

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014
Held at the Alden Town Hall, Star Prairie, WI
7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Helen Johnson called the regular monthly board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Barry Ausen, Gary Dado, Helen Johnson and Keith Karpenski – Town Board Supervisors, Judy Demulling, Clerk and Margo Dahl, Treasurer.

ABSENT: Brad Johnson – Chairman

AGENDA: **Motion was made by Supervisor Ausen, second by Supervisor Dado, to approve adoption of the agenda.** Motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS: The monthly bills were presented to Town Board. **Motion was made by Supervisor Dado, second by Supervisor Karpenski to approve payment of the bills listed.** Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented to the Town Board. **Motion was made by Supervisor Karpenski, second by Supervisor Ausen to approve the treasurer's report as presented.** Motion carried.

MINUTES: **Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Dado to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting and minutes of November 25, 2014 Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Alden residents; Tom Fleming and Pat Rivard had concerns about noisy hound dogs. Board members suggested they contact the animal warden, phone number was provided for them.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Rusty Tuttle – Damage to Auto's Update – **Motion was made by Supervisor Karpenski, second by Supervisor Johnson that we deny request for payment to vehicle damages.** Motion carried.
- b. Adopt 2015 Budget – **Motion was made by Supervisor Dado, second by Supervisor Ausen to approve the adopted 2015 Budget.** Motion carried.
- c. Impact Fee Schedule – Treasurer, Margo Dahl gave a printed update information sheet to the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to Authorize We-Energies Business Rights of Natural Gas – We-Energies received 8 or 9 applications for natural gas in the Town of Alden. After comments and discussion, **Motion was made by Supervisor Ausen, second by Supervisor Dado to table until next month.** Motion carried.

- b. Set Date of Town Caucus – **Motion by Supervisor Ausen, second by Supervisor Karpenski to set the Town Caucus date for January 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** Motion carried.

- c. Review Town Employee Wages

Town Board may consider entering into closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c): considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Town Board may consider taking a consensus to return to open session following the closed session to formally dispose of any issues in said closed session.

Motion was made by Supervisor Karpenski, second by Supervisor Dado to go into closed session. Motion carried. Open Session **Motion was made by Supervisor Dado, second by Supervisor Ausen to give full time employees .45 cents an hour increase effective January 1, 2015.** Motion carried.

STATUTORY PLAN COMMISSION – DID NOT MEET

ROAD WORK ISSUES

- a. Resolution to Approve Maintenance of Salt/Sand Shed with Polk County – **Motion was made by Supervisor Dado, second by Supervisor Karpenski to approve Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Usage of Salt/Sand Shed.** Motion carried.
- b. Advertise of Bidding to Pave the south Portion of 180th Street – Use of Impact Fees – **Motion was made by Supervisor Ausen, second by Supervisor Dado to authorize paving bid advertisement for paving the south portion of 180th Street.** Motion carried.
- c. Possible Truck Purchase – **Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Ausen to approve purchase of a 2015 Mack Granite truck as presented with a cost not more than \$155,000.00.** Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: We-Energies Natural Gas

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion was made by Supervisor Dado, second by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn.** Motion carried. 8:55 p.m.

TO BE APPROVED AT THE January 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Submitted by

Judy Demulling
Town Clerk