

Town of Ridgeway
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 2019

Those in attendance: Joe Thomas, Ed Bures, Rick Carlson, Melody Scheckel, Nancy Parkos.

Other: Todd Parkos, Dave Toennies

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Chair Thomas. Agenda posted as required.

Approval of October 8th Monthly Board Minutes: Bures made a motion to approve the October 8th Monthly Board Minutes as presented. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment (Limit Two Minutes): None

After The Fact Building Permits/Building Ordinance – Todd Parkos: Wisconsin Towns Association had been contacted regarding 'after the fact building permits' & the Town's responsibility. WTA Legal Counsel, emailed the Town could enact an ordinance to establish a fee system for failure to timely apply for a building permit. There is a one-year statute of limitations for anyone to bring a claim based on negligent actions of a building inspector. A permit from the County has to be obtained with a fee, on all buildings, including ag. Towns concerns are buildings that are being constructed on driveways that are not up to Town standards. Need to come up with a flat fee or based on square foot. Effective January 1 electrical goes into affect per Alliant. Tabled for more info.

Equity Appraisal – Dave Toennies: Toennies has an assessor school upcoming so will find out more info on the elimination of personal property tax. The Town has been out of compliance for five consecutive years which does not meet the statutory requirement from the DOR so a revaluation is scheduled for 2020. A notice will be included with the tax bills so all property owners are informed. Buildings with after fact permits can be taxed up two years back. Post on website end of year.

Land Use Commission Report: Meeting scheduled November 20, 2019 for a rezone request & to discuss the results from the October 24, 2019 Iowa County Planning & Zoning Joint Public Hearing.

Mill Road Bridge Insurance Claim: Discussed an email on November 5, 2019 from Infrastructure Claims Consulting asking Town to agree to settle negotiation amount of \$10,714.61 as payment in full. The difference between the offers is \$1,928.13 & split the difference - \$964.06. Clerk to send certified letter to Infrastructure Claims Consulting, IMT Insurance & the insured motorist stating if not paid in full by December 1, 2019 will take to court & include WI State Statute 86.02 with triple charges.

Late Dog Fee: Treasurer discussed raising dog fee & explained procedure in contacting those that do not register dog(s) by April 1st. Recommending after 1st notice \$5 late fee per dog - 2nd notice \$10 late fee per dog & \$15 late fee per dog when turned over to Animal Control Officer. Bures made a motion to adopt fees after 1st notice \$5 late fee per dog, 2nd notice, \$10 late fee per dog & \$15 late fee per dog when turned over to Animal Control Officer effective January 1, 2020. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop Review: A notice received from Craig Hardy regarding a reduction in the 50/50 bridge aid the Town was to receive. The South Clay Hill Road Project had ineligible costs due to the steps for the cattle pass. This will be presented at the Budget Hearing on November 12.

Old Business:

Building Permit Ordinance Changes: Tabled.

Election Contingency Plan: Clerk is working on.

Driveway Inspection for Existing Driveway before New/Remodeled/Additions are Constructed: Tabled

Clean Sweep Report: Tabled.

Signage Issues – Iowa County: A punch list from IOCO Highway Commissioner received by Chair.

Town/Village Maintenance Agreement (End of Town Hall Road in Village) = 0.19 mile: Clerk prepared a letter to Village which was reviewed by Board to send to the Village for maintaining 2019. This will be billed to Village annually on the General Transportation Aid amount the Town receives plus additional costs if applicable.

Maintenance Agreement (DOT Jurisdictional Agreement): State owns land in Town right-a-way. Tabled

Resolution from Craig Hardy for Town Road Changes (Included in DOT Jurisdictional Agree?) Will not do until punch list from IOCO Highway Commissioner is completed.

Board Concerns:

Bures has been reassigned to the TRIP Committee.

Call from Peterbilt that the 2013 Peterbilt needed a new fan clutch & looking into a recall on emissions.

Marten & Hardy to inspect a couple bridges in Town for repair.

Monthly Financial Statement:

Bills Presented for Payment:

Bures made a motion to approve check numbers 15900 - 15920 including 10191 (Wisconsin Department of Revenue State Tax), 10192 (IRS Federal Tax, – Total \$30,829.15. Approval of check numbers 15921 through 15938 for payments made from November 1st through November 5th, 2019 (corrected as printout showed November 8th) in the amount of \$24,192.83. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule December Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 PM – Tuesday, December 10th, 2019.

Adjournment: Carlson made a motion at 9:10 PM to adjourn. Bures seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted - Nancy Parkos/Clerk