

TOWN OF WASCOTT  
Wascott, WI 54890

Approved

**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2014 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Wascott Town Hall**

**- Minutes -**

**Work Session-6:30 p.m.**

The work session was called to order by Chairman Greg Jensen at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Moravec/Koalska motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.; carried.**

**Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present – Chair Jensen, Supervisors Moravec, Koalska, and Stapp, and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 22 guests. One vacant supervisor position remains.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Approval of Agenda – **A Moravec/Jensen motion to approve agenda with the following amendment – I.10 should read Ordinance 2014-01-Amendment to Ord. 2004-02; motion carried.**
- D. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014 – **A Jensen/Moravec motion to approve; carried.**
- E. Public Comments – *Chuck McDermott*-the water systems at the ballpark and cemetery are turned on. *Patti McDermott*-have repaired the minor damage to schoolhouse after the move. *Sheryl Beglinger*-Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center located in Solon Springs, WI is once again hosting “Music in the Park”. Dates of the various music presentations are June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 9 and August 16. Contact their website for information – [www.lwmusic.org](http://www.lwmusic.org).
- F. Monthly Reports
1. Reports of Town Officers – *Supv Moravec* –Town Plan Commission met two times this past month. Meeting time has been changed to the last Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Thanked fellow supervisor Mike Stupak for his dedication to his position for the past years. *Supv Koalska*- Tom Mahoney has been re-elected as chair of the Cons/Rec Committee. Betty Ebert has been re-elected as director for EMS. The Brush Collection Sites have opened for the season – May 9-Aug 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sept 1-October 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thanked Patti and Charles McDermott for getting the schoolhouse in order. Gordon’s Chairman JC Cosgrove is recovering beautifully after an unfortunate car accident. *Supv Stapp*-have met with Gordon’s Supervisor’s Flamang and Rose making arrangements to complete the compactor project. *Chair Greg Jensen*- The Minong Flowage is now filled to its nominal depth. The Washburn County Treasurer provided a final mill rate for the Minong Flowage Dam Special Assessment District. A Smith Bridge Public Informational Meeting was held here at the town hall the evening of April 21. Hwy Foreman John Lawler and I attended the Logger’s Forum at the St Croix Inn on April 9. I attended the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Lawyer’s Conference in Madison on April 25. The major topic of this year’s conference was the construction of cell towers in muni’s. The legislature has passed statutes that basically make it impossible to prevent construction of cell towers within the boundaries of a town, village, etc. However, a town may pass a licensing ordinance featuring such things as a monthly or annual fee to the Town, provisions for removing the tower when it is no longer in use, etc. “Open Book” was held on April 25. Board of Review is scheduled for May 12 from 2-4:00 p.m.
  2. Fire Department – Chief Michalek – 5 medical, 1 false alarm. Reminder – FD Open House is June 14. Get a burning permit if wanting to burn.
  3. EMS – Stacey Vig reported 9 runs – 4/Gordon; 5/Wascott
  4. County Board Representative-Mary Lou Bergman – absent.
  5. Northwood School Representative-Michelle Manor – absent.
- G. Treasurer’s Report was provided by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson for the month of March 2014 as follows:
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| Town Checking Account Balance | \$ 9,367.08 |
| LGIP                          | 615,417.82  |
| FD Money Market Accounts:     |             |
| Acct #8143                    | 23,532.33   |
| Acct #8432                    | 28,331.59   |
| Acct #8374                    | 8,615.67    |

- H. Approval of April 2014 Vouchers – A Moravec/Koalska motion to approve check #'s 23622-23757 for April 2014; motion carried.
- I. Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action
1. Award Quote – Gravel Extraction – A Jensen/Koalska motion to award the quote from Antczak Construction for gravel extraction per specifications; motion carried. Note: The future supply of rock for gravel extraction is limited. Therefore, it will be necessary to investigate how the pit can provide for future gravel needs. Supv Stapp will follow up.
  2. Award Quote – FD Pumper – Two quotes were received as follows – Custom Fab, \$158,642 and Custom Fire, \$189,257.78. Because of the need to thoroughly review and compare the quote specifications received, a Moravec/Jensen motion to approve scheduling a Special Town Board Meeting to be held on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. was made; motion carried.
  3. Discuss addition of a “consent agenda” as part of agenda – Chair Jensen stated he wished to implement a “consent agenda” as part of the regular agenda. The purpose is to streamline meeting procedures by collecting routine, non-controversial items into a group whereby all are passed with a single motion and vote. The presiding officer announces the items on the consent agenda, asks if any item should be removed, then declares the consent agenda adopted unless there’s objection. Chair Jensen will, on a trial basis, include in future agendas.
  4. Enbridge CU Permit – A Moravec/Jensen motion to approve the CU permit based on the Town Plan Commission’s recommendation to approve with the following pre-conditions –
    - a. That a Road Use Agreement be signed prior to starting work;
    - b. That Enbridge provide on-going training to the Wascott Fire Department;
    - c. That water run-off and drainage be controlled as to not damage the roads
    - d. Sound level not to exceed 40 decibels at a distance of 300 meters and testing results would be submitted upon completion of project;
    - e. Reimbursement of any legal fees reasonably incurred by the Town of Wascott during negotiation, review and consideration of project;
    - f. That all Federal, State, County, EPA, DNR, etc. regulations be met.Motion carried.
  5. Enbridge Variance Permit – A Moravec/Jensen motion to approve the Variance permit based on the Town Plan Commission’s recommendation to approve with the following stipulation –
    - a. A vegetative buffer be installed on the visible road side of the proposed building.Motion carried.
  6. Approval to withdraw monies from the LGIP for checking account – A Moravec/Koalska motion to approve an amount of up to \$50,000 be withdrawn as needed from the LGIP account to replenish the checking account; motion carried. Supv Koalska would like the town’s balance sheet to show the ATC funds have now been depleted with the purchase of the grader, connecting the expenditure with the need to transfer the \$50,000. The withdrawal will debit the ATC fund.
  7. Approval of Board Liaisons to and membership of Advisory Committees – A Jensen/Moravec motion to approve the following –
    - a. Hans “Pete” Stopinski to the Town Plan Commission as an alternate member. The term of this appointment is 5/1/14-4/30/17;
    - b. Patti McDermott to change from an alternate member to an active member of the Conservation and Recreation Committee;
    - c. Supervisor Rick Moravec as liaison to the Plan Commission;
    - d. Supervisor Lynn Koalska as liaison to the Conservation/Recreation Committee. In addition, interface with Douglas County’s Veteran’s Service Office, and act as liaison for EMS and the Fire Department;
    - e. Supervisor Bill Stapp as liaison to the Infrastructure Committee and interface to the Highway Department;
    - f. Greg Jensen as liaison to the Cemetery Committee;

g. **Greg Jensen as liaison to the Smith Bridge Committee.**

**Motion carried.**

8. Discuss future bridge inspections mandated by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) – For information only purposes, Chair Greg related that due to changed requirements in the federally mandated biennial bridge inspections, the Douglas County Highway Department will no longer be able to provide the required bridge inspections and associated documentation for the township. To ensure the Town Bridge mandatory inspections are completed in the required timeframe, the DC Highway Dept. will select an Engineering Consultant firm to perform the required inspections and data entry for all the Towns bridges with Douglas County. A Request for Proposal will be sent out sometime in April soliciting interest and pricing. Proposals will be evaluated and a selection will be made on behalf of the Towns. The County will administer the contract and accept the invoice for services from the consultant and in turn invoice the individual municipalities accordingly.
9. Resolution 2014-08 – Amendment to Res. 2009-05 Approve Policies for Town Board Meetings and Advisory Committees – **A Jensen/Koalska motion to approve amendments to Resolution 2014-08; motion carried.**
10. Ordinance 2014-01 - Amendment to Ord. 2005-02 – **A Jensen/Moravec motion to approve amendments to Ordinance 2014-01; motion carried.**
11. Ordinance 2014-03 – Amendment to Ord. 2013-09 ATV/UTV Route Ordinance – Removal of roads – **A Koalska/Jensen motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2014-03; motion carried.**
12. Security System – FD – **A Moravec/Koalska motion to approve the purchase of a Fire Department security system from Eagle Eye Security, Superior, WI in the amount of \$2,027; motion carried.**

Chair Jensen thanked Supervisor Mike Stupak for his dedicated and good work serving as a member of the board for the past three years.

J. **A Stapp/Moravec motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer