

**TOWN OF ALDEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003
Held at the Alden Town Hall, Star Prairie, WI**

Chairman Brad Johnson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 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 amended.** Motion carried.

MINUTES: **Voice Motion by Supervisor Anderson, second by Supervisor Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2003 regular town board meeting.** Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Polk County Tourism Council would like the Town of Alden to make a donation to the celebration of 150 years. Helen Johnson will get more information to bring before the board. Will be put on next month's agenda.

Resident Larry Jensen asked if weight restrictions would be put on town roads. Chairman Johnson responded that the Town of Alden follows Polk County Highway road restrictions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. East Side of Lower Pine Lake Road - Supervisor Johnson reported that Attorney Brian Byrnes would be taking over for his father. Alden Town Board has met with Brian and discussed condemnation process. No action was taken, will be put on next month's agenda.
2. Review agreement Salt-Sand Shed – Chairman Johnson received a letter from George Palo confirming their commitment regarding the joint use of the salt shed. Polk County Highway Department will contribute 50% of the prep and construction cost for the shed. (See attached letter). Bids will be opened on April 10, 2003 at the Alden Town Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Town Attorney – Town Board discussed their interviews with Attorneys Gwen Kuchevar, Tim Scott and Tim Laux. **Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Anderson to hire Gwen Kirchiva on an as needed basis and to be reviewed at the end of the first year.** Motion carried.
2. Statutory Planning Commission
 - Gary Dado presented the committee's report.
 - Reported that the Plan Commission held two public meetings.
 - Sent out mailings to residents in Exclusive Agricultural Zoning asking their preference to remain in, or be removed from Exclusive Agricultural Zoning. Gary Spaniel will be attending our meeting on March 20, 2003 to discuss our options in proceeding with this project.
 - Steve Young – Approval of 40-acre development – Steve Young presented to the Town Board his preliminary proposal plan for developing eight lots of five acres or more. Steve

agreed to build his road to the same standards as his previous road and cul de sac. When the construction is monitored and reviewed the intent is for the town to accept it as a town road. **Voice Motion by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve Steve Young's proposal of the 40-acre development.** Motion carried.

- 2010 Planning Grant – **Voice Motion by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to proceed with a number of governmental units going together to apply for a 2010 Comprehensive Planning Grant.** Motion carried. Chairman Johnson will draft a letter to be sent to Gene Sollman stating our interest.

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

- Inspection of town roads – no action taken
- Jeff and Pete will be attending the mandatory mine safety and first aid training meeting to held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Voice Motion by Supervisor Johnson, second by Supervisor Anderson 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 the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Brad Johnson reported on the following items:

- Read the Cedar Lake Community Center financial report.
- Informed the board about the Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Conference that will be held at the Das Lach Haus in Cumberland on April 3, 2003
- Also informed the board about the 2003 Town Officials Workshop for new and continuing officials.
- Polk County Land Use Hearing will be held on March 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Court House.
- Elections for two seats on the Plan Commission are open. Judy will put add in newspaper.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Jerome Anderson reported on the following items:

- Sander on Pete's truck fell apart, a new sander was purchased.
- Map display in town hall fell apart. Suggested that a new one be purchased.

Helen Johnson reported on the following item:

- Attended the 2003 WTA Basic Four (4) Seminar in Menomonie on March 3, 2003

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 17, 2003 at the Alden Town Hall.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alden Town Hall.

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

Submitted by
Town Clerk

Judy Demulling