

Approved – January 15, 2014

TOWN OF ALGOMA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2013  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

**Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Clerk Kuehnl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Members present: Supervisors Timm, Kierszh, Rasmussen and Hamann. Also present were Attorney Marone and Acting Clerk Kuehnl.

On a motion by Timm/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote with one abstention (Rasmussen) the Board appointed Supervisor Rasmussen to act as Chair of the meeting

**Public Forum.**

The following people appeared before the Board:

John Walsh regarding the Sheldon Nature Area. He reported on progress being made at the area include the cleaning, roofing, and safe routes to school.

Curt Clark regarding branches on the walking bridge at the end of Rasmussen Road. He questioned who has the responsibility of keeping them trimmed.

Mike Klitsch regarding the Sheldon Nature Area. He is concerned about having an easement on the property.

Scott Groth regarding speed limit signs on Snowden. He stated Snowden Drive does not have any posted speed limit signs. The speed has been excessive at times. He would like to see a speed limit sign posted.

John Brad regarding the paving project. He is questioning the minutes regarding this project.

**Fire Department Report.**

A. Fire Prevention Week Recap.

B. Pancake Breakfast of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Recap.

Fire chief Groth gave a recap of Fire Prevention Week. The pancake breakfast was reported to be a huge success.

C. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Forest Protection Grant).

Fire Chief Groth reported a grant application in the amount of \$16,000 was received for a slide in pumper unit to slide in the back of a pickup truck. It is a matching grant and the Fire Dept. voted to pay the matching amount from their fund raising account.

D. Grass 21 Truck Replacement.

Fire Chief Groth is requested up to \$35,000 to purchase a new truck to be determined in the upcoming weeks. He was told by the previous Clerk the money is set aside in the budget. He can get a discount up to \$8,000 off. The truck also has to be outfitted with lights, siren, etc.

**Motion by Kierzch second by Hamann to approve up to \$35,000 to be taken out of the fire truck fund to purchase a truck.**

Discussion took place including the following:

- The timing of the purchase
- This item should be bid
- There hasn't been an issue before
- This is a pickup truck
- A truck is needed, the money is in the budget
- This could affect the grant monies
- This purchase should wait until the Fire Study is done

**A vote was taken on the motion and tied 2-2.**

Fire Chief Groth questioned what to do about the grant monies already accepted and was told to accept it at this time.

New Business.

Review and approve the contract with Radtke Contractors Inc. for snow plowing the private roads. Attorney Marone outlined the contract and noted language changes.

**Motion by Kierzch second by Timm to accept the contract.**

Discussion took place including the following:

- Whether or not the Home Associations want this
- The timing is too late to change it

**All present voted aye. Motion carried.**

Review and approve the contract with Action Appraisers for 2014.

- A. Review and approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Winnebago County.
- B. Review and approve the Baker Tilly Audit Contract.
- C. Set November Budget Workshop dates.
- D. Consider postponing Mike Matthew's Economic Growth presentation until a later date.
1. Supervisors Statements.
  - A. Mowing of town owned properties throughout the town. (Kierszh)
  - B. Update on the Fire Department Analysis Project Team. (Rasmussen)
  - C. Update on the hiring process from Public Administration Association. (Rasmussen)
  - D. Set a date to meet with the Public Administration Association. (Rasmussen)
  - E. Discuss the TRIP Program Organizational Meeting. (Rasmussen)
  - F. Update on the school crossing signs. (Blake)
2. Receive Road/Drainage Consultant Report for October 2013.
3. Approve monthly disbursements for October 2013.
4. Receive Treasurer's Report October 2013.
  - A. Office assistance for the tax season was budgeted out of the Deputy Treasurer Salary.
5. Closed Session.
  - A. The town board may then go into closed session pursuant to WIS STATS §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This is to consider:
    - i) Employment of Office Assistant for Town Clerk and appropriations of funds.
    - ii) Annual review and consideration of additional compensation for Road/Drainage Coordinator.
    - iii) Annual review and consideration of additional compensation for Deputy Clerk.
  - B. The Town Board may then convene into closed session pursuant to WIS STATS §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.
  - C. The Town Board may then reconvene into open session to discuss and act upon matters discussed in closed session.
6. Adjourn.

NOTE: It is possible that members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice

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BY DIRECTION OF THE  
TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON:

Mary Kuehl  
Deputy Town Clerk

Posted at Service Oil Inc., Algoma Sanitary District #1, Algoma Town Hall  
Posted on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013