

Town of Saukville
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
February 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Sections 19.83 and 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to apprise the public and news media of the subject matters intended for discussion, consideration and action.
Present: Chairman Kadow, Supervisors Smallish and Niehaus, Clerk Clarke, Treasurer Danielson, Constable Rutkowski, and Zoning Administrator Walls
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Town Board Meeting.**
Smallish moved to approve; Niehaus seconded; motion carried unanimously.
4. **Complaint by a citizen regarding noise at Charter Steel.**
Art Jentsch of 3364 Hwy O addressed the board to express his concern about loud "boom" coming from Charter Steel and provided a log of the dates and times that they occurred. This occurs 24 hours a day and is very disruptive. Matt Schroeder and Rick Gaskill from Charter Steel admitted that there was an issue with exploding steam because the scrap metal that is put into the furnace contains frozen water due to the snowy winter we are experiencing. They too are concerned and have been taking steps to mitigate the situation as it also is hard on their equipment. Kadow noted that the town does not have jurisdiction as Charter is in the Village of Saukville, but urged the company to continue to work to resolve the issue. Kadow asked that a copy of these minutes be forwarded to the Village to express the towns concern with the situation.
5. **Claim to Recover Unlawful Tax filed by Blue Heron Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.**
Kadow reviewed the matter with town attorney DeStefanis and it appears that Blue Heron did file for exemption timely but the information was not acted upon by the assessor. Kadow and town attorney recommend refunding the tax to Blue Heron (first payment of \$4240.92) and directing the treasurer to process the paperwork necessary to rescind the tax and reclaim the amounts from the taxing jurisdictions. Niehaus then moved to pay the claim as soon as possible; Smallish seconded; motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resolution dismissing claim and lawsuit of Blue Heron Wildlife sanctuary and grant of tax exempt status.**
Kadow explained the document prepared by town attorney to dismiss the claim and lawsuit and grant tax exempt status and direct the treasurer to seek charge-back of the rescinded taxes from the other taxing jurisdictions pursuant to s.74.41, Wisconsin Statutes. He then moved that the board adopt the resolution; Smallish seconded; motion carried unanimously.
7. **Consideration to pursue county grants regarding stream impediments.**
Kadow described the program to remove fish spawning impediments from the town's rivers and streams. He estimated that the town would expend about 9 hours of training. Niehaus elaborated on the process from his position as a member of the County Land Use Committee. The consensus of the board was to direct staff to pursue the training and the grants.
Clarke asked that the Clerk's Report and Claims be considered next as he needed to leave to close the polls. The board agreed.
8. **Consideration of further development of town web site.**
Kadow described expenditures required to continue the towns web site via an outside service and he considered the expenses very high. He proposed that he could direct town

employee Jody Barrington to continue to maintain the web site from home for 3 hours per month, which he considered reasonable. He stated that he felt that the site provide an open window to town government and access to routine and emergency information. Smallish expressed her concern that recent snows would adversely affect the budget and that the town may not be able to afford the website. Niehaus said he was not enthusiastic about websites and he didn't think citizens were that interested in town matters given the attendance at meeting. Smallish added that the office was available to answer questions and that the newsletter provided basic contact information. Danielson added that she did not think there was money in the budget.

9. **Review of survey results regarding town newsletter and setting a schedule for publication.**

Kadow indicated that the cost of newsletter had been reduced from about \$800 per issue to \$400. Danielson stated that she was wanted to consider alternatives for mailing the newsletter and stated that people could pick them up in the office or recycling center if they were interested. Kadow stated that about half the surveys were positive and half negative. Most of the negatives were associated with articles that were not town government related, but his sense was that the newsletter was valued. Smallish and Niehaus stated that the newsletter should only be sent when there is something to say and not on a regular basis. Kadow argued that the newsletter is a tool to communicate with the citizens on important issues such as land use, zoning, and other concerns and it is necessary to provide regular updates. There was general consensus that it would be published three or four times a year and mailed.

10. **Zoning Administrator Report**

a. **Ad Hoc Wind Turbine meeting update.**

Walls reported on a group that will be meeting to address both small and large energy systems. She is optimistic that proposals for public hearing will be ready in March or April.

11. **Town Constable's Report**

Nothing to report.

12. **Roads Report**

Kadow reported that he is finishing up on his analysis of last years budget overrun and will share his finding in the near future.

13. **Recycling Report**

Smallish noted some problems with snow clearing and would appreciate the donation of a snow blower. She also described an increase in Arrow Disposals charges to the town of \$150 per month due to increases in the tipping fee at the land fill. She proposes to increase the cost of a bag of trash from \$1.00 to \$1.50. They will discuss the matter at a future town board meeting.

14. **County Board Update**

Nothing to report. Danielson asked Niehaus to thank the County Treasurer for an excellent job and stated that she gave her cookies.

15. **Town Office Report**

a. **Electrical Upgrade for office**

After reviewing estimates for the work, Niehaus moved to select Wester Electric; Smallish seconded; motion carried unanimously.

b. **Maintenance of auditorium blower.**

After reviewing the repair estimate for the blower, Kadow moved to approve the expenditure; Niehaus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

16. **Financial Reports**

a. **Treasurer's account balances report**

Danielson presented the report which is on file.

Smallish moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Niehaus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

b. Clerk's budget status report

Clarke presented the report which is on file.

c. Review and approval of claims

Clarke presented the following claims

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
1/25/2008	6069	at&t	414 675- 9217 556 2	(138.66)	(138.66)
2/15/2008	6070	Steven Beck	Tax refund	(28.99)	(167.65)
2/19/2008	6098	State of Wisconsin	Chapter 70.114 PILT	(37.38)	(205.03)
2/19/2008	6099	Ozaukee County	70.114 PILT	(408.00)	(613.03)
2/19/2008	6100	Northern Ozaukee School District	70.114 PILT	(1,872.96)	(2,485.99)
2/19/2008	6101	MATC	s 70.114 Aids	(390.31)	(2,876.30)
2/19/2008	6102	Postmaster	Postage	(41.00)	(2,917.30)
2/19/2008	6103	Danielson, Kay	Petty Cash	(23.44)	(2,940.74)
2/19/2008	6104	Arrow Disposal & Recycling	February	(1,350.00)	(4,290.74)
2/19/2008	6105	Bear Graphics		(33.00)	(4,323.74)
2/19/2008	6106	Boehlke Bottled Gas Corp.		(2,626.48)	(6,950.22)
2/19/2008	6107	CITI CARDS		(105.59)	(7,055.81)
2/19/2008	6108	F.D. Mayer & Son	January 2008	(478.88)	(7,534.69)
2/19/2008	6109	Fuchs, DeStefanis & Boyle, S.C.		(400.00)	(7,934.69)
2/19/2008	6110	Nathan Cottrell	Snow Plowing	(665.00)	(8,599.69)
2/19/2008	6111	Ozaukee County Hwy Dept.	December 2007	(32,736.37)	(41,336.06)
2/19/2008	6112	Port Publications	Public Notices	(174.06)	(41,510.12)
2/19/2008	6113	We Energies		(180.83)	(41,690.95)
2/19/2008	6114	Peters Assessment Service	pmt 2 of 6	(1,850.00)	(43,540.95)
2/19/2008	6115	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	4952-291- 46-6523	(60.00)	(43,600.95)

2/19/2008	6116	Barrington, Jody M		(496.77)	(44,097.72)
2/19/2008	6117	Clarke, Walter H.		(380.13)	(44,477.85)
2/19/2008	6118	Danielson, Kay		(415.64)	(44,893.49)
2/19/2008	6119	Hoffman, Terry M		(32.32)	(44,925.81)
2/19/2008	6120	Kadow, Jim		(623.10)	(45,548.91)
2/19/2008	6121	Maze{ }, Ruth		(323.22)	(45,872.13)
2/19/2008	6122	Niehaus, William		(378.63)	(46,250.76)
2/19/2008	6123	Rutkowski, Curtis		(115.43)	(46,366.19)
2/19/2008	6124	Smallish, Kathryn A		(356.11)	(46,722.30)
2/19/2008	6125	Walls, Debra		(768.72)	(47,491.02)

Smallish moved to approve the Clerks Financial Report, with the correction of dog license and highway maintenance corrections noted, Niehaus seconded; motion carried unanimously.

17. Correspondence

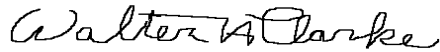
None

18. Items from the floor

None

19. Adjourn

Kadow moved to adjourn; Smallish seconded; motion carried unanimously.



Walter H. Clarke, Town Clerk