

TOWN OF LISBON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 27, 2009

Minutes of the semi-monthly meeting of the Lisbon Town Board held in the Town Hall, on July 27, 2009.

Chairman Matthew Gehrke called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Present: Supervisors Dan Heier, Dan Fischer, Joe Osterman and Ron Esser.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Denise Wenger, Swan Road, commented on the Urban Grant proposal indicating there are two major goals: first, to compile a tree inventory for the Town Parks; and two, to provide education and awareness of the Emerald Ash Borer problem. She noted the borer will have an effect on all ash trees, and they make up an estimated fifteen to twenty percent of all trees in Lisbon. Ms. Wenger noted the proposals before the Board for consideration include monies for a tree inventory, an ash borer readiness program and software. She said the premise when preparing the grant was that it will cost the Town nothing; that the plan is to use I-Tree software, which is free from the US Forestry Service, so there will be no software cost. Further, the grant does not call for an Emerald Ash Borer readiness plan, so that cost can be taken out of the proposals. She assured the Board the grant would not require any expenditure of town money.

Bill Swift, Richmond Road, raised the possibility of a conflict of interest with Supervisor Osterman working at NAPA and the Town purchasing parts from NAPA. He also suggested a reduction of 20% in the pay of Town Board members with the current economic situation. Chairman Gehrke suggested that the meeting in November would be an appropriate time for Mr. Swift to raise the issue.

Kurt Roskopf, Bramble Drive, said that he is putting together a program for May next year. He plans on bringing in domed tents and work to promote Lisbon, using 5013 c non-profit organizations that can do things government can't do.

Marty Brown, Hickory Road, said the Town should not be spending any money on a tree inventory at this time. He said the Town has yet to provide him with a legal opinion on whether or not the assessor has the right to revalue property not associated with the building permit changes he was there to evaluate. He said he believes there is collusion going on with the Board of Review. He also complained about the length of time for response to requests for information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2009 Town Board meeting, with the comments of Supervisor Osterman removed from page three. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Fischer, to approve the check register dated July 22, 2009 in the amount of \$283,830.64. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Plotecher noted major outlays of: \$93,003.22 to the Village of Sussex for the library loan; \$49,622.37 to Veolia for garbage collection; \$37,687.36 to Payne and Dolan for the 2008 paving program; \$32,537.58 to Waukesha County for August Police services; \$26,729.00 to Wisconsin Local Government Insurance Fund for property and vehicle insurance; and \$14,026.05 to United Health Insurance for employee health insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Gehrke read the meeting dates for the remainder of July and for the month of August.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Supervisor Osterman read the June report for the Fire Department noting 61 total personnel with 15 paramedics; 2 fire calls; 30 medical calls with 5 ALS intercepts and 4 interfacility transports; 5 vehicle accidents; 69 inspections; 4 Tuesday trainings; 3 in firefighter I school and 4 in driver/operator school.

Supervisor Osterman read the police activity report for June citing: 197 calls for service; 29 911 hang-ups; 14 assist other agencies; 30 assist fire department; 20 disabled vehicles; 486 building/house checks; 18 suspicious persons/vehicles; 135 citations issued; 60 warnings; 22 citizen walk-ins; 14 follow-up investigations; 4 personal injury accidents and 2 property damage only accidents.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Supervisor Esser reported that the Sanitary District is looking to act on an agreement for fees for sewer capacity.

Supervisor Heier stated that the Towns Association met last Wednesday and Senator Kedzie and Representative Nass were in attendance. He said they reiterated what Representatives Zipperer and Pridemore had reported to the Town Board, but said they also noted that tuition would be going up five percent as a result of the budget.

Supervisor Fischer - no report.

Supervisor Osterman - no report.

Chairman Gehrke - no report.

EMPLOYEE FURLOUGH

A motion by Supervisor Fischer, second by Supervisor Osterman, to approve a four day furlough for all employees, except EMT/Fire employees, to occur on August 14, September 8, October 2 and November 2. Three ayes, two nays, (Heier, Esser), motion carried.

TOWN BOARD PLEDGE OF DONATING SALARY TO TOWN

Chairman Gehrke noted that this was a discussion item only, that the Board could not force its members to donate a portion of its salary to the Town. He indicated that he was planning on donating a portion of his salary to the Town. All other Supervisors indicated they too would be willing to do so.

CHRISTMAS PARTY COSTS

A motion by Supervisor Esser, to relocate the party to a Lisbon facility with pizza, subs or catering. No second, motion failed.

A motion by Supervisor Fischer, second by Supervisor Osterman, to move the party to the new fire station and direct staff to lower costs for catering. All ayes, motion carried.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Fischer, to direct staff to seek business sponsorship for the fall newsletter. All ayes, motion carried.

SALT USE POLICY

A motion by Supervisor Heier, second by Supervisor Osterman, to retain the salt use policy as written with references to the Lisbon Police Department removed. All ayes, motion carried.

URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to table this item until the second meeting in August. All ayes, motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, moved to take item “H” ahead of item “G”. All ayes, motion carried.

MABAS AGREEMENT

A motion by Supervisor Heier, second by Supervisor Osterman, to approve the MABAS agreement and resolution as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

WAUKESHA COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

A motion by Supervisor Heier, second by Supervisor Fischer, to approve as presented the agreement with Waukesha County for mutual aid in cases of emergency. All ayes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION EXEMPTING LISBON FROM COUNTY LIBRARY LEVY

A motion by Supervisor Fischer, second by Supervisor Osterman, to approve resolution 5-09, exempting Lisbon from the Waukesha County library property tax levy. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to approve the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Aberdeen Drive and Cheviot Drive. Four ayes, one nay (Esser), motion carried.

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Fischer, to approve the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Batterjohn and Ardevin Court, and at Batterjohn and Fanad Drive. Three ayes, two nays (Esser, Heier), motion carried.

OPERATORS LICENSES

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to approve the Operator licenses for Paula Weikert and Victoria Brahm and waive all fees. All ayes, motion carried.

AMBULANCE BILL WRITE-OFF

A motion by Supervisor Heier, second by Supervisor Esser, to write-off the ambulance transport bill. Two ayes, three nays, (Osterman, Fischer, Gehrke), motion failed.

HILLTOP SHELTER ROOFING BID

A motion by Supervisor Fischer, second by Supervisor Osterman, to approve the low bid of Lisowski Roofing for \$3,850. All ayes, motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Supervisor Heier asked that a communication policy where all liaisons are copied on e-mails and other communications be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Supervisor Osterman, second by Supervisor Heier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All ayes, motion carried.

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Jeffrey Musche, Clerk