

Minutes
Town of Durand Regular Board Meeting
August 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order

By Chairman Stan Ridgeway at 7:01 pm

Roll Call

Chairman Stan Ridgeway, Supervisor I Mark Weiss, Supervisor II Penny Bauer, Treasurer Audrey Bauer, and Clerk Lisa Ridgeway present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood together for the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were read. Motion made by Mark Weiss and seconded by Penny Bauer to approve minutes as presented. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Approval of July 6, 2017 Board of Review Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 6, 2017 Board of Review Meeting were read. Motion made by Stan Ridgeway 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 July 31, 2017, was \$201,749.37

Payment of Vouchers

Vouchers presented to the Board for payment by Clerk Lisa Ridgeway, totaled \$5,446.39. Motion made by Stan Ridgeway and seconded by Penny Bauer for Clerk Lisa Ridgeway to pay vouchers including Xcel Energy when it arrives. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Stan Ridgeway said that he has been approached a couple times regarding the high costs of building permits. Stan has asked that the Fee Schedule be reviewed at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Nan Setterlund was present for the water quality discussion. Nan said that an action needs to be made. Nitrate levels are going up, and reverse osmosis is not a solution.

Mark Weiss updated the board on the WTA unit meeting he attended a few weeks ago. Letters were written to Representatives Warren Petryk and Kathleen Vinehout regarding additional funding for roads. The meeting was very well attended.

Mark Weiss also noted that Vradenburg Road could use some attention. There appears to be a small sinkhole in the road with grass coming up. Stan will call the Highway Dept. to discuss.

Water Quality Discussion

The Plan Commission has been asked to look over the issue, but they did not wish to pursue an Ordinance. The Plan Commission recommended that the Board take a proactive approach. Stan contacted Mike Koles, the Executive Director for the Wisconsin Towns Association, and was advised to pass a Resolution to Pepin County and the DNR encouraging more personnel and stricter regulations. It would not be in the Towns best interest to take on this fight. Stan will work on creating two resolutions; one directing Pepin County to lobby for better regulations done by the DNR, and another to send to the DNR to do a better job regulating CAFO's (concentrated animal feeding operation) and water quality. Nan Setterlund recommended that the WTA take it to Legislation as well.

Plan Commission Update

The Plan Commission met on Thursday July 20th, and worked on cleaning up zoning ordinances, and discussed water quality.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date

The next meeting is set for Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 7:00pm. Water quality resolutions, Town Hall building, and fee schedule will be on the agenda.

Adjournment

Mark Weiss motioned to adjourn, and Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Ridgeway, Clerk