

**TOWN OF ALGOMA  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
MINUTES FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS**

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:30 PM**

Algoma Town Hall

15 N. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904

**Authorize the Town Board to negotiate the purchase of land east of Olde Apple Acres Subdivision to be used as a stormwater detention basin. This authorization may include the negotiation of the terms of, and execution of, all documents necessary for the purchase of the property. This will include a discussion of the history and background of stormwater detention basin in the town.**

The Special Meeting of the Electors was called to order by Chairman Blake at 5:30 PM.

Chairman Blake turned to the meeting over to Mr. Mark Shubak of Strand Associates, the town's engineer. Mr. Shubak gave an overview presentation on where the town's been, how we got to this point, what projects have been done to date, future plans, and the impact of stormwater management initiative will have in the future. A copy of this presentation is attached to the record copy of the minutes.

Robert Colburn, 1409 Oakwood Road – Mr. Colburn inquired on the status of the berms that were once suggested at the east side of Sheldon Nature Area early on in the stormwater management project. Current plans do not establish these berms; these berms are no longer included in the plan. Flooding can be mitigated through channel regarding, the Honey Creek stream bank stabilization, and culvert replacement; therefore the berming is no longer needed. The culvert will be significantly larger than the existing culvert allowing more water to freely run through the culvert. Mr. Colburn questioned why more water isn't run down Leonard Point Road, why is it all going through Honey Creek? Mr. Shubak responded that diversion models were looked at to divert water down Leonard Point Road, however this would be a significant undertaking in terms of capital improvements and most likely would not be approved by the Department of Natural Resources. It's a case where current natural drainage patterns aren't being maintained. In terms of what it would take to divert the large amount of water down Leonard Point Road just wasn't practical, so this option was eliminated. Mr. Colburn was concerned because there is no consistency with culvert size or culvert elevation along the west side of Oakwood Road.

Sally Colburn, 1409 Oakwood Road – Inquired about the size of the new culvert. The new culvert is significantly larger than the existing one; the existing culvert is 16' span by 5' high, the new culvert will be 36' span, 5' high and will provide a significantly larger waterway, alleviating the bottle neck. The area of Honey Creek that has been opened up now and is capable of receiving the more water. There was discussion on altering the channel by straightening it out. The Department of Natural Resources is not going to allow the town to straighten out the

channel, the natural alignment of the creek has to be maintained. However, addition flood bands could be provided through re-grading.

Terry Steele, 2848 Sheldon Drive – Mr. Steele asked about the lowering of the stone pathways in the Sheldon Nature Area because these paths dam up the water. This has to be coordinated with the school district because they are the owners of the property. What is the status of the talks with the school district? There hasn't been progress on talks. There has to be a meeting scheduled with the Sheldon Nature Area, Oshkosh Area School District, and Town Board to begin talks about work in the Sheldon Nature Area.

Cathy Chapman, 2849 Sheldon Drive – Ms. Chapman congratulated the board on the completion of Phase 1, and inquired as to what monies have been committed to Phase 2 and/or Phase 3 of the Honey Creek Project. Would those monies be spent prior to the money needed for the Apple Acres detention pond? Ms. Chapman urges the board to follow this order if only to compare the property damages in the two areas. There is \$300,000 set aside for the culvert replacement so that the project can go forward whether or not the county funding was awarded. The board thought it was prudent to try to get up to fifty percent (\$160,000) of the cost through this county aide program. The board is committed to seeing this project through and it is documented in meeting minutes. To answer Ms. Chapman's question, Clerk Nelson did look up the budget and there is \$350,000 designated for stormwater management.

Ron Karpinski, 3877 Braeburn – Mr. Karpinski hasn't seen any of the Strand documents and how the privately owned detention basins in Olde Apple Acres fit into the overall stormwater management plan. If this land is acquired, will the entire land be used for the regional detention basin? The two basins in Olde Apple Acres were installed to meet the stormwater regulation at the time of the development. It is important to note that the watershed is roughly 128 acres. The basins inside Olde Apple Acres are specific to Olde Apple Acres and this regional detention basin will manage water not only from Olde Apple Acres, but also from other areas outside of Olde Apple Acres. It is also important to note that the stormwater management requirements for when Olde Apple Acres was developed was to maintain the current drainage of the land, not to improve the drainage. It accommodated the development, but didn't make drainage in the development any better. Stormwater management regulations that are currently in place are more stringent now than when the development was built. Strand is suggesting that stormwater management requirements will become even more stringent than they are currently. The bottom line is the existing basins in Olde Apple Acres are accounted for, but they don't provide the level of protection that is needed; that is why this project is being implemented. Mr. Karpinski debated what affect this regional detention pond will have because only two of the legs are shown on the map as going into this pond. The entire property will be used as a stormwater management and implementation of a regional detention pond. Mr. Karpinski then wanted to know if the two detention basins in Olde Apple Acres will be vacated as it is currently sitting on two buildable lots? There would be no changes to the existing pond in Olde Apple Acres; the ponds will remain intact and will not be vacated.

Motion by Terry Haman to authorize the Town Board to negotiate the purchase of land east of Olde Apple Acres Subdivision to be used as a stormwater detention basin. This authorization

may include the negotiation of the terms of, and execution of, all documents necessary for the purchase of the property. This will include a discussion of the history and background of stormwater detention basin in the town. The motion was seconded by Sue Drexler. No further discussion. Motion carried in a hand vote, 24-0.

Motion by Kristine Timm to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of the Electors. The motion was seconded by Mike Kierszh. No further discussion. Motion carried in a voice vote, 24-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte K. Nelson, WCMC  
Town Clerk  
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