

Ashippun Town Board Meeting

April 16, 2009

Chairman Steven Panozzo called the monthly Town of Ashippun board meeting to order on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashippun Town Hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

The clerk verified that meeting notices were properly given. Roll call was taken with Chairman Steven Panozzo, Supervisor James Meyer, Supervisor William Bremer and Clerk/Treasurer Vickie Schlieve as all being present.

Approval of minutes from March 12, 2009 Town Board meeting – Supervisor Meyer moved to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Supervisor Bremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Input – David Wendorf stated that the Monroe Road repair was quoted to cost \$11,000. Road inspections should be staggered throughout the year. Jim Schlieve reminded everyone should remove their caps when the Pledge to the Flag was recited. Dave Guckenberger asked Supervisor Bremer how he was going to implement his plan on offering free salt to residents. Supervisor Bremer does not have a plan in place. Aldon Schlieve asked if the Firemen could use the equipment for spraying the park as they had done in the past.

Police Report – Officer Ryan Voskuil presented the monthly report for the department.

Fire Department Report – Chief Eske reported that the department had been busy with grass fires lately. She warned people of the dry conditions.

Clerk Schlieve read the Treasurer's report for March. Motion by Supervisor Bremer to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Supervisor Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Schlieve read the list of bills presented for payment. Motion by Supervisor Meyer to pay the bills. Seconded by Supervisor Bremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Don Christopherson, Building Inspector – The report for March was given.

Highway Department Report – Dodge County Highway Superintendent Brian Field offered the counties assistance in the absence of a highway supervisor.

The April Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to having no business to discuss.

Unfinished Business: Discussion and possible approval to contract with LifeQuest for the City of Oconomowoc EMS collection services. Clerk Schlieve had contacted David Beguhn, Public Safety Director from the city and he stated that they were using this agency for collections and that if the Town of Ashippun was in need of those services we could contact LifeQuest. No action taken.

Discussion on Davy Creek and set date for task force committee meeting. Ray Zuercher stated that when the avenues to receive a permit for the dredging were clear, the town board would be notified. Funds would need to be found. A written request to the DNR would need to be formulated by the committee and the town board. Future task force meetings will be planned by the next meeting.

New Business: Discussion and possible approval of lawn mowing contract for the Town Hall for the 2009 season. Supervisor Meyer established that there were no teams using the soccer fields any longer. Supervisor Meyer moved to table the motion until new bids were received to include only the area surrounding the town hall. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bremer. All in favor. Motion carried to table until the next meeting.

Discussion and possible approval of Class B fermented malt and liquor licenses through June 30, 2009. Christopher Enders for Enders Maple Inn and Brian Ostgaard for Big O's. Background checks had been done and cleared by our police department. Christopher Enders plans to take over the Maple Inn on May 21st. Supervisor Meyer moved to approve the liquor licenses for Christopher Enders for Enders Maple and Brian Ostgaard for Big O's. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. Chief Eske suggested that the licenses be granted upon a final fire inspection of each of the premises. Chairman Panozzo agreed that the fire inspections should become a regular practice upon granting liquor licenses in the future. Supervisor Meyer amended his motion to include, "...upon inspection of the fire department." Supervisor Bremer seconded the amended motion. All in favor of the motion including the amendment. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of new Operator's Licenses through June 30, 2009 for: Tina Radtke, Big O's; Bertha Radtke, Big O's; Timmothy Ostgaard, Big O's; Troy Ostgaard, Big O's; and Eric Chapman, DeerTrak. Clear background checks were received for each of the applicants. Supervisor Meyer moved to approve all of the listed applicants for Operator's Licenses upon payment of the pro-rated fees. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on UW-Extension workshop, "Our Changing Economy" on May 6th in Green Bay. Clerk Schlieve has information for anyone that may be interested.

Discussion and approval of resignation of Larry Krier, Highway Supervisor effective April 15, 2009 and replacement process of highway department employee. Chairman Panozzo reported that the position would be filled as soon as possible. Upon notification, an ad was developed and posted in the Oconomowoc Enterprise and the Watertown Daily Times. Resumes with salary requirements must be submitted by May 7th. Interviews will be held and announcement of the replacement will be at the May 14th town board meeting.

Discussion and possible approval of sand leveling at Stein Park ball diamond. Jim Schlieve stated that the sand needs to be dragged and rolled. Glen Mason and Curt Fredrick leveled the sand yesterday. Aldon Schlieve needed to locate the drag to do the work. No action by the town board needed on this item.

Discussion and possible approval of road repairs on Adams Road. Dodge County needs to be contacted regarding the culvert replacement. Chairman Panozzo stated that this item will be tabled.

Correspondence: Chairman Panozzo stated that items would not be removed from the agenda until the board votes to remove it.

Public Input: Clerk Schlieve reported that the finish roadwork from the Highway O reconstruction from last year would begin the week of April 27th according to Brian Field from Dodge County. Dave Guckenberger spoke on the deterioration of Adams Road and that the road is closed. He also asked about the new town board's intentions to the "cleaning house" rumors. Chairman Panozzo responded to those rumors and the untruths associated with them.

Norm Greeb commented on the Adams Road problems and the need for a fabric base. Supervisor Meyer would like to see local vendors bid on road projects.

Tom Jordens asked if there would be a probation period when a new highway supervisor is hired. Clerk Schlieve responded to the question with information from the Personnel Policy that states there is a 90-day probation period.

Syl Hoerth asked if there was a residency requirement for the new highway position.

Bob Guenther addressed the new town board and as a member of the Planning Commission. He urged the new board to attend the Planning Commission meetings before changing appointments.

George Monis announced that the May Planning Commission meeting would most likely be cancelled due to no business.

Ed Martin suggested that each town board member have a microphone so everyone could hear.

Supervisor Bremer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Supervisor Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Ashippun town board regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Schlieve, Clerk