

Unofficial Until Approved
Monthly Board Meeting
Town of Calamus
November 14, 2006

Monthly Board Meeting: was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman John Kirchberg

Present: Chairman John Kirchberg, Supervisor 1 John Kraus, Jr., Supervisor 2 Carole Garczynski, Treasurer Marian Haas, Clerk Marjorie Beilke

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Minutes from the October 10, 2006 Board Meeting were approved as presented with a motion from John Kraus, Jr., seconded by John Kirchberg.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report for \$193,255.37 was approved as presented with a motion from John Kraus, Jr. seconded by Carole Garczynski. A full report is on file.

Floor was opened for questions or comments:

No response

Agenda:

Open Floor Discussion with Dodge County Sheriff Todd Nehls:

Sheriff Nehls gave a report from the software that his department uses to track calls. There were a total of 65 calls for the Town of Calamus since January 1, 2006, most of them relating to State Highway 151. He continued that the report shows date, unit that responded, type of call, location, time requested, time completed; and continued that his department has brought the call response times down from 14 minutes to 11 minutes since using quadrants. He felt that was a good time, considering the coverage area and safety of the officers.

Sheriff Nehls stated that he is pleased with the town liaison program and felt that the Town of Calamus had one of the best. Sheriff Nehls introduced the new town liaison Deputy, Deputy Sheriff Scott Petrack.

Sheriff Nehls reported that the communications upgrades are almost complete; in about two months there will be 911 cellular technologies that use GPS and grids to pinpoint a 911 cellular call.

Sheriff Nehls took questions and comments from the floor.

Discussion/decision on the Dodge County Humane Society Contract for 2007:

The Dodge County Humane Society Vice President presented the 2007 contract for the Town of Calamus. She stated that the proposed contract amount of \$2,438 is based on the number of animals that the Society has handled for the town in the past. After some discussion the board and the Humane Society thought it was best to contract the amount of \$125.00 per animal with an after hours pick up fee of \$35.00 and that the Humane Society is to contact a board member for approval prior to pick up. The Humane Society Vice President agreed to submit a new contract for the December board meeting.

[Letter of Intent Submitted By Jesse and Carissa Merfeld to create an approximate 4-acre residential parcel and a 117-acre parcel in the SW ¼, SE ¼ and SE ¼, SW ¼ of section 32 Along Moriah Road:](#)

Planning Committee Chairman John Wedel stated that Committee met with Carissa Merfeld on November 8, 2006 to view this division request. At the review the planning committee suggested that that the driveway be located along the property line of Mays and share the entrance with Mays onto Moriah Road. Carissa Merfeld stated that they plan to build their home in the two acres of woods and make the property line west to the drainage ditch, taking about an additional two acres of work land. The committee recommended that the west property line be 2 rods from the ditch to allow the clean out by the farm operator, and thereby taking only one acre of work land.

The committee found the proposed division to be 1000 feet from an existing farm but noted that there were currently two other homes closer. The committee recommends a "Right to Farm" statement be recorded on deed.

Chairman John Kirchberg opened the floor for discussion:

John Merfeld stated that currently the one acre parcel is zoned A-2 and can't understand why the division is necessary. Chairman Kirchberg stated that all congruously owned land is considered one parcel.

Jesse Merfeld stated that the home will be in the woods and a spot there has perked. He intends to maintain as much of the farmland as possible.

John and Carissa Merfeld stated that the Mays agreed to a shared entrance.

Ricky Zenger stated that he is against the proposal, as it will remove farmland from production. He continued that when he wanted a land division he was told that he could not share a driveway entrance.

Diana Moyer continued that she was also told they could not share a driveway and questioned why Merfeld could. She also stated a concern that there was not 500 feet of clearance from the hill on Moriah Road and thought more traffic on the road would be a hazard.

Clerk Beilke read out loud the Dodge County Staff Report and recommendations prepared by Nate Olsen of Dodge County Planning and Parks Department.

After discussion a motion was made by John Kraus Jr., seconded by John Kirchberg to approve this land division request based on the committees findings and Land Use Policy recommendation 10.4 (2) that allows residential development for immediate family members. Also to allow a shared entrance, and a road frontage of 125 feet to 75 feet back, and 50 feet for a driveway and a property line 50 feet from the drainage ditch. A "right to farm" statement recorded on deed as well as no further land division of the parent parcel. Call of votes: John Kraus Jr. aye, Carole Garczynski aye, John Kirchberg aye, motion carried.

[Review of the First Draft of the Columbus Rural Fire Group Service Agreement with the City of Columbus:](#)

Clerk Beilke noted the suggested changes to the first draft and will find out when there will be a meeting with the rural group regarding this agreement.

[Adopt 2007 Budget:](#)

A motion was made by John Kraus, Jr., seconded by John Kirchberg to approve the budget as presented at the budget hearing with a \$201,782.00 tax levy as set at the meeting of the electors. Call of votes: John Kraus, Jr. aye, Carole Garczynski aye, John Kirchberg aye, motion carried and 2007 budget adopted.

Road Report From Chairman:

Chairman Kirchberg reported that the railing has been replaced on the Forest Road Bridge and a portion will qualify for County Bridge Aid.

He continued that the ditches need to be cleaned along Jay road and the board instructed Chairman Kirchberg to hire Mike Schmitt to do the work.

Chairman Kirchberg asked the board how they wanted to proceed with the vacation of Braker Road. It was questioned how it became a town road since there is only one landowner served by the road. A resolution to vacate will require a legal description. The thought expressed by Supervisor Kraus was that the road should be given back to the landowner while it is in good condition. The board instructed Chairman Kirchberg to proceed and hire a surveyor to formulate the legal description.

Other Business:

Treasurer Marian Haas presented final draft of tax letter with collection times as follows:

Saturday December 30, 2006 from 9:00am to 12:00 and 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Tuesday January 2, 2007 for 9:00am to 11:00am

Saturday January 20, 2007 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Clerk Beilke reported on the November 7, 2006 General Election. She commented that there were no problems or complaints and that a total of 365 votes were cast, seven by absentee ballot. Races of interest were for Governor with Democrat Jim Doyle receiving 170 and Republican Mark Green receiving 186. The race for Attorney General with Democrat Kathleen Falk receiving 139 votes and Republican J.B. Van Hollen receiving 219. The referenda question for the state constitution marriage amendment were 231 yes and 127 no. The non-binding referenda question for reinstating the death penalty resulted in 172 yes, 184 no.

Correspondence Received by Chairman and Clerk:

Dodge County:

Minor Land Division Letter of Intent #061153 for Jesse and Carissa Merfeld to create a residential lot along Moriah road in the part of SW ¼. SE ¼ of Section 32

Land Use permit # 061051 for Heidi Stegner to construct a deck at W10062 CTH DE

Notice of Public Hearing on proposed amendments of the Dodge County Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan to be held on Dec 4, 2006

Office of District Attorney dated November 7, 2006 re State Vs. Derek T. Rose

County Bridge Aid Memorial to repair bridge on Moriah Road C.A.B # 332-07-01

State of Wisconsin:

Final Estimate of January 1, 2006 population to be 1048 of which approximately 820 are estimated to be of voting age.

Department of Revenue notification of assessment values of each major class of property to be below 10% for four years requiring a reevaluation to be conducted in 2008

Forest tax Stewardship News Volume 3, No. 2

15th Annual Drinking Water and Wastewater Funding Sources Workshop schedule

UW Extension Local Land Use Planning and Zoning workshop

Department of Transportation "Safe Routes to School" information sessions

Other:

Columbus Rural Group Notice of Budget Meeting October 26, 2006

Waddell of Columbus, S.C. dated October 19, 2006 affidavit of posting of unfitness notice on Bleich's building

October 11, 2006 to Lynn Hron re Town of Calamus vs. Ricky Zenger Summons and Complaint

October 31, 2006 advisory letter on the vacation of Braker Road

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. Agreement for Revaluation Assessing Services for 2008 to be \$33,700.00

Dodge County Humane Society Contract for 2007

Wisconsin Towns Association Dodge County Unit meeting on October 25, 2006

Wisconsin Towns Association November Report

Bills: Bills for a total of 11,049.94 plus the amount of \$129,069.65 to Northeast Asphalt to be mailed on December 1st, 2006 was approved as presented with a motion from John Kirchberg, seconded by John Kraus, Jr.

Next Meeting: Next monthly board meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2006 to begin at 6:00pm

Adjourned: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm with a motion from John Kraus, Jr., seconded by John Kirchberg

November 29, 2006

Marjorie Beilke, Clerk