

Ashippun Town Board Meeting

July 9, 2009

Chairman Steven Panozzo called the monthly Town of Ashippun board meeting to order on Thursday, July 9, 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.

Motion by Supervisor Meyer to approve adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Bremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from June 3, Board of Review; June 11, monthly meeting; June 25, road bid meeting; and June 29, approve road bid meeting. Supervisor Bremer moved to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Supervisor Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Input – Willard Oschmann asked how the first 100 days for the town board has gone. He also asked about cutting grass on town property in his subdivision.

Police Report – Officer Nate Kopecky presented the monthly report for the department. A discussion followed on fireworks. Permits are needed for fireworks displays and can be obtained from the town clerk. A meeting will be held on July 21st with Amanda Street landlords, the town board, the NRA police department and the county sheriff.

Fire Department Report – Assistant Chief Todd Birkel reported 5 EMS calls and 6 fire calls last month.

Clerk Schlieve read the Treasurer's report for June. 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 June was given. No permits issued.

Highway Department Report – James Jungbluth reported that the new telephone numbers for the highway department are now: 262-443-2533 for himself and 262-443-2480 for John Wandersee. The former number is not in service. The highway department has been helping the fire department prepare the park for this week's picnic. Payne and Dolan should be starting work on the town road in two weeks. James reminded people to let him know if there are any problems with town roads. Any trees or brush growing into right-of-ways need to be reported to the highway department for cutting. Tim Ziehm has been hired at the Recycling Center as a part-time employee.

Recreation Department/Park's, Recreation & Visionary committee report – Jim Schlieve reported that the baseball games in town parks are doing well. A meeting will be scheduled with the committee to inspect the parks in the town, investigate the possibility of new playground equipment and flags or banners.

Planning Commission meeting on July 2nd was cancelled. Next scheduled meeting will be August 6th and this meeting will be held due to business already anticipated.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on Davy Creek. A proposal was just received from J.D. Knowles and Associates, Inc. in regard to the planned dredging of Davy Creek. Chairman Panozzo recommended that residents should give the town board their feelings on how the town board should proceed with this project. A decision needs to be made whether the town should go ahead with this project or not.

New Business: Discussion and possible approval of new Operator's License through June 30, 2010. Michelle L. Almandi, Sheila J. Oliver, and Vicki J. Holland, all for Big O's. Clerk Schlieve explained that Vicki Holland was a renewal, not a new applicant, but had not completed paperwork in a timely manner to get in last months annual renewal. All background checks were approved. Chairman Panozzo moved to approve those applications as noted. Supervisor Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Michelle L. Almandi and Sheila J. Oliver were in attendance and paid the necessary fees. Vickie Holland will pay the fees next week.

Discussion and possible approval of Lincoln Road culvert bids. Two bids were submitted for this work: J & M Culvert Service for \$2,159.00 and R. Rolefson Excavating for \$2,372.56. Supervisor Meyer moved to approve the bid from J & M Culvert Service for \$2,159.00. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on Roosevelt Road finish work. Chairman Panozzo had a conversation with Mike Laue, MSA Professional Services, regarding an approach to one driveway along the new roadway. Things were all taken care of. One more final payment will be expected. Highway supervisor, James Jungbluth, asked about center stripes on the new road. Is there a policy for doing that work?

Discussion and possible approval of Harding Road trenching and possible agreement with Mr. Davies. A letter and an agreement are being written with legal advice before the project proceeds. Conversations with the property owner have been ongoing. The safety issues are being addressed for a long-term repair of this area.

Discussion and possible approval of Adams Road agreement with Town of Rubicon for additional work. The agreement will be sent to the Town of Rubicon. Half of the culvert expense on Adams Road has been verbally agreed to be paid by the Town of Rubicon. An invoice will be sent to the Town of Rubicon for half of the expenses for the culvert work.

Discussion on 2009 road repair bids. The bid was awarded to Payne and Dolan and work will be started in two weeks after the culvert gets replaced on Lincoln Road. Bids came in under estimated prices, so other roads in dire need of repair will also be looked at for necessary repairs.

Discussion and possible approval for drain tile installation around town hall playground equipment. The purpose is to keep water from standing in the playground area. Chairman Panozzo moved to install drain tile around the playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. Syl Hoerth asked what would be involved with moving the equipment to a higher area. Robert Guenther spoke about moving the water from the town hall across the road to property he rents. Voice vote: Chairman Panozzo, aye; Supervisor Bremer, aye; and Supervisor Meyer, nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action for Historical committee's proposal for antique road grater. Peter Graetz explained that this committee would like the town to display this grater somewhere in the township. Funds are limited, but the committee would be willing to do the work, if the town would finance the project. A building or a 10' X 20' cement slab would be recommended on the southwest corner of the town hall. The committee wants the town to decide if they want the grater on town property. The value of the grater is about \$1200. Supervisor Meyer moved to allow the grater to be on town property with the place to be determined by the town board and the historical committee. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. Chairman Panozzo stated that he was not in favor of the proposal and causes concern for safety and maintenance. Syl Hoerth suggested that the grater go on the gravel portion of the town hall parking lot, alongside Highway P. Voice vote: Supervisor Meyer, aye; Supervisor Bremer, aye; Chairman Panozzo, nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval for corrective ditching and/or culvert repair at Roosevelt Road and Center Street. The ditch along Roosevelt Road is not draining properly. Mike Laue, MSA Professional Services has inspected the area and will be submitting a written proposal to improve water flow in this area. WE Energies will be contacted regarding the sub-station's culvert on Roosevelt Road. The highway department will mow the right-of-way along Roosevelt Road.

Discussion and possible action regarding number of members on Ashippun Plan Commission. No action will be taken at this meeting, but Chairman Panozzo expects to be making some changes in the future. If residents are interested in serving on the plan commission, they should submit a resume and a letter of interest to either the clerk or the chairman.

Discussion and possible action regarding drainage problems in Willow Creek, North Avenue and Westview Drive. Problems are occurring during the winter months when snow is plowed and ice forms. A proposal to extend the existing storm drain could be installed on private property to solve the problem. There was a question whether this had been an engineering error. The problem only occurs in the cold

winter months. Chairman Panozzo moved to remove this item from the agenda at this time. Supervisor Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor of removing this item from the agenda.

Discussion and possible action regarding letter advising developer of Willow Creek to mow empty lots. A letter was sent to Mike Schutte, Willow Creek Development, requesting the area around sidewalks on empty lots to be mowed, either by his company or by the town at his expense.

Discussion of Dodge County Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Dodge County Planning, Development and Parks will be holding a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dodge County Administration Building. The Comprehensive Plan policy will be discussed.

Correspondence: Chairman Panozzo reminded everyone about the Ashippun Firefighter's Picnic this weekend.

Clerk Schlieve reported that Susy's Party Pub had plans to use Stein Park on August 15, 2009 for a kickball tournament. Next month the town board will have the opportunity to sign a business associates agreement with the City of Oconomowoc and the Oconomowoc EMS. Clerk Schlieve will be attending the Clerk's Convention on Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21.

Chairman Panozzo announced that the addition of a deputy clerk would be looked at in order to provide services while the clerk is away from the office.

Public Input: Dave Guckenberger would like to see the public outbursts from the audience during town board meetings stopped. He asked if the second layer on the roads be applied in Willow Creek when Payne & Dolan is in the township with other roadwork. The additional work done by R. Rolefson Excavating on Adams Road was due to the guardrail eroding into the waterway at the culvert and a larger than planned culvert installed. Mr. Guckenberger quoted Town of Ashippun Ordinance 1.04, which states that the Plan Commission shall consist of 7 citizens. Engineering needs to be done on the Harding Road drainage project. He also asked Supervisor Bremer about his proposed salt give-away program. He wanted to know if Susy's Party Pub would be serving alcohol at their event next month. The organizer had told Clerk Schlieve that there would not be alcohol sold there that day.

Cindy Tjensvold, Amanda Street resident, reported that the sign had been removed at the Amanda Street Park stating the parks hours. The sign will be replaced.

Willard Oschman reminded the town board about the poor economy and to keep that in mind when going forward.

Bob Guenther reported on a project he is involved with, Working Lands Initiative, which protects farmland, forestland, and recreation land. The Ag Enterprise Zone Committee was part of the State budget. In the future, the town would need to approve these initiatives. This program is to replace the Farmland Preservation Initiative. This is a voluntary program and would need 1,000 acres of contiguous farmland to start the program.

Jerry Thieme reported on dead trees on Lincoln Road that may create a possible danger. Could the wood be left at the sight for the residents? James Jungbluth, Highway Supervisor, spoke on the plans for tree cutting, etc.

Norm Greb commented on the Working Lands Initiative and how they would acquire such a large plot of land.

Jim Schlieve announced that the Blood Bank would be at the town hall on Monday, July 13th.

Terry Norton replied to Mr. Guckenberger's comment on keeping order at these meetings. He felt the public comments during the meeting should continue.

Don Kehl commented that the area behind the town shop that was cleaned up looks good.

Ed Martin added that a concrete culvert should have been installed behind the town shop when it was built.

Supervisor Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Supervisor Bremer seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Ashippun town board regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Schlieve, Clerk