



TOWN OF EAGLE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2012
APPROVED MINUTES

Chairman Kwiatkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kwiatkowski; Supervisors Davis, Malek, Rasmussen, and West. Also present: Town Clerk Pepper and Town Treasurer Pasterski.

Agenda – Motion by Chairman Kwiatkowski, seconded by Supervisor Malek to move Recreation Department items to a later time in the meeting and to approve the agenda as amended. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Minutes- Motion by Supervisor Malek, seconded by Supervisor Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting dated September 19, 2012. Upon voice vote, motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Malek to approve the minutes of the Town Board Budget Workshop Meeting dated October 1, 2012. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Clerk's Report- Clerk Pepper presented the Accounts Receivable Summary Report and the Budget Report.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Pasterski presented the September, 2012 report. Savings balance as of 8-31-12 was \$324,367.26. Total cash was \$541,751.18. A motion was made by Supervisor Malek, seconded by Supervisor West to approve the Treasurer's Report. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Claims- Claims totaling \$228,136.13 were reviewed. Chairman Kwiatkowski reported that there are three (3) additional claims that came in after the claims report was printed. Two (2) claims are from GMA in the amounts of \$98.20 and \$157.50 for the printing of newsletter envelopes and the newsletter. The third claim is from Quality Hydro in the amount of \$672.78 for the auger pump. Questions were raised regarding claims for maintenance on Town trucks. A motion was made by Supervisor Malek, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the payment of claims, including the three additional claims tonight. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Palmyra-Eagle Referendum Explanation – Palmyra-Eagle School District Superintendent Glen Schlender introduced new Eagle Elementary School Principal Michelle Weisrock and School Board President Rich Kiehl. Superintendent Schlender explained the history of revenue limits, state aid, local property taxes, and how the district has had to reduce the operating budget by twenty (20) percent over the last six (6) years. Superintendent Schlender explained that the passing of ACT 10 lowered the district revenue by 5 ½%. This created an enormous deficit for the district, even though the district saw a reduction in Wisconsin Retirement and health insurance. These cuts were one-time cuts.

Superintendent Schlender stated that there are two (2) referendum questions on the ballot. The first question is a revenue issue; the second question is a deferred maintenance issue. The tax impact per \$100,000 of property value for Question #1, Funding District Operations, is \$4.75 per month or \$57.00 per year for four (4) years. The tax impact per \$100,000 of property value for Question #2, Funding Basic Building Projects in Aging Schools,

is \$1.84 per month or \$22.00 per year for twenty (20) years.

Town resident Nick Wambach, W344 S10609 Island View Lane expressed concern that the State of Wisconsin spends more money on prisons than they do on schools.

In response to Supervisor Malek, Superintendent Schlender explained that the referendum in 2003 was for high school renovations. The 2007 referendum did not pass. If the 2012 referendum questions fail, the district will be forced to defer maintenance, there will be significant budget cuts, electives at the secondary level will likely be eliminated, class sizes at the elementary level will increase, and some classrooms may be combined grade level classrooms.

In response to Chairman Kwiatkowski, Superintendent Schlender explained that when he started at the school district in 2009, there was a significant open enrollment issue. Since then, the number of students leaving has been decreasing and the number enrolling in has been increasing, with the exception of this year where enormous amounts have enrolled out. Apparently some events within the community have put people at odds with each other. In addition, there has been some animosity between teachers and parents. One of the new principal's goals is to get parents and teachers to come together.

In regards to open enrollment, the district pays out for each student \$6,600 to the district that enrolls them in and only takes in \$9,000 from the state. The new open enrollment period has changed from a three (3) week period to a three (3) month period. In response to Chairman Kwiatkowski, Superintendent Schlender stated that the district did send out a press release regarding the referendum.

Lake Management District – Lake Management District Chairman Tom Day explained that the entrance/exit work on the district property has been completed, with the exception of the landscaping. Mr. Day explained that maintenance of the landscaping may become an issue and the district will check with Waukesha County for verification on whether or not the landscaping has to be put in. Mr. Day reported that the fireworks display date has been set for Saturday, July 6, 2013, with a rain date of Saturday, July 13, 2012. In response to Supervisor Malek, Mr. Day explained that the closing on the ski channel property should be sometime in November because the appraisals have not been completed yet.

Sheriff's Report- No report.

Library – Resolution to be exempt from the Waukesha County Library Levy – Supervisor West reported that the Palmyra-Eagle District Superintendent presented the referendum explanation at their last Board meeting.

Fire Department/Fire Commission/Municipal Building – Supervisor Rasmussen reported that the Fire Station is currently in the process of having their energy efficient lighting installed. Supervisor Rasmussen reported that there were 16 calls for service in September, thirteen (13) of which were medical, three (3) were fire, and three (3) were fire/EMS. Daytime coverage is at 100%; weekend coverage was also at 100%. Chairman Kwiatkowski reported that the fire department was able to reduce their budget and still allow for the expense of a \$15,000 CPR machine. Chairman Kwiatkowski reported that the Village of Eagle is struggling financially because of the insurance surcharge issues.

Report on Recent Village Board Meetings – No report.

Operator's License requests from Margret Whaley and Samantha Gruetzmacher – A motion was made by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Malek to approve the Operator's License requests of Margret Whaley and Samantha Gruetzmacher, subject to successful completion of the Alcohol Awareness Course and clear record checks. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Proposed Holiday Gathering – Discussion took place regarding holding an informal potluck gathering immediately following a Board meeting. A motion was made by Chairman Kwiatkowski, seconded by Supervisor Malek to hold an informal holiday pot luck gathering immediately following the December Planning

& Zoning/ Town Board Meeting, at no cost to the taxpayers. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Garbage & Recycling – Supervisor Rasmussen reported that the Town will be holding a yard waste drop-off at the Town Park. The date has been set for Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Brush must be cut into four (4) foot lengths. Lawn debris must be placed in clear, plastic bags. In response to Chairman Kwiatkowski, Supervisor Rasmussen reported that disposal of electronics at the curb is no longer permitted by law. Chairman Kwiatkowski suggested that John's Disposal place a sticker on electronic items left at the curb to inform residents of the newer law.

Business Park – Chairman Kwiatkowski reported that “Stitch-It” went out-of-business.

Road Report – Supervisor West reported that Highway Superintendent Betts picked up cold patch for the roads. Superintendent Betts has also been trimming trees, with a borrowed pole saw from the Town of Troy. Chairman Kwiatkowski added that the Town has a good borrowing relationship with both the Village of Eagle and the Town of Troy.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Kwiatkowski reported that the Town borrowed the Village of Eagle's tractor to finish mowing. The Town's tractor is currently out of commission.

Recreation Department – Supervisor Davis presented the claims, budget and the program review reports. Discussion followed regarding karate, costs for senior trips, and Enterprise vehicle rentals. A motion was made by Chairman Kwiatkowski, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen to pay the claims, as presented. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Public Comment – None.

There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Supervisor Malek, seconded by Supervisor West to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Lynn M. Pepper
Eagle Town Clerk