

Board Meeting
September 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Meyer. People in attendance were: Supervisors – Jeff Whyte, Paul Travis, Jeff Bechard, Mona Mathews, Clerk Beverly Christopherson, Treasurer John McLaughlin and see attached list of visitors.

Flag Salute

Plan Commission: Update:

A. Peleschak CSM Lot 5 in the J&C Subdivision/Erik Knauf Surveyor of American Land Surveying: Comp Plan had some questions on driveway access and size of culverts? This lot has been deemed wetland. They will have to access the land from the North East corner of the 40-acre lot. Driveway will be put in on 40-acre lot and Erik Knauf does not feel any need for a culvert. Supervisor Jeff Bechard had one concern on who will be responsible for maintaining the detention pond. Original document states that all property owners collectively responsible. Currently no one is maintaining, and it is in the best interest of Peleschak to maintain.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the CSM (Certified Survey Map) for Peleschak Lot 5. Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

B. Ben Parr Preliminary Plat/Pete Gartmann Surveyor of Real Land Surveying. This all started because Ben Parr was parking his company trucks on the property. Ben Parr has his own construction company. Eau Claire County wants to have the land rezoned for his business. Lots 4 & 5 would be zoned A2 and Lots 1, 2 & 3 will be zoned RH. Lots 1, 2, and 3 all have 100' of road frontage. Mr. Parr has purchased an additional 2.2 acres in order to have the acreage needed. Mr. Parr's next step will be to get a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for his cottage business. Soil samples did show that each lot 1, 2 & 3 can have some sort of sewer system as it is all sand. When any building is started will do more testing to see what system would be best.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve the rezoning of lots for Ben Parr. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

C. Gillette Preliminary CSM/Pete Gartmann Surveyor of Real Land Surveying: This CSM (certified survey map) is for property on Crescent zoned RH. This is 2 lots, lot 1 has a house on it that they want to sell and lot 2 they want to build on and is .14 acres. They are waiting on soil samples. These lots must be acre lots as they are zoned RH. Supervisor Jeff Bechard asked if the owner is aware, they are not able to do anything with the out lot? Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that they are aware, and it is just a wooded area owner wants to keep that way. Supervisor Jeff Bechard would also question the acreage for building and the out lot should be noted non-buildable or accessible.

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve with Jeff Bechard's concerns. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

ATV/UTV Road Route Discussion: Residents from the Town of Union for this discussion are listed on the signed list of attendees. Resident Jeff Gibson had a map that was handed out to the Board and those attending. The map showed the roads that the residents would like open for atv/utv usage. Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County was in attendance on Zoom and just wanted to note that none of the roads can have an ending point that goes nowhere. Residents would like to connect with Dunn and Chippewa County Atv/Utv routes. Chair Jennifer Meyer will look into what other Townships have done; example is Brunswick just opened some roads to atv/utv travel. Jon Johnson did mention that it

is possible to open some county roads also to avt/utv usage. This just needs to be looked at with map handed out and roads that can be opened. Jeff Kobinsky for Chippewa Valley ATV Club was in attendance and would be willing to work with Town on helping to get some road open to help connect with other counties. Supervisor Mona Mathews mentioned that maybe a good start would be to open some of the roads for a year and see if any residents have any complaints. Supervisor Paul Travis and Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned it might be easier to just open all Town roads and see what happens. Chair Jennifer Meyer will check with other Townships and table till next meeting.

Roads:

A. Scott Construction – Chip Seal on Valley Rd. N., West North Star and Becker Rd.: Work will begin when it stops raining.

B. Cedar Corp. – Chayne Rd. Updates following the Wet Land Delineation: Dennis Mack from Cedar Corp was in attendance with updates. Mr. Mack handed out project reports to show work going to be done. Wetlands are under 10,000 sq ft. Chair Jennifer Meyer, Supervisor Jeff Whyte, and Dennis Mack all met with the owner from Bobcat Plus. Bobcat Plus is looking to change their entrance. With working being done to Chayne Road it will be easy to accommodate the new entrance they want. Supervisor Jeff Bechard asked if Cedar Corp would be putting out bids for this year, to see what the bids come back at? Dennis Mack mentioned that bids would be put out in January for next year work. Supervisor Jeff Whyte believes the road is in good shape for the winter.

C. Menomonie & Skyline/est. start date 09/14/2020. Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County has signed access agreement and hopes to get on site this week, depends on weather.

D. Glory Lane Updates – after Menomonie & Skyline: Will work on Glory Lane after Menomonie and Skyline are finished.

E. Crescent Ave. center line striping/speed limit signage: Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County mentioned that it cost about 4 cents a linear foot for striping. Supervisor Jeff Whyte would like a quote from Eau Claire County for striping. Supervisor Jeff Whyte already has a quote from Fahrner. Chair Jennifer Meyer would like to see this work complete this year yet. Town needs to have speed limit signs on the intersection of Crescent and Buena Vista, and these should be 45 mph signs.

F. Elk Creek Rd speed limit reduction discussion: Presently Elk Creek Rd. speed limit is 45mph and there are 27 houses between Cameron St and Folsom. Chair Jennifer Meyer would like to see this changed from 45mph to 35mph. Jon Johnson from Eau Claire County recommended that if the Town wants to change the speed limit on Elk Creek Rd they should either leave it 45mph or change the entire road to 35mph. Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned that roads should only be changed to 35mph where it is necessary.

Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to change Elk Creek Rd from 45mph to 35mph from Cameron to Folsom and from Folsom over the highway leave 45mph. Supervisor Jeff Whyte seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

G. Any other road business - None

Visit Eau Claire: Benny Anderson from Visit Eau Claire was in attendance to give a report. Benny Anderson mentioned that Visit Eau Claire has nominated to have Fred Belay serve on the Visit Eau Claire Board for the Town Parks. Visit Eau Claire maybe able to help with getting some grants for the Parks. Website traffic was more for the Conservancy Park this past month, outdoor recreation has been what Visit Eau Claire has noticed more people are interested in. Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned to Benny Anderson that some of the Town residents were here to talk about opening some roads to atv/utv traffic. Benny mentioned that this could help bring more revenue to the Town with gas, rooms, and food. Supervisor Mona Mathews would like to see something mentioned about the roads in the

Town are good for biking, Visit Eau Claire did help push Dunn/Chippewa/Eau Claire Counties to connect their bike paths.

Park Commission:

A. Chair Report – Chair Jennifer Meyer gave the report. Two benches and the new grill have been stolen from Sherman Creek Park. Supervisor Jeff Bechard mentioned that years ago picnic tables were stolen also. Kathy and Al Rowland have been putting up more signage at the Conservancy, Tom Roach has also been helping. Park Commission is hoping to have their Outdoor Rec Plan done for next meeting to go over. Park Commission is also looking into maybe having an outdoor party for the Park Board, Town Board, and anyone else that would like to attend. Supervisor Mona Mathews asked what happens when people want to donate to the Parks? Chair Jennifer Meyer mentioned that any monies donated is deposited into the Towns account and earmarked for the Parks.

B. 2021 Parks Checking Account - **Fred** Belay looked at Statutes. Need some clarification, Clerk will check with Towns Association

Fire Station #3:

A. Battalion Chief Report: Battalion Chief Dave Kleist was not in attendance. Supervisor Paul Travis mentioned that call have been steady. Will be handing out Annual Awards at Station Training this Thursday.

Constable Report: No report to hand out.

Election Nov. 2020 Issues: Concerns have been brought up because of COVID 19. Social distancing is hard to do in the Town Hall with having people enter and exit the same door, hallway is too narrow. Could possibly hold election at Fire Station but issue would be with cars parked so not to block trucks. Would be best if we had a ramp from the side door on the East Side and use that as an exit door after people voted. Treasurer John McLaughlin is going to have same issue with people entering and exiting during tax time. Ramp would work best for both. Supervisor Mona Mathews did some checking on renting a portable ramp, not available in Eau Claire. Supervisor Jeff Whyte will contact Buesser Construction to see if they would be available to build a cement ramp from the East Door to the parking lot. Best to do a cement ramp, this way it is permanent. Supervisor Jeff Whyte will get a couple quotes.

Chair Jennifer Meyer wanted to talk about Clerks pay for all the extra time put in for elections this year. Would like to look into compensating for all the extra time. Chair Jennifer Meyer will contact Wisconsin Towns Association to see if this is possible.

Building Inspector Report:

A. Report: Report was handed out.

Website Assistant Follow up/Mona Mathews: Supervisor Mona Mathews mentioned that a resume was received from a student at River Falls. Seemed very interested. Will need him to attend meetings quarterly and can work remotely

Board Reports:

MPO: Supervisor Jeff Bechard was not able to attend

Tourism: Next meeting is October 14th

Visit Eau Claire 10/14: Working on getting payments from VRBO

Fire Board 09/28: Meeting will be 9/28

WTA 11/30: This year's convention will be virtual

Elk Creek Lake Rehab 09/09: They will have special taxes this year. Also working on a Grant to fix issues with the Dam.

Citizen Input & Questions

Review/Approve previous meetings minutes: Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve minutes with a few spelling errors to correct. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Approval Underground Cables – Chairman- None this month

Treasurers Report:

A. Report: Treasurer John McLaughlin handed out his report. Nothing new to report

Review/Approval Bills: Supervisor Mona Mathews made a motion to approve all payables as presented to the Board. Supervisor Paul Travis seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Review/Approve: Licenses: Operators and Liquor: Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to approve all operators licenses as presented to the Board. Supervisor Mona Mathews seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carries.

Town Hall Properties:

A. Transfer Station

1. Trench in Conduit for West WI Telcom 24/7: Paul Travis will get done

2. Discuss Fee Schedule for large items: Need to change prices on large items. This should be a separate discussion later. Need to see what other transfer stations charge.

B. Town Hall Parking Lot Lights: Digging will begin on Monday

C. Town Hall Exterior Window Installation Dates: Everything Ordered

D. Message Boards for Town Hall and Fire Station #3: Back ordered still

E. Town Hal Rental discussion: We do receive a few calls but Town Hall still not able to rent.

Set next meeting dates and agendas: Town Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 & Comp Plan Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Adjourn

Supervisor Paul Travis made a motion to Adjourn at 9:05pm, Supervisor Jeff Bechard seconded the motion.