

Approved – January 15, 2014

**TOWN OF ALGOMA, WINNEBAGO COUNTY
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 18, 2013
Town Hall Board Room**

The meeting 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, Terry Hamann, Joel Rasmussen, Kristine Timm and Mike Kierszh.

The following were present: Town Attorney Karen Marone, Road/Drainage Coordinator Bill Tollard, Treasurer Sue Drexler and Acting Clerk Deborah Stark.

During the Public Forum, Terry Steele of 2848 Sheldon Drive spoke concerning the Oakwood Road culvert replacement. Chair Blake responded that a Storm Water Management meeting will be scheduled for January 2014 and the problem will be on the agenda. Kathy Chapman of 2849 Sheldon Drive was concerned about the Sheldon Nature Area being turned over to other people.

Fire Department Chief Scott Groth reported that the new radios (trucks and hand-held) are in service. Everyone has been trained and are being dispatched and receiving pages using the new system. They are experiencing a few snags, but there are not unique to the Town of Algoma. Ballots for the Fire Department elections have been mailed and are due at 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2014 at the Town Hall. Following are the offices and individuals nominated: Fire Department Chief – Scott Groth, First Responder Chairperson – Pat Rocolo, Fire Department Treasurer – Keith Breu, Fire Department Secretary – Lisa Breu, First Responder Secretary/Treasurer – Glenn Demler, First Responder Board Member at Large – Kevin Sawicki and Fire Fighter Board Member at Large – Glenn Demeler and Jeff Miller. Chief Groth also spoke about legislation that has been introduced to amend the Affordable Health Care Act to exempt volunteer fire departments from a requirement to offer health insurance to their volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

On a motion by Hamann/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the Length of Service Award for the Fire Department.

On a motion by Kierszh/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the Election Inspectors for the term beginning 1-1-14 and ending 12-31-15.

Road/Drainage Coordinator Bill Tollard reported that he contacted Winnebago County and all of the school sign pedestals are in place. Wisconsin Public Service must run the electrical supply before the signs can be placed on the pedestals. WPS is aware of this project.

Supervisor Hamann checked Conrad Street for speed limit signs. There are signs on each end of the street. Supervisor Hamann asked the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department if they would keep a closer eye on that street. Chairperson Blake reported that he had a call from a Mr. Hauck concerning this issue, but he did not leave contact information.

Road/Drainage Coordinator Bill Tollard reported that he is going to schedule six roads to be seal coated and three roads to be paved. He asked if the Board would like him to move on the project now so that the work could be a spring project.

Discussion was held concerning the additional options for the 2014 Winnebago County Per Capita Funding Program. Supervisor Rasmussen asked what the Town receives for the money they spend and Supervisor Hamann asked if the Town had not allocated the other funds would the full \$6,900 have been available for use.

On a motion by Blake/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved using the remaining 2014 Winnebago County Per Capita funds for economic development.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Blake, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the use of money for economic development contingent on the funds being received from the 2014 Winnebago County Per Capita Fund.

The Krueger Chiropractic proposed remodeling and addition came before the Board. Chairperson Blake reported that it has passed through the proper channels and the necessary changes had been made. Supervisor Hamann asked about the sign. Chairperson Blake responded that the sign and the building photometrics are being handled as a separate issue.

On a motion by Hamann/Blake, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the proposed remodeling and addition to the office building for Krueger Chiropractic at 3180 Omro Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

On a motion by Blake/Hamann and then amended by Blake/Hamann, the Board approved the date of January 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing concerning the Sheldon Nature Area. Publication is to take place on December 22nd and December 23rd.

Town Attorney Marone let everyone know that the original publication date was not intentionally missed and the Acting Clerk at the time had other statutory obligations.

John Walsh of 2962 Omro Road said he realized that the missed publication date was not intentional but it did create some difficulties. The School Board had to take the issue off tonight's agenda. Mr. Walsh reported that he met with the North East Wisconsin Land Trust today. He also referenced the letter that the Supervisors received and asked for their input. Supervisors requested that he secure a copy of the land trust.

Town Attorney Marone added that a Board Closed Session would follow the Public Hearing so that the Board would be able to make a decision.

Chairperson Blake reported that a meeting needs to be called regarding the Fire Department study by RW Management Group. The meeting should include the Board, the Fire Department Committee and Mr. Roemer of RW Management Group.

Supervisor Hamann asked why building permits are being issued in Olde Apple Acres. The developer does not have an accepted roadway or drainage. Chairperson Blake will speak with Building Inspector Dave Frank to make sure that he is aware of the situation.

On a motion by Kierszh/Hamann, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved ceasing the issuance of building permits in the Olde Apple Acres subdivision until the developer has met the roadway and drainage specifications.

Road/Drainage Coordinator Bill Tollard had a written report on his activities from mid-November through mid-December. He said that he is working on a sump pump ordinance and on for the assessment of paving projects. Foust has done no cul de sac plowing at this time.

On a motion by Timm/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the disbursements presented for payment.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting dated December 10, 2013.

The Treasurer's Report was received for the month of December 2013.

On a motion by Blake/Timm, carried on a 5 – 0 roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, 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 and Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(g) Conferring 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.

At 7:20 p.m., the Board took a five minute recess.

At 7:27 p.m., the Board reconvened in Closed Session.

At 8:55 p.m., in Closed Session on a motion made by Timm/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board voted to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes.

At 9:08 p.m., they reconvened in Open Session.

On a motion by Blake/Hamann, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the hiring of William Forrest as Interim Administrator for a limited term.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved a pay increase of \$2,500.00 per year for the Chief of the Fire Department. The increase is to be retroactive to 2013.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board a pay increase to \$14.00 per hour beginning in 2014 for the Road/Drainage Coordinator.

No other business came before the Board. On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L Stark, WCMC
Acting Clerk
Town of Algoma