

Approved – January 15, 2014

**TOWN OF ALGOMA, WINNEBAGO COUNTY
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2013
Town Hall Board Room**

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

The following were also present: Road/Drainage Coordinator Bill Tollard, Town Attorney Karen Marone, Treasurer Sue Drexler and Deputy Town Clerk Mary Kuehnl.

Mark Kainz of 1320 Snowdon Drive, representing the Oakwood Elementary PTO presented the Town of Algoma with a check for \$2,000.00. The funds are to be used for the installation of Driver feedback signs. If the signs are not erected, the PTO asks that the funds be returned. Mr. Kainz added that the Oakwood Elementary PTO supports the Sheldon Nature Area and would like to see the contribution of the Town parcel of land.

Roger Koepsel of 1141 Oakwook Road asked if leaf pickup could be started one week later in the spring and continue one week later in the fall. Chairperson Blake said that this topic would be addressed at the January 2014 Town Board meeting.

Fire Department Chief Scott Groth reported that the Ford pickup truck has been ordered and delivery should be in eight to twelve weeks. The pumping system also needs to be ordered soon, as it is a special order. There is nothing to report on the Fire Department's end concerning the Winnebago County Radio System. The County is still dealing with the bugs and pushed back the "go live" date. Not all of the equipment has arrived and Baycom and Motorola have no answers, other than they are aware of the late arrival of the equipment. The Department has gained two new members and they already have training so they are an immediate asset to the department. Last month the firefighters adopted two families for Christmas and everything will be delivered to them just prior to Christmas.

State Representative Mike Schraa reported that the fall session ended last week. The Voter ID bill went through the Assembly and he hopes it will be in place next year. Other bills that passed included the Managed Forest Land bill and ten Mental Health related bills. A special session has been called for December 4, 2013 to deal with Badger Care. Senate Bill 478 on TIF Districts in Towns would only impact Town of Algoma in this area. The Senate passed the Bill on November 12, 2013. The Assembly version is now in committee. Another TIF Bill that would impact more Towns is held up in committee. There is a committee hearing scheduled for January 2014.

Jordan Pollock appeared on behalf of ADM. The Board was informed that the City of Oshkosh has no interest in this issue, but the Winnebago County does. The Site Plan Committee approved the new building unanimously.

On a motion by Timm/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the proposed new storage building for ADM Grain, 2550 Clairville Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

On a motion by Blake/Hamann, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the proposed new signs for ADM Grain, 2550 Clairville Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Discussion took place concerning privatizing the snow plowing of the Cul de Sacs. Winnebago County does not have enough equipment and manpower to fully plow the Cul de Sacs in a timely manner. Many complaints have been received concerning the plowing in these areas. The Town has approximately 95 Cul de Sacs and to remove the snow properly three loaders with pushers would be needed. Road/Drainage Coordinator Tollard said that the County is capable of doing the job but not in a timely manner.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Timm, failing on a 2 (Timm, Rasmussen) to 3 (Kierszh, Blake, Hamann) roll call vote, the Board did not approve the motion to direct Road/Drainage Coordinator Tollard to continue soliciting quotes based on prices, equipment and availability.

On a motion by Blake/Hamann, carried on a 5 – 0 vote after two amendments, the Board approved the motion directing Road/Drainage Coordinator Tollard to put together an RFP for plowing the Cul de Sacs asking the bidders to list equipment and price. The RFP is to be published in the Oshkosh Northwestern on November 24, 2013 and December 1, 2013 and the bids will be due at the Town Hall Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2013. The bids will be opened by the Road/Drainage Coordinator and the Clerk and then will be presented to the Town Board for a decision on December 10, 2013.

On a motion by Timm/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved using Barracuda as the offsite backup server for the Town of Algoma.

The update of Town Code Chapter 18 entitled Land Division has moved through the Planning Commission and is now ready for a Public Hearing.

On a motion by Kierszh/Timm, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved holding the Public Hearing in January 2014.

Discussion was held concerning the donation to the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. The money does not come from the Town's budget. We need to decide which municipality will benefit the economic growth of the Town the most.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the donation of \$2,500.00 to the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff's Deputy Nathan Olig was recognized. He noted that scam calls have become very common. The best way to defend yourself and others is to share your stories. Ordinances are being updated to reflect this increasing problem.

On a motion by Kierszh/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved setting the price of the seal of a new house permit equivalent to what the State of Wisconsin charges the Town of Algoma.

On a motion by Kierszh/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board accepted the new Town Hall Rental Agreements as presented.

Discussion was held concerning the extension of the retention pond. Mr. Decker met with the Parks Committee and asked for the pond to be made larger. Supervisor Rasmussen met with Mr. Decker and asked if he was willing to assume the costs of the renovation. Patrick Rank of Strand Associates said the pond doesn't need to be that large. Jeff Schultz of Martenson & Eisele recommended to leave as is. If anything were to be done, the developer would have to cover all of the costs.

On a motion by Kierszh/Hamann, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the Operator License for Elizabeth Backus.

Town Attorney Marone said that the Town has four options it can pursue concerning the Sheldon Nature Area: 1. Retain the property and put it in its own trust, 2. Sell the property to the Oshkosh Area School District, 3. Donate the property to the Oshkosh Area School District and 4. Give the Sheldon Nature Area an easement. A public hearing and a meeting of the electors is needed to move ahead with this process.

On a motion by Kierszh/Timm, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the donation of parcel 002-012433 to the Oshkosh Area School District with the condition that it be put into a land trust to be used for recreation only. If circumstances change, the parcel should be returned to the Town of Algoma.

On a motion by Hamann/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved Algoma Storage as the site to store the garbage and recycling totes.

On a motion by Blake/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the survey and conceptual layout of North Oakwood Road.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Blake, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the amendment to the 36 foot span precast arch culvert on North Oakwood Road.

The Town of Algoma website has been launched.

It was decided to table the assessment methodology and payment options for Westview and Duchess until the next meeting.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved amending the agenda to move item 6a and consider with item 13.

The November 2013 Road/Drainage Report was received. Coordinator Tollard reported that Winnebago County has installed the posts for the school crossing signs on Olde Omro Road. Wisconsin Public Service now needs to install the electric and then the County will erect the signs. Tollard had a question concerning who should determine if the snow needs to be removed from the Cul de Sacs. By consensus, Tollard should make the decision when the snow needs to be removed.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Blake, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the disbursements for November 2013.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote with one abstention, the Board approved the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the July 1, 2013 Special Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Timm, carried on a voice with one abstention, the Board approved the minutes of the July 11, 2013 Special Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Timm, carried on a voice vote with two abstentions, the Board approved the minutes of the July 17, 2013 Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote with two abstentions, the Board approved the minutes of the August 7, 2013 Special Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Blake/Rasmussen, carried on a voice vote with one abstention, the Board approved the minutes of the August 21, 2013 Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote with one abstention, the Board approved the minutes of the September 4, 2013 Special Town Board meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was received for November 2013.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board convened in Closed Session WI Statutes 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, and compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The Board took a five minute recess and then reconvened in Closed Session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

On a motion by Blake/Kierszh, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved hiring Shirley Braze as a consultant at \$15.00 per hour.

On a motion by Timm/Blake, carried on a voice vote, the Board appointed Supervisor Rasmussen to find a Town Clerk replacement.

On a motion by Rasmussen/Timm, carried on a voice vote, the Board approved Interim Administrator Candidate William Forrest coming to the December 2013 Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Kierszh/Hamann, carried on a voice vote, the Board adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah L Stark, WCMC
Acting Clerk