

TOWN OF LISBON
TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2010

Minutes of the regular, semi-monthly meeting of the Lisbon Town Board held in the Town Hall, on August 9, 2010.

Chairman Gehrke called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisors Ryan Lippert, Dan Heier and Joe Osterman.

Absent: Supervisor Dan Fischer

Also Present: Treasurer Becky Plotecher and Clerk/Administrator Jeff Musche.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Allen Pagenkopf, Micah Road, described events in the area during the July 22nd storm event. He said that water was over topping the intersection of Micah and Good Hope Road. Mr. Pagenkopf indicated he felt the culverts are the underlying problem, as they do not allow water to flow out of the area. He also feels the retention ponds are not functioning properly. He said he normally has no water in his sump crock, but that is not true now. He asked the Town Board to conduct a study of the storm water problems in this area. He estimated that between 10-17 homes have had water problems.

Dennis Plotecher, Good Hope Road, said he was a 31-year resident and has gone through four 100-year rains in the last dozen years. He said he has two ¾ HP pumps in his sump crock and needed to add a gasoline pump to keep up with the water on July 22nd. He indicated that he was still pumping 18 days later. He noted he never had a problem until after Western Oaks Subdivision was built. He concluded by asking that the assessed value of his house be reduced if the Town won't take corrective action and asked that someone other than Jahnke and Jahnke conduct any study.

Donald Mindemann, Micah Road, said he lived in the second house from the corner of Good Hope. His concern is incompetent engineering. When Western Oaks was developed, an "L" shaped berm was installed along the backs of the lots from Peterson Drive to the retention pond. The Town engineer allowed the people to remove the berm and he then had water problems. He indicated that he built a low "U" shaped berm around his property that runs the water to the ditch at the road, so he personally doesn't have a problem. However, he believes the culvert pipes are inadequate to handle the volume of water. The water table has risen and improved drainage may help lower the water table.

Willard Yngsdal, Good Hope Road, said he feels that a study to move water out of the area quicker is needed. There appears to be a basin around his home and the water can't escape. He has had problems the last ten years. Prior to that, he never had water in his sump crock. With more homes being built, the problem has gotten worse. The water table has gone up and won't go down. He is still pumping water from his basement.

Diane Bulgrin, Good Hope Road, said that she lives kitty-corner to Willard's house and can't get to her shed because it's under 8 to 10 inches of water. The sump pump is pumping but the water is coming up through the floor. This happened in 2008 and is happening again now. The water table has risen. Also, the Hillside Meadows Subdivision is in disarray with high weeds and water issues.

Bill Swift, Richmond Road, said that he too was concerned about water along Richmond Road during the rain. Richmond Road is very hilly and narrow; the speed limit should be lowered to 30 MPH. He asked that the Sheriff's Department be examined and called for evaluation of all town employees by an outside citizen group.

Judy Duquaine, Maple Avenue, said she moved to Lisbon in 1973 and for 21 years had no water problem. However, in 1994, Sussex built its corporate center to the west of her home. In 1997, she had

35” of water in her basement and a wall collapsed. She and her neighbors all had water problems. They walked back to the retention pond by the corporate center and saw that water was spilling over the top and flooding their properties. But Sussex didn’t do anything, and Lisbon didn’t do anything. In 2008 she came asking for help again, she lost everything in her basement, but nothing was done. This time, she said she almost died. Her furnace, water heater, washer, dryer and freezer were all lost. She indicated that if nothing gets done they are contemplating hiring an attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of July 21, 2010 and the July 26, 2010 Town Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion by Supervisor Heier, seconded by Supervisor Osterman, to approve the check register dated August 4, 2010 in the amount of \$51,728.88. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Plotecher noted major outlays of: \$24,080 to Strand Engineering for storm water engineering services; \$6,818.86 to Premier Building Inspection for inspection services; and \$3,120.89 to WE Energies for electric and natural gas in town buildings.

CLERKS REPORT

Clerk/Administrator Musche presented the Town Hall report for July as follows: 572.5 hours worked; 174 visitors at Town Hall; receipt of 793 telephone inquiries; preparation of 12 notices, agendas, and minutes for various Board, Commission and Committee meetings; met with Stephanie Thomsen of Strand regarding draft storm water compliance plan. Strand is currently waiting for some information on storm water pond plans from Jahnke & Jahnke to complete its SLAMM modeling. Preliminary estimates look very promising, very close to forty percent, but a final figure is not yet available; met with DPW Director regarding damage caused by severe rainstorms. Damage to roads, shoulders and ditches throughout the town cost an estimated \$9,000 to repair. We had approximately a dozen residents report basement flooding, with several in the Good Hope Road/Hillside Road area still pumping water from their basements. A second area of concern is the area in and around Maple Avenue and County K; Reviewed the Land Division Ordinance and attended workshop; began working with John Halbur on updating the Park long-range plan; periodically met with department heads on various issues; met periodically with Gary Kelly regarding Police services; attended the Incorporation hearing on July 23rd; attended the Waukesha County Unit meeting of the Wisconsin Towns Association; exchange e-mails with Tom Running of the OCR and he indicated that a hearing on the Colgate Road closing will be scheduled; nothing new to report on the Menomonee Falls ETZ Committee, we are waiting a call from Menomonee Falls.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Plotecher reported that she is currently working on an investment policy for the Town of Lisbon. Also, the Joint library meeting will be August 18th at the library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Gehrke read the list of meetings for the remainder of August.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Supervisor Heier read the Highway Department report for July noting crews have assisted the Park Department with the top lift of gravel on the Lake Five walking path; staff has been replacing culverts, fixing shoulder washouts, patching roads and potholes caused by the heavy rains. This work is not expected to be complete until well into August; because of the rain and wet conditions, no weed cutting along roads and private lots has taken place. The DPW Director has been meeting with the Town Engineer and Payne and Dolan on the Lake Five Road project.

Supervisor Osterman read the July statistics for Police services noting: 228 total calls for service; 5,134 miles driven; 560 house/building checks; 113 citations issued; 24 citizen walk-ins; 21 follow-up investigations; 9 vehicular accidents; and 19 other traffic offenses.

STORM WATER STUDY

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to request a proposal from Strand Engineering to perform a storm water study/survey for the Hillside Road/Good Hope Road area and the Maple Avenue and County K area to include a general overview, a determination of the causes of the flooding and proposed solutions. All ayes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION ON EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY LIBRARY TAX

A motion by Supervisor Heier, second by Supervisor Lippert, to table this item until the next meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

OPERATORS LICENSE

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Lippert, to approve the Operators license for Victoria Brahm, bartending at the Heritage Weekend event. All ayes, motion carried.

TEMPORARY CLASS B RETAILERS LICENSE

A motion by Supervisor Lippert, second by Supervisor Osterman, to approve the Temporary Class B beer and malt beverage license for the Lisbon Fire Department Auxiliary for the Heritage Weekend event at the Community Park. All ayes, motion carried.

BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to approve the re-appointment of Charles Koch to the Board of Appeals with his term expiring August of 2013. All ayes, motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Supervisor Heier, seconded by Supervisor Osterman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. All ayes, motion carried.

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Jeffrey Musche, Clerk