

Board Meeting
March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Fred Belay, Chair, at 6:30 pm at the Town of Union town hall. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Bechard, Jeff Whyte, Deb Smith, Gloria Bloom, Clerk – Beverly Christopherson, and see attached list of visitors.

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Plan Commission – Nothing to Report.

Blasting Ordinance/Truck Hauling Ordinance – Hibbard said would be ok to go ahead with truck hauling ordinance.

Land Trust – From Rick Remington – Nothing for the Board to do – Fred signed the letter Rick sent and returned it to him. When Board receives a letter of intent, and then will need a contract once Hibbard reviews.

Roads – updates & decisions – According to Rich Walther we will have money left. Weight ban signs will be permanent signs that all a person has to do is flip up when ban is on or off. Bans will be going on soon. On South Town Hall Rd. by blind spot, someone has dumped garbage again. We need ordinance with fines for dumping garbage. Will also put notification in town crier. Transfer Station road is really bad.

Charter Franchise – Polly Jensen told Fred Belay that we have been getting money regularly from Charter. Contract is up this December. Fred is going to write a letter to them.

Hestekin/Remington Attorney Letter – Fred Belay will be drafting a letter to answer the Attorney in regards to overage on tax payment. Neither has filed any Kennel applications with the Town.

Fire Station #3 Report – Dave Kleist said an E-mail has been sent regarding when the open house is. Awards Banquet will be held Saturday March 14, 2015. In regards to Communication Tower where they paid the electricity bill for Verizon for the past 5 years, Excel will look into this and money will be paid back.

Building Inspector – No report was given, again Polly Jensen had checks for permits but not report was turned in. Will speak with Al Balsiger regarding this.

MS4 Annual Report – Copy of the one Town of Seymour did was handed to all board members. The annual report will come one year after you apply. We are an urban township – we have to apply. Fred Belay will fill out the notice of intent to apply.

As a separate note to all Board Members, the Town of Union has purchased a set of DVD's. One is Clerks and Treasurer Training and the other is for Town Board Members.

Board Reports – MPO – Nothing to report. **Town Association** – Nothing – is meeting in April. **Tourism** – Gloria Bloom attended the 2 day meeting on How to Promote/Brand your city. They will be promoting music festivals. Youth Forest Parking Lot can't cut down oak trees from April thru

August. Will have to wait to work on parking lot. We can put up signs on trails. **Fire Board** – Already discussed.

Citizens Input & Questions – No questions or comments at the meeting.

Review/approval – previous meeting’s minutes – Make sure letter in regards to kennel licenses that Fred writes check numbers. Gloria Bloom made motion to approve with changes, Jeff Bechard seconded it, no oppose, motion carries.

Newsletter Review – All formatting for Town Crier has to be done. We need to add phone numbers on newsletter. Make sure on Youth Forest that Non-Motorized vehicles only are noted in newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report – Polly Jensen was not present but we did have a Treasurers Report to go over.

Review/Approval of bills - Gloria Bloom made motion to approve report for monthly bills with the exception of adding Katie Garrett’s last payroll check, did not print. Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. No oppose, motion carries.

Licenses – Operators, etc. –Had 3 operators’ licenses. Everything looks good. Jeff Bechard made motion to approve licenses, Gloria Bloom seconded, no oppose, motion carries.

Town Properties – Jeff Bechard question what was being done with bridge at Sherman creek park. We need to flag off and brace the bridge. Fred Belay and Jeff Whyte will go down and put up caution tape. Will check with Chris Turned to see if he would go down to the park once a week just to see if everything is in order or if something needs to be taken care of. Will need to make a check list of what to look for and have him give monthly report on what needs to be fixed.

Constables Report – Nothing to report – Need to check on how we pay cell phone.

Clerk Contract – Need to have something in writing showing job description and what is expected, will have clerk sign when drafted.

Set next meeting dates, agendas – Next meeting will be April 21st at 6:00pm and Annual meeting will be at 7:00pm.

Jeff Bechard made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Adjourn 8:20pm