

**Minutes**  
**Town of Durand Regular Board Meeting**  
**Held on February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

By Chairman Stan Ridgeway at 7:00 pm

**Roll Call**

Chairman Stan Ridgeway, Mark Weiss, Penny Bauer, Clerk Lisa Ridgeway, Treasurer Audrey Bauer, all present

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood together for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Caucus and Regular Board Meeting were read. Motion made by Penny Bauer, and seconded by Mark Weiss to approve minutes as presented. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board by Audrey Bauer. Balance on hand as of January 31, 2015 was \$346,371.37. Audrey noted that there are unpaid personal property taxes. She sent notices by regular and certified mail. She will check with fellow Treasurers and Wisconsin Towns Association for legal guidance.

**Payment of Vouchers:**

Vouchers presented to the Board for payment by Lisa Ridgeway, totaled \$294,830.88. Motion made by Penny Bauer and seconded by Mark Weiss to approve vouchers. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Stan Ridgeway reported that small claims have been filed for outstanding fire call bills for Jamie Flores, Chris Cataract, and Cody Anderson.

**Public Comments**

Jim Konsela asked if the town had been revaluated. Stan said that a revaluation was not done, but in November 2013, notice was sent by the Department of Revenue that the assessed value of each major class of property in the district was not within 10% of the full value of the same major class of property at least once in a four year period. Stan has been working with Assessor Galen Seipel to get the town back in compliance.

**Items to be discussed or acted upon:**

**Plan Commission Update**

No updates

**Spindler Driveway- W5552 US Hwy 10**

Arnold Spindler requested a receipt from September 2008, for the driveway that was paved by the Pepin County Highway Department. The project was not paid for by the Town of Durand, so Clerk Lisa Ridgeway contacted the Highway Department to obtain the receipt, and gave it to Arnold. Arnold also has concerns that some of the records regarding the driveway were destroyed. Chairman Stan Ridgeway advised Arnold to contact the Clerk for a records request for anything specific.

### **Review Building Construction, Citations, and Irrigation Ordinances**

Building Construction, Citations, and Irrigation Ordinances were reviewed. John Tappe made a suggestion to replace “at any reasonable time” with “after an attempt has been made” to the wording in section 10-1-4 of the Irrigation Ordinance. There will be a public hearing for the Ordinances in March.

### **Town Hall Discussion**

Chairman Stan Ridgeway researched available grants for new construction or remodel of the current Town Hall. The town does not qualify for USDA Rural Development grants, but there are loan options available and may be more competitive locally. Stan also spoke with Cedar Corp about putting together a proposal for new construction.

### **Street Light on Pleasant Ridge**

Chairman Stan Ridgeway received a call regarding a bulb burned out on a street light located on Pleasant Ridge. Stan called Xcel Energy to have the bulb replaced, and was told that this street light has been out for a couple years, and is not currently connected to a meter. The bulb was replaced, and shortly after, Stan received a call from Matt Middendorp about the street light being too bright, and lighting up his residence. Matt attended this meeting, and asked that the fixture be moved or removed completely. Stan Ridgeway made a motion for the removal of the street light not to exceed \$500. Mark Weiss seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

### **WTA District Meeting**

The next WTA District Meeting will be held Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. Stan Ridgeway, Mark Weiss, Penny Bauer, and Lisa Ridgeway would like to attend. Mark Weiss made a motion to allow all to attend the meeting. Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

### **Audit Checkbook**

The 2014 checkbook was audited by the board.

### **Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

The next meeting is set for Tuesday March 10, 2015. Agenda items are as follows: Plan Commission update, Town Hall, and approval of new Ordinances.

### **Adjourn,**

Stan Ridgeway motioned to adjourn, and Mark Weiss seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Lisa Ridgeway, Clerk