

Minutes
Town of Durand Regular Board Meeting
Held on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order

By Chairman Stan Ridgeway at 7:03 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 March 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were read. Motion made by Mark Weiss, and seconded by Stan Ridgeway 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 March 31, 2015 was \$139,768.59.

Payment of Vouchers:

Vouchers presented to the Board for payment by Lisa Ridgeway, totaled \$6,553.57. Motion made by Mark Weiss and seconded by Penny Bauer to approve vouchers. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

Stan noted that according to Wis. Stat. 348.27 (19)(d)(3) any information provided by an applicant for a permit related to Implements of Husbandry are to be kept confidential, and not open for public inspection, but is required to be provided to the DOT or law enforcement upon request. Stan would like any questions or issues directly referred to him. If permits are received, Clerk Lisa Ridgeway will mail copies to Town of Durand Board members.

Steve Berger of Rural Mutual Insurance sent a letter regarding the discussion last month to change coverage for Portable Equipment (voting machines). This will increase the insurance premium by \$3.

Stan distributed copies of a letter he received from Assessor Galen Seipel. The letter contained updates regarding the required assessor training that he attended on December 4, 2014, and 2014 home sales. Galen also recommended allowing him to ratio up the assessments on the undeveloped, agricultural forest, forest and other property in that class for 2015 to be within the 10% rule of market for all property classifications to be assessed. The term rationing up would be increasing the assessment for these classes of property across the board by the same percent or adjustment. Meeting the Department of Revenue's ratio for 2015 will buy some time, but will not improve overall disparity of the assessment to sales of residential property that is happening now.

Stan informed the Board that Pleasant Valley Properties has filed a complaint with the Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission disputing the fees charged by Pepin County for a building permit to move a manufactured home onto a private lot. The fees were actually charged by Galen Seipel, Zoning Administrator, and Fred Weber, Building Inspector, for the Town of Durand.

Stan reviewed a list of traffic signs inspected by the Pepin County Highway Department. About seven signs were listed as being in poor condition. Stan will let the Highway Department know they may go ahead and replace signs.

Public Comments

No comments

Items to be discussed or acted upon:

Plan Commission and Board of Appeals Appointments

Mark Weiss motioned to appoint/reappoint of the following Plan Commission members: Gregg Heit, Chris Bates, Daniel J. Bauer, John Wayne (chair), Steve Berger, Stan Ridgeway, Daniel G. Bauer, and the following Board of Appeals members: Larry Johnson, Wade Brantner, Richard Bauer (chair), Rod Spindler, Pat Wayne, and alternate Jeff Krisik. Stan Ridgeway seconded. All in favor- 3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Bike Trail

Terry Mesch has been attending meetings in the area asking for financial support for repairs to be made to the bike trail. A grant has been received, and enough support has been given, so Terry did not attend this meeting.

Set Date of Board of Review

Wednesday July 8, Open book will be from 3:00-5:00, and Board of Review will be from 5:00-7:00. Stan Ridgeway, Penny Bauer, and Lisa Ridgeway are up to date on Board of Review training.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

The next meeting is set for Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 7:00.

Adjourn,

Penny Bauer motioned to adjourn, and Mark Weiss seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Ridgeway, Clerk