

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, February 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Vice Chairman Frank Behning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the Town Hall and on the Town's website on February 10, 2017. Present by roll call were Vice Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors 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 in attendance were Dan Tolan, David Danielson and Ken Coutier. Chairman James Beistle was absent. Kelly/Koecher **moved** to adopt the agenda; **motion carried**. Kelly/Dorsey **moved** to approve the meeting minutes as printed for the January 18, 2017, town board meeting; **motion carried**.

Public comment: David Danielson and Dan Tolan, candidates running for Polk County Circuit Court Judge Branch 1 introduced themselves and encouraged everyone to vote at the Spring Primary being held on February 21, 2017.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Ms. Spiess presented the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending January 31, 2017, amounted to \$993,265.08; cash balance on January 31, 2017, was \$1,311,483.06. Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Hein gave the highway report. Mr. Hein stated he replaced the pump on the dump truck sander; picked up the mower deck and purchased new blades for the mower. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 17-023 through 17-045 amounting to \$24,366.44; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0. The 2017 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed. Mr. Alt gave the zoning administrator's report. Mr. Alt stated he is currently working on two special exceptions and a minor subdivision for the next plan commission meeting. The plan commission held public hearings on the newly drafted racetrack ordinance and zoning ordinance amendments at their February meeting. These ordinances were forwarded to the town board and are on the tonight's agenda. Mr. Alt informed the town board that plan commission member Lee Dombrock gave his resignation verbally and has not attended the last five plan commission meetings leaving the plan commission down a member. There was no building permit, supervisor or chairman reports.

New Business: Mr. Alt presented a special exception request to hold a festival at the St. Croix Valley Racetrack in the agricultural district on parcel 044-00343-0100 located at 2014 160th Avenue. Kelly/Koecher **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-04 approving the special exception to hold a festival on parcel 044-00343-0100; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-04

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
TO RICK MASTELL TO HOLD A
FESTIVAL IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS Rick Mastell, owner, filed an application with the Town of St. Croix Falls Zoning Office to hold a Festival at 2014 160th Avenue, located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 15, T34N, R18W, and identified as Tax Parcel No. 044-00343-0100, and

WHEREAS Chapter III, Section C, 2. Agricultural District, f. (1) requires a special exception for any use not listed in the permitted uses; and

WHEREAS Chapter I, Section 4 requires the Town Plan Commission hold a public hearing and make recommendation to the Town Board, and

WHEREAS the Plan Commission did conduct a public hearing on the matter and did recommend approval on February 8, 2017, to allow a festival with conditions in the NE ¼ of Section 15;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby concur with the Town Plan Commission to grant a special exception to Rick Mastell to hold a festival at 2014 160th Avenue, located in the NE ¼ Section 15, T34N, R18W, and identified as tax parcel No. 044-00343-0100 with the following conditions:

1. A detailed site plan showing expected amount of vehicles and parking layout is submitted for Town Board review and approval before special exception is granted;

2. The proposed use is limited to two consecutive days in 2017, to be designated prior to Town Board approval of the special exception;
3. Fireworks may not be displayed without a permit from the Town Board, approved at a regularly scheduled town board meeting before the dates of the festival;
4. The festival is contingent on the fire danger being low or moderate in the affected areas as designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the days of the festival;
5. All regulations required by other governmental agencies shall be adhered to;
6. Property owner or event organizers are solely responsible for all costs of the event, including but not limited to, fire suppression and contracting of law enforcement;
7. The Town shall be provided with a certificate of insurance for a minimum of one million dollars per occurrence general liability as outlined in their information, and the Town of St. Croix Falls is named as an additional insured. Any insurance needed for the fireworks permit shall be separate from this certificate, and this certificate must be received no less than two (2) weeks before the event; and
8. The clerk shall not issue the permit for the event until the local fire department agrees to the site in writing and the event organizers provide a written list of conditions that would necessitate cancellation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception is conditioned on the applicants obtaining the necessary and required permits, if any, from Polk County; various agencies of the State of Wisconsin; and various agencies of the Federal Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception must be exercised by application for the necessary permits within twelve (12) months of the date of this Resolution.

The Fire Inspection Cooperation Ordinance was reviewed and the first reading was had. The ordinance for Regulation of Motor Vehicle Races & Other Motor Vehicle Performance Events for Entertainment Purposes was reviewed. A memo presented at the public hearing from Attorney Brian Nodolf on behalf of Dancing Dragonfly Winery with suggested revisions for the Motor Vehicle Races & Other Motor Vehicle Performance Events for Entertainment Purposes was reviewed. The first reading was had. The amended Zoning Ordinance was reviewed and the first reading was had. The clerk presented three operator license applications for year ending June 30, 2017. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-05 approving additional operator licenses for the year ending June 30, 2017; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-05

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

WHEREAS the individuals listed below have made application to the Town Clerk requesting a operator licenses pursuant to Sections 125.32(2) and 125.68(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the year ending June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS the applications appear 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:

Buffington, Carrie Ann 810 Oregon Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, 2017-63

Despiegelare, Matthew Phillip 324 Polk Parkway, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, 2017-64

Mitchell, Paul Lans 1627 160th Street, Centuria, WI 54824, 2017-65

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

The clerk presented the 2016 Financial Statement. Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to approve the 2016 Financial Statement for the Town; **motion carried**. The clerk presented the Lake Services Unlimited 2017 lawn maintenance proposal. Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to approve 2017 lawn maintenance from Lake Services Unlimited in the amount of \$60.00 per mowing; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0. Supervisor Dorsey explained that the fire chief for the St. Croix Falls Fire Department needed to have on record an "Oath of Office" for each municipality the fire department serves. Vice Chairman Behning gave the Oath of Office to Mike Dorsey, Fire Chief for the St. Croix Falls Fire Department.

No closing public comment was had.

There being no further business, Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to adjourn; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk

