

**Town Board Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2014 at the Rockland Town Hall  
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 8:26 p.m.  
Adjourned at 9:36 p.m.**

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all Town Board members were present. Also present were, Kayla Guns (Wrightstown Spirit), Terry Vertz, Dorothy Cashman, Rick Van Vonderen, Steve Gander and Randy Hansen. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2014, Town Board Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Cashman noted two corrections to the minutes under the Building/Zoning Report section and one correction to the minutes under the Chairman's report section.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the November 3, 2014, Town Board minutes with the three corrections; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2014, Public Informational Meeting Minutes**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the November 12, 2014, Public Information Meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Cashman asked that Item #7 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant be considered prior to Item #6 Adoption of the 2015 Budget.

**FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant**

Randy Hansen appeared on behalf of the Planning Commission and informed the Board that in March 2014, the Town submitted a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant application to FEMA for the purchase of 700 fire address signs and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. In October, the Town was notified by FEMA that it would not be receiving an award this year. Hansen provided a summary of the number of grants and dollars awarded to the winners. At its October 21, 2014, meeting the Planning Commission recommended that the Town submit a new grant to FEMA for the purchase of fire address signs. Hansen reported that the cost for that portion of the project would be approximately \$24,901.00. The Town's cost share would be approximately \$1,247.00. The Board asked that this item be placed on a future agenda for formal consideration and action.

**Adoption of Town Board Adopting the Tax Levy and Budget- Resolution #2014-8**

Chairman Cashman explained that the proposed 2015 budget detail was presented earlier at the public hearing and that during the Special Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the allowable tax levy for 2014 collected in 2015 to be \$ 456,036.00.

Clerk Charette read Resolution #2014-8 out loud.

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to adopt the budget as presented and approve Resolution #2014-8 as read; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 3-0.

**Discussion on options to govern Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Commercial Vehicles**

Chairman Cashman explained that there are six different options that the Town can adopt in the governance of Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Commercial Vehicles. Chairman Cashman explained that at the Brown County Joint Municipal Court meeting, the towns of Scott, Humboldt, Morrison, and Eaton were considering adopting Option F. Wisconsin Town's Association legal counsel clarified that Option A is inherent for all municipalities and is not a separate option that can be bundled with another option. Option A is always available for the Town's use regardless of what other option the Town chooses.

Supervisor Schwalbach spoke with a Brown County engineer who indicated they were moving towards adopting Option F.

Chairman Cashman explained that IoH and Agricultural Motor vehicles can have 23,000 pounds per axle or weigh a total of 92,000 pounds. If this type of vehicle exceeds these limits, a permit must be applied for. The Town has a certain period of time to review an application and must establish legitimate reasons for denial. Applicants are not required to pay a fee for the permit.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to apply Option F of the local government options and abide by Act 377, Wis. Stats.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Set Public Hearing for Agricultural Business Ordinance**

Clerk Charette reported that the Planning Commission recommended that the Board set a public hearing for adoption of the Agricultural Business Ordinance.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to schedule the public hearing for the Agricultural Business ordinance on Monday, January 19, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Cashman reported that a pay loader was forced to pull off to the side on Ryan Road leaving ruts in it. Chairman Cashman worked with the owner of the equipment to have him fix the damage done.

Chairman Cashman attended the Brown County Joint Municipal Court meeting. He reported that the Town of Pittsfield is considering becoming part of the court system and that the annual fee for 2015 will remain at \$1,000.

Chairman Cashman reported that Dick's Lawn Care is continuing to cut the grass in ditches throughout the town but some of them are still quite wet.

### **Planning Commission Report**

Clerk Charette reported that the Planning Commission meets this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to review the final two chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. At its meeting on November 5th, the Commission offered recommendations to the Board regarding the Agricultural Business ordinance and FEMA Fire Protection and Safety Grant.

### **Wind Siting**

Supervisor Schwalbach reported that the Green Bay Press Gazette has made reference that the Wind Siting Council report submitted to the legislature states that there are no health issues regarding wind turbines or that any further action be taken. Supervisor Schwalbach explained that the newspaper is referring to that portion of the Majority Report approved by 8 members of the Council. The paper failed to mention the Minority Report written by 6 members of the Council which does mention health issue concerns with wind turbines. Schwalbach also mentioned a law suit brought by property owners in Texas who are suing Duke Energy for noise related issues from the wind turbines located there.

### **Announcements and Correspondence-**

Clerk Charette announced that starting December 1, 2014, the Town will be able to recycle many more paper and plastic recyclable cartons and containers. Clerk Charette also congratulated the Electors for winning the Fall Voter Challenge by having the highest voter turn-out in Brown County for the November 4th election. The Town will keep the traveling trophy on display in the town hall until the April election. Additionally, Clerk Charette announced that the Board is invited to the Brown County Alcohol Task Force Public Policy Forum taking place on Monday, December 8th at St. Norbert College.

Treasurer Van Dyck shared more detail regarding the new containers that can be recycled beginning December 1st and informed the audience that plastic bags and Christmas lights should be recycled through a commercial vendor or retail facility and not in the Town's recycling containers.

Supervisor Schwalbach reported that he contacted Supervisors Dantine and Van Dyck to look into the issue regarding the county adopting town zoning until the legislature corrects the issue that arose from Hegwood decision.

**Items for future meetings-**Approval of FEMA fire prevention & safety grant; approval of meeting dates in 2015; Agri-Business Ordinance; Implements of Husbandry, Municipal Code; Cell Tower ordinance.

**Public comment-**

Steve Gander expressed that it appeared easier for the semis to get out of wet and slick fields than the tractors loaded with their equipment.

Terry Vertz asked if the Board knew of any damage to the ditches from Big Valley Road after the school bus drove into it. Chairman Cashman was never notified of the situation.

**Cash Flow Analysis**

Clerk Charette provided to the Board a copy of a cash flow analysis projecting year end numbers.

**Approval of Voucher in Payment of Bills**

Clerk Charette provided the Voucher to the Board.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve checks #8770-8785 with one online payment and two voided checks for a total of \$16,582.84; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried by voice vote.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann B. Charette,  
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, December 1, 2014.

Dennis J. Cashman  
Town Chairman