

Minutes of Watab Town Board Meeting April 4, 2006

The reorganization meeting of the Watab Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the Watab Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Board members present at the beginning of the meeting were Supervisors Craig Gondeck and Brad McIntosh, Treasurer Eileen Saldana, and Clerk Pat Spence. The first item of business was to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Supervisor McIntosh moved that Supervisor Gondeck be Chair; motion was seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed. Supervisor Gondeck nominated Supervisor McIntosh for Vice-Chair; motion was seconded by Supervisor Gondeck and passed. One addition was made to the agenda: renewal of the liquor license for Rumors and the Oath of Office for Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann.

Supervisor Gondeck moved approval of the March 7th Board of Audit Meeting minutes; it was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed. Supervisor Gondeck moved approval of the March 7th Town Board meeting minutes; it was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed. Supervisor Erdmann arrived. Supervisor Gondeck commended him for his good work as Chair and thanked him. He then moved approval of the Board of Canvass Meeting Minutes; motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed.

Eileen Saldana gave the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor McIntosh to approve the report as written. Motion passed.

Supervisor Gondeck reported that only three building permits were issued in the month of March which is a reduction. He added that the board was open to comments from the floor while the board was considering the bills. There were no comments.

Approval of bills and authorization to pay: A motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann to pay all the bills except the one not signed by the supervisors; the motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed.

Citizen Issues included:

1. Rosie Johnson asked about where a new town hall would be built and stated that she doesn't want more dealing with Rick Schaefer. Brad said he didn't want to move the location of the hall from the land we own.
2. Preliminary Plat for Centurion Stone by Duane Simmons: Supervisor Gondeck commented on the beauty of the building and thanked the Simmons for their work. Approval for the lot split was made on motion by Supervisor Gondeck and second by Brad. The motion passed.
- A. Application for liquor license renewal for Rumors by Jim Hjoille: Supervisor Gondeck commended Jim on the way he runs his business and that there have been no problems. He made a motion, which was seconded by

Supervisor McIntosh to approve the liquor license renewal for Rumors Bar. The motion passed.

Resolution 2006-2: Establishing a Snow and Ice Control Policy was approved on motion by Supervisor McIntosh and second by Supervisor Erdmann. The motion approving this resolution passed. A copy is on file in the Resolution Book at the town hall.

Supervisor Gondeck talked about townships that have taken over their own park departments. Park fees go to the township from the new developments. Palmer and Livonia Townships, for example, run their own park departments. Supervisor Erdmann said the county asked for our input and then would not act on it. He wondered why they asked what we wanted. Supervisor McIntosh said he feels we should have our own park department. Supervisor Gondeck will talk with the other townships to get the process in place for setting up a Watab Park Department if he has permission from the board. He added that both Livonia and Palmer Townships are also urban townships. Supervisor Erdmann said he would be in favor of a volunteer park board. On motion by Supervisor Erdmann, we will proceed to develop our own park department as soon as possible and have Craig do what is necessary to get information. Fifteen percent of the fees will be given to Benton County for a regional park from each park dedication fee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McIntosh and passed.

Resolution 2006-3: Supervisor Gondeck tabled this until the attorney can complete his review.

Town Hall Task Force: Supervisor McIntosh said that he wants only the current task force to continue working on the project, and he suggested that people who are on the task force currently should stay on it. Supervisor Erdmann said that he was glad that people were receptive to the idea of a new town hall, that this building has served its years, and we should move forward as people said at the annual meeting; he has comments to go over with the committee. Ron Hommerding recommended no deals with Mr. Schaefer because he wants to benefit himself. Ed Kacures clarified that the vote at the annual meeting was to build at our current location. He felt that the Task Force needs to be turned into a Building Committee that includes the supervisors. Lloyd asked if we could set a meeting date. Everyone agreed that there should be a public meeting. Craig moved to build a new town hall; motion was seconded by Brad and passed. Craig set next Tuesday at 7pm –April 11th—for a meeting. Craig moved that building committee would be Kaye Bechtold, Ron Hommerding, Ed Kacures, Lloyd Hammerel, Lloyd Erdmann, Brad McIntosh, Pat Spence and Eileen Saldana. The motion was seconded by Brad. Ron said that having a public meeting would be a problem with getting everyone's input. He would rather have individual input in writing from town board. Brad said that everyone on the town board would like to have offices in the front, a small kitchen, and the meeting room in the back. Ron suggested that permanent records be placed on a CD and

placed in a vault. Motion was made by Craig to have the task force become the building committee; motion was seconded by Brad with the note that hopefully the new town hall will be completed by the winter heating system as it is not a complicated project. The motion passed, so the previous motion is replaced. Clerk Pat Spence gave Ron Hommerding the information on accessibility requirements for the town hall. Two exits are required.

Paradise Plat report was given by Lloyd Erdmann: He talked with Marty Reker last week and the plan wasn't complete. Marty Reker appeared before the board, and said that Benton Co. has changed their rules. He would like to go to 15 lots rather than 16 with the roads the same. He presented new drawings containing 15 outlots. Brad was very opposed to these outlots. Pat was asked to write a resolution on a policy for two exits from every platted development. If the county allows individual septic systems the board is okay with the new plan. Brad wants the woods left intact. Craig moved that all outlots A-O are excluded from the plat, seconded by Brad and motion passed approving the preliminary plat without outlots. Board Chair Gondeck signed the preliminary plat.

Supervisor Brad McIntosh will call Mark Saldana and see how the board can help with his project.

Resolution 2006-4 was passed on a motion by Supervisor Gondeck and second by Supervisor McIntosh. The motion passed.

Supervisor McIntosh made a motion to keep committee assignments and duties for supervisors the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann and passed.

Establish meeting fees and payment for services: Lloyd moved that meeting fees be \$75.00 for town board meetings; motion was seconded by Brad. County board meetings will be reimbursed at \$25 per hour when the town board wants someone there. Brad would like to reduce legal fees if possible. The clerk suggested that at the end of town board meetings the board could discuss what issues need to be handled by supervisors during the upcoming month. Motion passed setting the new reimbursement schedule.

Brad moved that Craig, as Chair, be added to the signators at Bremer Bank as the town depository of funds. The motion was seconded by Lloyd and passed.

The Clerk read a letter from the insurance adjuster denying Wayne Starry's claim against the township for an accident involving one of his employees. Lloyd and Brad agreed with the report. Craig moved that we accept the adjuster's recommendation and pay nothing; Lloyd seconded the motion and it passed.

April 6th Benton County Planning Commission agenda items:

1. Michael Weisen: Ed Kacures lives in the Lakewood Shores Addition and he is opposed to the conditional use permit because of high nitrates in the area and this addition would require a larger septic system. Lloyd moved that the town board be on record as opposed to having duplexes in residentially zoned areas; motion was seconded by Brad; and passed. Craig would like to attend the April 18th county board meeting on this topic. Lloyd will attend Planning Commission Meeting.
2. Township Road Tour was set for April 11th by town board beginning at 8am at the town hall.
3. May 3rd Board of Equalization meets at 2:30 at the town hall.
4. Report on MAT conference. Pat summarized the session for the Clerks and Treasurers. Craig said he will write down what he learned about the town hall for the building committee.

Brian Erdmann would like to comment on Snow Policy. The town board will have this on the agenda again for next month to discuss further and also have time to read information from George Mastey. The Clerk gave information provided by George Mastey at this meeting to Craig as Chair.

Supervisor Issues

1. Residents will need permits to use the compost pile in Rice according to Craig. They will cost \$20 per year. Contrary to all rumors, Rice got a fine from OSHA for the fire department. Craig will follow up to make sure the fine doesn't get passed on to the townships. Our attorney cannot get a response from Rice's attorney regarding our fire contract and issues with communication. Craig also reported that Watab received approval for our SCORE grant application. The board thanked Craig.
2. Pat was asked to check with the State Auditor about the process for requesting an audit of the Rice Fire Department income and expenses.
3. Deer carcasses are in the ditch on Saldana road and Plaziak Rd. Ed Kacures will contact the DNR.
4. Watab History Day will be in the fall—hopefully in the new town hall.
5. A fuel adjustment will be considered for snowplowing this past winter at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm on motion by Supervisor Erdmann and second by Supervisor McIntosh.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence