

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, October 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman James Beistle at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the Town Hall and on the Town's website on October 14, 2016; and the amended agenda was posted at the Town Hall on the Town's website on October 18, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman James Beistle, supervisors Frank Behning, Mike Dorsey, Sharon Kelly and Gary Koecher. Also present were town treasurer Maxine Spiess, town clerk Janet Krueger, zoning administrator James Alt, public works employee Joe Hein and legal counsel Gary Bakke. Others present were Jeff Kemp, James Miller, Kate Murtaugh and Malia Malone. Kelly/Behning **moved** to adopt the amended agenda; **motion carried**. Behning/Koecher **moved** to approve the meeting minutes as printed for the September 21, 2016, town board meeting; and the October 17, 2016, special town board meeting; **motion carried**.

Public Comment: Jeff Kemp introduced himself and stated he is a candidate on the ballot for Polk County District Attorney.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Ms. Spiess presented the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending September 30, 2016, amounted to \$2,156.45; cash balance on September 30, 2016, was \$381,634.84. Kelly/Behning **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Ms. Spiess informed the Board the remaining balance of tax collections will be transferred from the tax account to the money market account and a \$50,000.00 CD for highway equipment will be purchased. Mr. Hein gave the highway report. Tire quotes were reviewed for the front of the grader. Mr. Hein was asked to get additional quotes for a steerable front end tire with 3 or 4 ribs and an all-terrain tire. New Business Item 7D – Discuss and possible approve mower purchase was discussed. Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to approve the quote from Quality Fabricating of Emily, Inc. in the amount of \$3,340.00 for a new mower deck; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Koecher/Kelly **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 16-252 through 16-276 amounting to \$52,427.02; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2016 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed. Mr. Alt gave the zoning administrator's report and stated he is working on two junk vehicle complaints for properties located on 150th Avenue and County Road Y. Mr. Alt informed the Board the plan commission is considering amendments to the sign regulations in the zoning ordinance and are working with legal counsel on a re-write of the Town's Race Track Ordinance. Mr. Alt informed the Board a special exception application is in the process for next month's plan commission meeting. Supervisor Behning stated he has received complaints regarding junk accumulating around Anderson Recycling located on US Highway 8 and boats, trailers and vehicles accumulating around the Habitat for Humanity Restore located on US Highway 8. Mr. Alt will follow up on these issues. Ms. Krueger handed out Mr. Price's building inspection report for review. No supervisor reports were given. Chairman Beistle reminded the Board of the upcoming Bakke Norman Municipal Law Seminar being held at the WITC New Richmond Campus on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. and the upcoming WTA Polk County Unit Meeting also being held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center. Chairman Beistle stated he had received a dog complaint from residents on 150th Avenue and has contacted the Town's animal humane officer Darel Hall to look into.

New Business: Mr. Miller made a request to waive the parkland dedication fee for the Deer Lake Conservancy's recent minor subdivision. Legal counsel stated the Town ordinance does not outline a process for waiving fees and recommended the Town Board not waive the fee. Discussion was had. Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to not waive the park land dedication fee for the Deer Lake Conservancy; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. A resolution setting the date for the 2017 budget hearing and calling a special town meeting of the electors was

reviewed. Behning/Dorsey **moved** to approve Resolution 16-31 setting the 2017 budget hearing for Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. and calling a special town meeting of the electors to be held on November 16, 2016, following the 2017 budget hearing to approve the 2016 town tax levy; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 16-31

A RESOLUTION TO SET DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS AND TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 65.90 requires a public hearing on the annual budget for a Town; and WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes requires the calling of a special Town meeting to approve and adopt the tax levy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 65.90 calls a public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget for the Town of St. Croix Falls in Polk County to be held on 16th day of November, 2016, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls Calls pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 60.12(1)(c) a special town meeting of the electors on 16th day of November, 2016, to begin immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2017 Budget, for the following purposes;

1. To approve the 2016 town tax levy to be collected in 2017 pursuant to 60.10(1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

The clerk presented a request for an operator license in the Town for the year ending June 30, 2017. Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to adopt Resolution 16-32 approving an additional operator license for the year ending June 30, 2016; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 16-32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

WHEREAS the individual listed below has made application to the Town Clerk requesting an operator's license pursuant to Sections 125.32(2) and 125.68(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the year ending June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS the application appears to be complete and the required fee has been paid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls does approve and grant a operator's license to:

Wakefield, Sommer Rose 1962 100th Street, Balsam Lake, WI 54810, 2017-58

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue the licenses as the case may be.

A resolution for the Town's participation into the Wisconsin Retirement System was reviewed. Kelly/Dorsey **moved** to adopt Resolution 16-33 for the Town's inclusion under the Wisconsin Retirement System; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 16-33

A RESOLUTION OF INCLUSION UNDER THE WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

RESOLVED, by the of the Town of St. Croix Falls that pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 40.21 and 40.22 that the above named entity does hereby determine to be included under the Wisconsin Retirement System for participation on the effective date of January 1, 2017. This resolution, when filed, is irrevocable after the November 15 preceding the effective date.

The above named entity resolves to participate in the WRS for all current and future eligible employees, per Wis. Stat. §40.21 (1), on the effective date and will recognize _____% of prior creditable service. Number of eligible employees: _____. The above named entity resolves to exclude its employees of a public utility under Wis. Stat. §196.01 (5) from participation per Wis. Stat. §40.21 (7) (b).

X The above named entity resolves to participate in the WRS only for eligible employees hired on or after the effective date of this resolution, per Wis. Stat. §40.21 (7). The above named entity will provide a one-time offer to current employees, per Wis. Stat. §40.21 (7) (c), to either elect or waive participation in the WRS on the effective date of this resolution and will recognize 0% of prior creditable service. Number of current, eligible employees: 3.

NA The above named entity resolves to exclude its employees of a public utility under Wis. Stat. §196.01 (5) from participation per Wis. Stat. §40.21 (7) (b).

No closing public comment was had.

The chairman read the call for executive session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (e) to discuss

potential purchase of public property and per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) for an employee performance review. Behning/Kelly **moved** to recess open session and convene in closed session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) and (e) for an employee performance review and to discuss potential purchase of public property; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0 and the meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m.

The Town Board reconvened in open session at 8:55 p.m. with the Board members and legal counsel being present.

The Chair announced no action was taken regarding the purchase of public property and that a salary adjustment was approved for a town employee.

There being no further business, Dorsey/Behning **moved** to adjourn; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk
And Sharon, Kelly, Town Board Supervisor