

TOWN OF ALDEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2003
Held at the Alden Town Hall, Star Prairie, WI

Chairman Brad Johnson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Brad Johnson - Town Board Chairman, Jerome Anderson and Helen Johnson - Town Board Supervisors, Judy Demulling - Town Clerk and Margo Dahl - Treasurer

AGENDA: **Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson to approve adoption of the agenda as presented.** Motion carried.

MINUTES: **Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2002 regular town board meeting.** Motion carried.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES: **Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson to approve the December 30, 2002 board of supervisor's minutes.** Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. East Side of Lower Pine Lake Road - Supervisor Johnson reported on her conversations with a retired attorney from the DNR, Rick Stadelman - Wisconsin Towns Attorney, and Daniel Byrnes - Attorney. Supervisor Johnson asked Daniel Byrnes to call Rick Stadelman to discuss whether it is a "Private or Public Easement". No action was taken, will be put on next month's agenda.
2. Approval of Bids for cabinets - Clerk Demulling presented two bids, one from Richard Johnson, Osceola, and Brian Mondor, Amery. **Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson to approve the bid from Brian Mondor to build the cabinets for the town hall.** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Private Road Work - Chairman Johnson wanted it noted in the minutes that there is no statutory authority that would allow a town or county to perform roadwork on private roads and driveways. There is specific statutory authority that allows municipalities to contract for snow removal from private roads and driveways. (See attachment.)
2. Discuss Town Attorney - Chairman Johnson brought up for the board to discuss hiring an attorney for the town. Several attorney names were given to the board for consideration. Supervisor Johnson suggested that they meet with two or three attorneys. Chairman Johnson will contact the attorneys and set up a date to meet with them.
3. Statutory Planning Commission
 - Gary Dado presented the committee's report.
 - Talked about the screening process and protocol.
 - Next meeting January 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

ROADWORK ISSUES - PUBLIC WORKS: Following items were reported on:

- Discussed this years road projects:
 1. Paving 20th Avenue from 125th St. to 135th St.
 2. Paving West Church Road from 190th St. to 200th St.
 3. Paving 13th Avenue from 192nd St. to County Road M
 4. Painting of Centerline on 185th Street
 5. Sawing Control joints on 185th Street

APPROVE BILLS: The monthly bills were presented to the Town Board.

Voice Motion by Supervisor Anderson, second by Supervisor Johnson to approve payment of the bills listed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure Margo Dahl read the Treasurer's report.

Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson to approve treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Brad Johnson reported on the following items:

- Working with George Palo on the Salt/Sand Shed. Need to have a conversation with Wayne Lee about the three (3) acres next to the town garage.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Jerome Anderson reported on the following items:

- Met with the finance committee for the new fire hall in Amery.
- Also attended the Amery Ambulance meeting.
- Signed the contract from the DNR to take care of the beaver problems in Alden.

Helen Johnson reported on the following items:

- Animal Warden for the Town of Alden
- Discussed the water problem running on 180th Street with the DNR.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Asked who would be attending the Wisconsin Town's Association meeting in Cumberland on March 2003. All board members will be attending.
- Earl Mork asked about putting the portable bathroom back at the Big Lake Board Landing. Supervisor Johnson will look into this matter further.
- Read apology letter from the Osceola Sun about the information printed in the January 8th issue.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alden Town Hall.

The Caucus will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2003, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: **Voice Motion by Supervisor Anderson, second by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn.** Motion carried.

Submitted by
Town Clerk

Judy Demulling