

Approved – January 15, 2014

**TOWN OF ALGOMA
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors
Special Town Board Meeting
January 6, 2014**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Blake.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present.

The following Supervisors were present: Tim Blake, Mike Kierszh, Kristine Timm, Joel Rasmussen and Terry Hamann.

The following were also present: Town Attorney Karen Marone, Treasurer Sue Drexler and Acting Clerk Deborah Stark.

John Walsh of 2962 Omro Road – President of the Sheldon Nature Area. When Mrs. Sheldon donated the property it was with the intent that it be accessible to the public and be used as an environmental and educational area. Mr. Walsh would like to see the Town donate the property so the nature area would be one contiguous piece of property. The Oshkosh Area School District and many members of the community have spent many hours and dollars maintaining the nature area. The North East Wisconsin Land Trust is not the legal body that owns the property, they would be the managers. Their management allows for the protection of the property regardless of ownership.

Terry Steele of 2848 Sheldon Drive – Where is the agreement with the North East Land Trust? Attorney Marone responded that any decision made would be contingent upon reading the document. If there are flooding problems, would the Town maintain the ability to access the property and deal with the flooding?

John Walsh of 2962 Omro Road – He did make an attempt to secure the document but was told that the full document was unavailable. Mr. Walsh was told that it was full of legal talk that is nonspecific to the Town of Algoma, Oshkosh Area School District and the Sheldon Nature Area and that the language in the document is proprietary.

Kathy Chapman of 2849 Sheldon Drive – Parts of the document are disturbing especially the portion that deals with the raised gravel trails. The raised trails have aggravated the flooding problems. Item #6 refers to additional fencing and the scope seems to be too far reaching. There does not seem to be an overseer for the area. Leery of what could be added to the document especially under Item #4.

On a motion by Hamann/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Special Town Meeting of the Electors

The special meeting of the electors was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairperson Blake.

The following Supervisors were present: Tim Blake, Mike Kierszh, Kristine Timm, Joel Rasmussen and Terry Hamann.

The following were also present: Town Attorney Karen Marone, Treasurer Sue Drexler and Acting Clerk Deborah Stark.

A count of the electors took place and the total was 29.

Chairperson Blake read Resolution Number 2014 – 01 Town of Algoma Electors' Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Act in the Best Interest of the Town of Algoma Concerning the Sheldon Nature Area. It is hereby resolved, that we, the town electors of the Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, Wisconsin being duly assembled at a duly called and noticed special town meeting held on January 6, 2014 do hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, Wisconsin to act in the best interest of the Town of Algoma concerning the Sheldon Nature Area. Adopted January 6, 2014.

Attorney Marone told the electors present that statutes require that the electors' give permission to the board to dispose of town owned property.

On a motion by Tim Blake/Joel Rasmussen, carried on a 25 – 4 hand vote, the electors' approved Resolution Number 2014 – 01.

On a motion by Mike Kierszh/Joel Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the special town meeting of the electors was adjourned – Sine die.

Special Town Board Meeting

The special town board meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Chairperson Blake.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a 5 – 0 roll call vote, the Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

The Town Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a 5 – 0 roll call vote, the Board approved the donation of Town owned parcel #002 – 012433 adjacent to the Sheldon Nature Area to the Oshkosh Area School District

with the following contingencies: the right to access the property to maintain and prevent flooding, ensure that the raised trails are properly maintained so there is proper drainage, the Town may opt to assess the Oshkosh Area School District for maintenance expenses and if the Land Trust should dissolve the property reverts to the Town of Algoma.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Timm, carried on a voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Stark, WCMC
Acting Clerk