approve the dollar amount or contract? Schaddegg does not believe that Anderson should have any dealings with Cemstone for the township work and /or in dealing with the Strenke Pit – that should be left to the other two supervisors – as it creates a bad impression. Schaddegg presented documents to the supervisors regarding past ATV ordinances.

Supervisor Rouzer responded regarding Madison Construction – we didn’t have a contract because it was under the allowable expenditure limits of the board. Schaddegg questioned why there were not any motions stating specific amounts and/or dollar amounts that were to be spent. Supervisor Zaspel explained that we made a decision to crush now vs. later, and we do not know the exact price, but rather

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a limit was placed in consideration of budget limits. When the opportunity to have Cemstone crush was presented, a decision needed to be made within a matter of weeks.

It doesn't appear that there will be any crushing in 2015, but we may need to have some gravel hauled out for the township. Schaddegg asked if there was a contract with Cemstone, any surety bonds of any kind. Chairman Anderson stated there is not a contract with Cemstone. We have had bonds required in the past and a road study was completed and filed with Polk County, there was virtually no change in the surface of the road, therefore, we have not required a bond after that study was completed.

Additional discussion was had surrounding the original paving of the road.

Shirley Crowe asked if there was any chance that the road past her place would be repaved as there are some pretty bad spots; part of it is from the truck traffic during the summer months and is especially noticeable after the winter. Is there money set aside for repairing this road? Chairman Anderson stated that at this time, no, we don't have a plan to repave anything. We coordinate our road maintenance with adjacent municipalities in an effort to get better rates. Right now we are waiting on Crystal Lake Township and Barron County to determine where they plan to do their next project(s).

Schaddegg asked if we were going to see a road upgrade that is better equipped to handle commercial trucking. Chairman Anderson stated that there would be a road that is equipped to handle commercial trucking.

Schaddegg mentioned Non-Ferrous Mining and what the future of that will bring to the township and the need for enforcements. Chairman Anderson stated that this leads into the fact that the Town of Johnstown does not currently have village powers. He will provide information at the Annual Meeting and the towns' people will have the option of reviewing and voting for village powers. Until we have village powers we cannot pass a lot of ordinances. Zaspel mentioned that we cannot stop non-metallic mining but with village powers, we would have more opportunity to regulate some activity.

Schaddegg felt that last month they were accused of being anti-enterprise, which is not the intention, but rather to move forward with enterprise being a good neighbor. She had samples of ordinances available for anyone that is interested. Chairman Anderson added that we need to be mindful and cannot impede fair enterprise.

Shirley Ferraro asked about a statement that there is "no more gravel in the area" – she cited several parcels that have gravel in our area and will probably be mined for gravel. What she's concerned about is that Johnstown will have a huge hole in the ground and will be vulnerable to the owner's declaring bankruptcy leaving the land to the county, then that the county will see it as an ideal dumping place. What are you going to do about that? Her concern is that the DNR and county will dump anything they want there. Are you not thinking in those terms at all? Chairman Anderson responded with that we are absolutely not thinking on those lines.

Shirley Crowe voiced her concerns about water tables and keeping our waters clean and keeping our roads safe.

In conclusion Anderson stated that if Cemstone does crush this summer, he will address the speed concerns with Cemstone and the drivers, and consider reposting the speed limit.

Supervisors Report – Rouzer asked about the grader blades – Anderson picked up 3 sets, we should be good for the rest of this winter.

Road Maintenance – Rouzer mentioned that as the weather warms; back off on the salt being used on the roads.

Adjournment – Motion Rouzer/Zaspel to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.