

Minutes
Town of Durand Regular Board Meeting
Held on August 13, 2013 at 7:00pm,
At the Town Hall

Call to Order

By Chairman Stan Ridgeway at 7:05 pm

Roll Call

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

Others Present

Galen Seipel

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood together for the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were read. Motion made by Chairman Stan Ridgeway, and seconded by Mark Weiss to approve minutes as presented. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Approval of July 9, 2013 Board of Review Minutes

Approval will be done by the Board of Review next time they are called to meet.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board by Treasurer Audrey Bauer. Balance on hand as of July 31, 2013 was \$91,060.72.

Payment of Vouchers:

Vouchers presented to the Board for payment by Clerk, Lisa Ridgeway, totaled \$10,633.93. 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 gave the following report: Brent Bauer from the Pepin County Highway Department called regarding Whitetail Lane. The Hwy Dept currently plows and maintains the road, but it is essentially a private driveway, and is .13 miles long. The property owners are asking for more gravel. The Town may want to pursue discontinuing as a town road. Stan said he will let Brent know to go ahead and gravel it, but the Town Board will look into discontinuing the road in the near future.

Public Comments

No public comments

Items to be discussed or acted upon:

Plan Commission Update

The Plan Commission has a meeting set for Wednesday August 7, at 6:30pm at the Government Center.

Zoning Administrators Contract

Zoning Administrator Galen Seipel submitted two contracts- one for an hourly rate, and one with a set fee. Galen read through both of the contracts with the Town Board. In order to avoid ongoing confusion, the Board discussed having one person cover the duties of both inspector and zoning administrator. The discussion has been tabled until more information regarding this can be obtained.

Resolution 2013-1 Financial Investment Plan

Chairman Stan Ridgeway presented Resolution 2013-1 Financial Investment Plan. The Board reviewed the policy, and discussed specifications. Concerns about tying the money up, as well as the risk of losing the money came up. In order to get public input, Mark Weiss suggested that each board member call at least five residents, and ask the following question: What are your thoughts about investing a portion of unused balance to gain more interest? Clerk Lisa Ridgeway will keep track of feedback, and Chairman Stan Ridgeway will contact Security Financial Bank for more information before September's meeting.

Rear yard set backs

The Plan Commission has been informed that Todd Loomis has constructed a shed 12 feet from his rear yard lot line. Currently the ordinance states that it must be 25 feet. The Plan Commission has discussed and agreed on 10 feet. Either the Loomis's would have to apply for a conditional use permit, or the board can advise the Plan Commission to change the ordinance to 10 feet. Chairman Stan Ridgeway makes a motion to advise the Plan Commission to change the ordinance to 10 feet, and to advise the Loomis's to hold off on the conditional use permit. Mark Weiss seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Cedar Brook Estates Stop Signs

Penny Bauer said the speed limit is posted at 25mph, but the speed is much greater than this, and there are quite a few children around. The purpose of the stop signs would be to slow the traffic down. Chairman Stan Ridgeway will contact a few residents of Cedar Brook, as well as the Pepin County Hwy Dept. The discussion will be tabled until September's meeting.

Notice Locations/Cases

After Plan Commission Chairman, John Wayne, brought up posting concerns on Branter Lane, Chairman Stan Ridgeway drove around to compare other town's posting locations and cases. He found the location at V. Schuh Lane to have better visibility and traffic than Brantner Lane,

and also checked into prices for cases, and found one for \$100. Mark Weiss made a motion to purchase a new case and post for this location, staying under \$500. Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Chairman Stan Ridgeway makes a motion to change the posting location from Brantner Lane to V. Schuh Lane. Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

The next meeting is set for Thursday September 12, 2013 at 7:00. Agenda items are as follows: Plan Commission Update, Resolution 2013-1.

Adjourn,

Chairman Stan Ridgeway motioned to adjourn, and Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Ridgeway, Town Clerk