

Board Meeting
November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Fred Belay, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Town of Union town hall. People in attendance were: Chairman Fred Belay, Supervisors – Jeff Bechard, Jeff Whyte, Deb Smith, Gloria Bloom, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, and see attached list of visitors. Treasurer Polly Jensen was at meeting, around 7:00pm.

Flag Salute

Plan Commission: Ron Henchen's CUP was first on the list. Deb Smith said that no neighbors were at the meeting to say that they were either for or against it. The Comp Plan committed approved as the permit was written with the stipulations that it was cold storage only, no manufacturing or business of any type in the future. Gloria Bloom made a motion to approve with stipulation, Fred Belay seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Eaux Festival – Foster Farms was next on list. Attorney Rich White for Eaux Festival was present and did the speaking. They will change the direction that the tent sits on Paulina Street. Set up and take down will only take place between 7am and 7pm. Decibel levels will have to be recorded and given to the Town Board. Permit will only be for 1 year, to see if these changes work. Joe Alf recommended that whoever they get to do the emergency services, make sure that they work well with the Town and County jurisdiction. Joe Alf would also like to see that they try to keep the events from overlapping with other large events in the area. When two or more of these large events are held at one time it will make it hard for emergency services to help if any other emergencies in the county come up. Gloria Bloom made a motion to approve with all the stipulations listed. Jeff Bechard seconded the motion, all voted yes, motion carries.

Eaux Festival – Campground on Curvue was next. The planning commission did nothing with the 900 site campground. The planning commission did approve with the following stipulations for the large campground. No beer or alcohol sales in the campground. This campground is only for the Eaux Festival. This is a 1 year permit to see how it goes. They will have to move the driveway to the East, and the buses will have to use that driveway only. Buffer areas will have to be made for all the surrounding neighbors. Fire and EMS will have to have services on site. No pets allowed in the campground. They will have to hire adequate security to make sure people are following all the rules and not coming and going all day long. Rich White wanted to talk about the west end entrance in area 1. This is the NW boundary, farm fields that lead to town road. The festival would like to apply for a driveway permit from Eau Claire County to use for multiple access and exit points. This would be Valley Road. Neighbors that were in attendance at the meeting felt that having cars drive up and down that road would create, noise, light and dust pollution for them. They were not in favor of having Valley Road used. Sheriff Cramer said that they would make sure that this was all taken care of and not an issue. Deb Smith said that the Planning Commission does not want that west entrance either, that they would have to move it to the east. Planning Commission also felt that it would be too much noise, dust, and light pollution for all the neighbors in the area. Rich White mentioned that they cannot make any type of highway decisions here at the Town level. The Highway department will make their recommendation as to where the driveway should be once the permits have been approved. Some of the residents mentioned that they feel this permit is pushed on them to make a decision and wish that they would have had more time to consider this and go over all alternatives and options. Deb Smith also mentioned that she wished the Eaux Festival and Rich White would have had more communication with the Town. Brian Appel and Rich White said that this is something that they cannot hold up on to have more meetings, they need some sort of decision due to the fact that the

County would be hearing on this the 24th and they need to lease the land so that they can get working on the roads. Fred made a motion to approve with stipulation's, Jeff Bechard seconded the motion for the 4,200 campsite campground. Roll call vote was done; Jeff Bechard – No, Jeff Whyte – No, Gloria Bloom – No, Deb Smith – No, and Fred Belay – Yes. Motion did not pass as noted. Without approval from the Town Board this event is not going to happen. Brian Appel withdrew his CUP for using two different campgrounds, using two different campgrounds is not going to work for them or for emergency services. Fred Belay asked the board if any would like to make a motion to re-consider this CUP. Jeff Whyte made a motion to reconsider the options, Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. All board members voted yes, motion to re-consider the permit passes.

Deb Smith noted her concerns again about using Valley Road for driving in and out of the campground, too much traffic for the neighbors to have to have. Residents don't want lights and noise all hours of the night for those three days. Brian Appel mentioned that they have enough staging in the campground so that they can have around 1,000 cars to park to keep all traffic off the roads. Jeff Whyte made a motion to approve the original motion with NO West Entrance, the only entrance will be to the East and they will have a road in the middle for buses to go around and not have to turn around. Gloria Bloom seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken again. Deb Smith – No, Gloria Bloom – Yes, Jeff Bechard – Yes, Jeff Whyte – Yes, and Fred Belay – Yes. Majority Vote this time, motion passes with all stipulations from the first motion and this one.

7:35 PM Recess for Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting Reconvene to Board Meeting

8:35 PM Reconvene to Regular board meeting

Farmland Preservation – Rod Eslinger: Farmland Preservation program has been around since 1983. Town of Union was never certified for the Tax Credits. In 2014 they had 200 participants and \$285K was refunded back to the farmers. This program will expire in 2015 for Eau Claire County, they want to get the program recertified and approved. Town of Union will have to get the area in the Farmland Preservation program re-zoned for farmland preservation. This is a voluntary program for the town; the farmers that are in the program have to follow certain requirements. They would like to have the Town's support in for this program. Fred Belay made a motion for the Town of Union to support the Farmland Preservation Project, Deb Smith seconded it. All voted yes, motion carries.

Storm Water Agreement: Fred Belay had a copy of the NR216 for the Board to look at, it is 21 pages long. The County will enforce the Storm Water Agreement. Gloria Bloom made a motion to approve the Eau Claire County Storm Water Agreement, Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Roads – Updates – Decisions: Received the bills from Scotts. The one for the chip seal came in higher than the original bid. Jeff Whyte called and they said not to pay till they go over. Jeff White made a motion to not pay this bill till all is cleared up, Fred Belay seconded it. All voted yes, motion carries.

Youth Forest Land: They are pulling the stumps from the parking lot and just waiting to get all the permits.

Large Group Assembly Ordinance- >1,000 People: The residents at the Town meeting feel that this is an ordinance that the Town of Union should look at. Deb Smith noted that we have to make sure we have very specific items listed. Hibbard will look at the Counties Large Assembly Ordinance and make sure to put specific items for the Town. Deb Smith also mentioned that the Town Board needs to go over the Counties Ordinance line by line to make sure everything is listed exactly.

Ambulance Service Agreement: Jeff Bechard made a motion to accept the Ambulance Service agreement as written. Fred Belay seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Eau Claire County Humane Association 2016-2017 Contract: Gloria Bloom made a motion to accept the 2016-2017 Contract as it's written, Fred Belay seconded it. All voted yes, motion carries.

Fire Station Report: Joe Alf gave the report to the Board. ATV worked well and will have Christmas Party Date set at next meeting. Fred Belay asked them about brushing West View Acres, if they do this they will have to bill the Towns Association. Fred Belay will send a letter explaining this to them.

Building Inspector: Town was given the Report that was left by Al Balsiger listing building permits given.

Board Reports – MPO – Nothing to report, Fred Belay to give information to Jeff Bechard –**Town Association** – next meeting is October 29th and that is the picnic.

Tourism – Nothing to report, **Fire Board** – The budget will be the same as last year, copy was submitted to all board members. Tower will be this year yet. **Trails Committee** – Working on parking lot.

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

Review/approval previous meeting's minutes: Gloria Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes as they are and Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All vote yes, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Polly Jensen presented the board with the reports showing deposits made.

Review/Approval of bills: Board was given a report showing the bills that need to be paid. Clerk Beverly Christopherson asked if the bill for Shaun Koenig Logging could be approved to be paid, no bill will be sent, pay off of his bid. Work is done and complete. Polly Jensen has a bill to be paid to the Eau Claire County Treasurer for dog licenses. Amount is \$275.25 which was submitted for payment at the Town Board Meeting. Gloria Bloom made motion to approve the check report and to add the two bills that also need to be paid. Jeff Whyte seconded with the additional bills to pay. All vote yes, motion carries.

Licenses – Operators, etc.: Operators licenses: Gloria Bloom made motion to approve the operator's licenses on the report the board was given. Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All vote yes, motion carries.

Constables Report: Russ Johnson stopped at the Town Hall before the meeting to speak with Chairman Fred Belay. They are still having complaints about the Strong's dogs, barking and smell.

Russ is going back to see why he only saw 2 dogs this last time he was at the house and the time before they had 4 dogs. He plans on going back to see if anything has changed.

Town Hall Holiday Hours: Beverly Christopherson would like to set up Holiday Hours for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She does not want to close the office like it was last year. She plans on working the Tuesday night before each holiday and will work the Friday after Thanksgiving from 10:00 till 2:00 and the Saturday after Christmas from 8:00 till Noon. Just wanted to make sure that these hours are ok with the board. Board is fine with hours as long as the same amounts of hours are worked each week.

Town Properties Updates: Jeff Bechard was able to speak to the person working on the Sherman Creek Bridge. They are working on it. Jeff Bechard will keep in contact to see how it is coming along.

Set next meeting dates, agendas: Next Board Meeting will be December 8th.

Gloria Bloom made a motion to adjourn. Fred Belay seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
Adjourn 9:50pm