

**Minutes**  
**Town of Durand Regular Board Meeting**  
**Held on March 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood together for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Hearing**

Ordinance 2015-01 Building Construction, Ordinance 2015-02 Citations, Ordinance 2015-03 Irrigation, and Ordinance 2015-04 Split Shifts for Election Officials were reviewed.

Recommendations were given to add more flexibility to the times stated on Ordinance 2015-04 Split Shifts for Election Officials.

**Approval of February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the February 17, 2015 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.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board by Audrey Bauer. Balance on hand as of February 27, 2015 was \$143,512.33.

**Payment of Vouchers:**

Vouchers presented to the Board for payment by Lisa Ridgeway, totaled \$5,739.96. Lisa notified the board that the Xcel Energy bill has not been received, and asked if she could pay it once it arrives. Motion made by Penny Bauer and seconded by Stan Ridgeway to allow Lisa to send in payment for the Xcel Energy bill. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried. Motion made by Mark Weiss and seconded by Penny Bauer to approve vouchers. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Chairman Stan Ridgeway reported that he spoke to Assessor Galen Seipel again about the possibility of a revaluation; Galen said that he is trying to avoid this by staying in compliance with the Department of Revenue. Galen is also requesting to delay the Board of Review until August.
- Stan reported that Jamie Flores and Chris Cataract did not show up for small claims court on February 25, and Cody Andersons papers were returned as undeliverable, so once he is located, a court date can be set.

- Stan was contacted by the Pepin County Highway Department about Karen Berger no longer allowing plows to turn around in the turnaround area located on Kees Ln. The Highway Department advised Stan that they need an area to turn around before next winter. Stan will check to see if this turnaround is a town road, and speak to Karen.
- No charges were incurred to remove the street light located on Pleasant Ridge Rd.
- The work on Rustad Lane will be completed in June. Stan was concerned about losing the grant money due to the delay, but Pepin County Highway Commissioner John Hanz said that the project will be completed in time to avoid that.
- Terry Mesch is looking into a grant to improve and repair the bike trail, and would like support from the Town of Durand. 50% of the project will be paid for by the Department of Natural Resources, so Terry is trying to find funding for the other half. Terry may be attending next month's meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Steve Berger had questions regarding a crushed culvert on Rustad Ln, and cutting down trees to add a driveway to one of his newly purchased lots. Chairman Stan Ridgeway advised him to contact Zoning Administrator Galen Seipel regarding the driveway, and Pepin County Highway Commissioner John Hanz, regarding the culvert and driveway placement before the Rustad Lane project.

Jim Kraft suggested having dogs chipped, with the possibility of saving money on dog licenses. Pepin County determines the prices for dog licenses, so this would have to be brought up on a County level first.

Mark Weiss has noticed ATV trails being discussed in surrounding townships, and asked if the subject has been brought up in this area. So far it has not been mentioned in the Town of Durand.

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

#### **Plan Commission Update**

No updates

#### **Ordinance 2015-01 Building Construction**

Stan Ridgeway made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01 Building Construction, as presented. Penny Bauer seconded. . All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2015-02 Citations**

Mark Weiss made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-02 Citations, as presented. Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2015-03 Irrigation**

Penny Bauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-03 Irrigation, with the word "public" added before the word trails. Mark Weiss seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2015-04 Split Shifts for Election Officials**

Stan Ridgeway made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-04 Split Shifts for Election Officials, replacing the word "shall" with "may" on A and B. Also being added to the Ordinance will be C:

The town clerk shall have the authority to adjust election workers schedule as needed.” Penny Bauer seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

### **Rural Mutual Insurance Policy Review**

Steve Berger gave an update on the insurance policy with Rural Mutual Insurance.

### **Town Hall wooden chairs**

Clerk Lisa Ridgeway asked if the 5 wooden chairs could be cleared out of the town hall before the Election. The chairs are very old and cracked, and there are plenty folding chairs available for seating if needed. The board reviewed guidelines for disposing of town property. Mark Weiss made a motion to allow Lisa to dispose of or sell the chairs for the Town. Stan Ridgeway seconded. All in favor-3, opposed-0, motion carried.

### **Town Hall**

Chairman Stan Ridgeway met with Glaus Bros. at the Town Hall to discuss remodeling to include flooring, windows, drywall, insulation, etc. A requested bid for new construction was not complete at the time. John Tappe may have a lot available, but price and other details were unavailable at this time.

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

The next meeting is set for Tuesday April 21, 2015 at 7:00. Agenda items are as follows: Plan Commission update, and Bike Trail. The Annual Meeting is set for 8:00.

### **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