

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 10, 2011**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**LAKEWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

This meeting was posted in the four usual places those being the Lakewood Town Hall, Lakewood Super Valu, Laona Bank and Lakewood Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Joanne Roy, Chairman, Tom Habenstein, Supervisor Denise Jackett, Clerk and Virginia Nelson, Treasurer.

EXCUSED: Lee Spletter, Supervisor.

VISITORS: Loren Nelson, David Pitterle, Josh Riebe, Don Jackson, Pat Virtues, Adrienne Bartels, Gene Dunsirn and Randy Jackett.

Chairman Joanne Roy called this meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Tom H. moved to accept the agenda. Second by Joanne, all ayes motion carried.

Motion made by ~~Lee S.~~ Tom H., to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Joanne, all ayes motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Virginia Nelson, and summarized in these minutes.

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 69,811.47</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	<b><u>\$ 241,815.82</u></b>
<b>Total in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 311,627.29</b>
<b>Less Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$ 238,739.96</u></b>
<b>Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$ 72,887.33</b>

<b>Fire Department Account:</b>	<b>\$5,028.84</b>
<b>Cemetery Account:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Tax Account:</b>	<b>\$392,870.96</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$ 62,354.91</b>
<b>Grant Feasibility Account</b>	<b>\$ 3353.43</b>

Tom H. moved to accept the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Joanne, all ayes motion carried.

**Plan Commission:**

Adrienne Bartel Reported.

**REZONE, CONDITIONAL USE & CSM/PLAT PROPOSALS:**

- a. Rezone application for Allen Mason property on North Road, discussion of information from County.
- b. CSM for Allen Mason property.

Plan Commission recommends the approval of Rezone and Certified Survey Map of the Mason Property. Lot was given a legal description.

Tom H. made motion of approval on the rezone of the Allen mason property. Second by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

Denise questioned if the Land Review Fee for the Allen Mason Property was paid? Plan Commission stated no fee was received. Casey will have Northeast Survey send the check to us.

c. Forrester Road/ Pitterle Certified Survey/Cul-de-sac

Plan Commission recommends the Town write a letter to the County stating the Town does not require a cul-de-sac at this time. The Commission discussed that if the town does need the cul-de-sac in the future, the town could possibly speak with the property owners to purchase the land for a 70 foot radius at that time.

- Board does not think it to be far the property for the cul-de-sac come from only the Pitterle property.
- Cul-de-sac would not reach the end of the road if it was taken from just Pitterle property.
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Tom H. made motion to send the County a letter stating the Town does not require a cul-de-sac at this time. Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

Plan Commission inquired if the town would be interested in Property of the old Flynn Station? Buildings had been torn down.

- Snow is placed there during the winter.
- Possibly the Lions or Lioness would be interested in the property.
- Property is utilized for produce stands and would like to keep a place for them. The stands bring people into town and the local businesses benefit from it.
- The property is not buildable.

**Oconto County Planning, Zoning & Solid Waste Committee:**

Pat Virtues present.

a. Removal of items from the Lakewood drop-off center.

County and Town are under a mutual contract agreement for the recycling site. The County is responsible for the recycling end of things. Once property is brought into the Recycling Center, property belongs to Oconto County. Complaint came to County that a stainless steel metal, satellite dish was removed from the scrap pile at the Recycle Center. It was reported to the County by Lonny Jackson (site attendant). Lonny received a complaint from the individual that dropped it at the center when it was later found by the owner at the Lakewood Garage site. Letter was sent to Town at end of August referencing the removal of the item and it was discussed at the September Board Meeting. The Town feels it can be used for town purposes. Pat spoke with Planning and Zoning Committee on the matter and the committee referred Pat to come to the board meeting and discuss the issue. Inquired as to what the Town is willing to do. The principle of the whole thing is that recycle program is transparent, if something comes in, it gets processed, and get the money for the product and program doesn't cost the taxpayers any money. No tax levy from the County for the processing of recyclable that come in. Surprised the Town would take the stance that was stated at the last meeting, the materials were something they could take. Asking that the Town change their mind and return the item to recycling so the citizens of Oconto County don't have to incur any costs in the future at any time. It's one item and it is know that other items do end up syphen out of the program, it can't all be controlled.

Denise questioned how to stop the transfer of items. As a taxpayer, using the dump, it is seen on an every time basis, someone is taking items from the site. On a town basis, the town can use something and now they are being asked to return it. There are people at the site on a regular basis that are not from the area and not property owners. They have been seen taking items with the attendant standing right there, allowing it. How do you stop it?

Pat commented it is an issue in other areas also.

Joanne has heard, in Oconto, there are three different trailers that sit there all the time for certain items when they come in and they pick them up.

Pat said there was an issue in Maple Valley, someone was getting in, took bolts of gate, it was fixed and they found a different way to get in. It is a problem all over and when prices on material go up it gets worse.

Joanne stated the Town did take the dish and was not going to return it. The town can use the dish for town purposes and it can help save the town taxpayers a little money by not having to buy the material. The town has called Pat before about loads being removed by Smits, The attendants were being tipped for loads and the loads not reported to the County. The County hired recycler for the freon items and they are at the center clipping the lines, they can hear the Freon being released when in the garage. This is not proper disposal of the Freon.

Denise stated the taxpayers are paying a fee for proper disposal of the freon and it is not being done, the company is sticking the money in their pocket.

Joanne believes that the Center is run pretty well and should see other municipalities tighten down as much as the Town of Lakewood. She is not going to ask the attendant to get in an argument over an item someone may want. And for the Town to take one item they can use, she is not going to have it returned.

Pat stated it's the principle not just the specific item. The complaint came in to the attendant from the individual that dropped it off, and the attendant told him that he would see what he could do about it. He sees the possible value to the town and wishes the town would change their mind about returning it.

**Street Light request to be installed at end of McCauslin Crossing Road:**

Discussion on the request was held. The request is for a street light at the cul-de-sac. The town has never placed a street light in a cul de sac at the end of the roads because it basically becomes some ones yard light. It is believed that there is only one resident at the location.

Joanne made motion the request for the street light at end of McCauslin Crossing Road is denied. Second by Tom H.. All ayes motion carried.

**Approval or Denial of Aramark Contract or G & K Service Contract:**

Denise provided copies to the board in the packet for the two bids for the linen services, one from Aramark Services and one from G&K Services. The bid from G & K Services is approximately half of the expense of Aramark.

Tom H. made motion to accept the bid from G & K Services. Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

**Set Date for Public Budget Hearing, Special Meeting of the Electors and Special Town Board:**

Meeting to be held November 14, 2011 immediately following the Regular Monthly meeting of the Town Board with meeting time change of 7:00 p.m.

**Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor Comments and Correspondence:**

**Joanne:**

Previous meeting it was discussed to send a survey referencing the ATV Routes within the town.

- Cost of approximately \$2000.00 for postage for the ATV Survey to be sent out.
- If postage is not prepaid, it is felt good response would not be given.
- Could hold meeting in place of the mailing. If meeting is held the few that would show up may be against the opening of routes.

Denise suggested a meeting be held on weekend where out of town taxpayers could also be present.

Tom H. added the Townsend and Wabeno have opened the roads to ATV traffic and are not having trouble with it. Believes the roads should be opened.

Tom H. and Joanne concurred it be placed on the next months agenda.

**Denise:**

- Oconto County Unit of Wisconsin Town's Association Meeting to be held at Hayes Community Center, Suring on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources notice of Municipal Flood Control Grant Program
- Six Town's Meeting to be held Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Town of Breed Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Oconto County Office of Planning, Zoning Notice of Public Hearing of Conditional Use Permit for the Kerscher property to be held at the Lakewood Town Hall, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m., onsite inspection at 1:15p.m.
- Town of Mountain e-mail pertaining to donation to animal control officer.
- Town of Mountain e-mail asking for information on how we plan our budgets for the Fire Department.
- Community Ambulance Reconciliation Report
- Bellin Health/Theda Care, information on Fast Care Clinic hours and rates.
- Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club Newsletter

**Pay Vouchers**

Joanne questioned a check issued to Doug Baril. Check was for reimbursement of security deposit for rental of pavilion grounds.

Motion was made by Tom H., to approve the vouchers, seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

**Randy Jackett:**

- Presented check to the Town for the Pavilion extension in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Lakewood Fire Association. Should be a total of approximately \$29,000.00 raised with the other donations received including the Pepsi Cola donation.
- Inquired about the Capitol Improvement Committee and what they are actually doing. He took the two members of the Committee for a tour through the Fire Department. Was asked for figures and numbers for the value of equipment now, the cost of the equipment new and replacement costs, which could not be given at that time, was told they need it by this night, he scrambled around to get the information and the Committee is not here. Wants to know if he is wasting his time?
- There is now immediate need for any equipment and now where to put it if there was.
- Thinks the Committee is looking in the wrong direction.
- Had taken the Committee outside and had shown them all of the Town equipment that was sitting there, pointed out that the existing Fire Department would be ideal for the town equipment.
- Was told by members of the Committee that if they had more room, they would want more equipment to put in it.

Joanne stated the person to ask is not present. Lee S. is overseeing the Committee. They should be looking at when equipment was to be replaced. She felt the Fire Department is one of the most responsible ones as far as the replacing of equipment. She understood the prime focus was to look at the properties and the options of how they were or were not going to be expanded. With the other items was to be on the back burner.

Tom H. understood they were to be looking at the structure of the old Town Hall and possibility of a building for the Fire Department on the property that was purchased.

Denise commented that the Committee came in and asked her for the same information on the equipment with no notice. Spent the morning looking through old minute books (back as far as 1988) and titles trying to find the information they needed.

Gi Gi Bartels added that the Plan Commission inquired to Terry Johnson, that the committee looks at ways that could help the Town of Lakewood.

The Plan Commission recommended that the Committee be formed to look at the use of the Buildings, improvements that may need to be made and the cost of it.

Josh thought they were trying to figure out how much money is needed for the budget when they spoke to him.

Joanne commented that the Committee should look at the growth of the Town not the stagnation of it. Without growth the town will die.

Discussed that there was to be six or seven members on the Committee including one from the meal site.

Tom H. and Joanne concurred that they would talk to Lee when he gets back to find out where the committee headed and its direction.

**Denise Jackett:**

Speaking as a taxpayer, not as the clerk for the Town; Referenced the Delinquent Personal Property Taxes:

- Personal Property Taxes that are not paid should be penalized.
- Interest should be accumulated on the unpaid portion.
- Unfair to the businesses and the individuals that do pay their taxes on time.
- If there is no penalty, why should anyone pay the tax by the deadline?
- State Statute states a penalty of one percent is charged.

Joanne stated that this had been an issue in the past. Effective January 2012 penalty of one percent per month will be charged on the unpaid Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. If it does not get paid the direction of court process should be followed to pursue the payment on any amount and anyone not paid on time.

**Set date for next Regular Town Board Meeting (November 14, 2011)**

Motion to adjourn by Tom H., Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise A. Jackett*

Denise A. Jackett, Clerk