

# TOWN OF HARTLAND MONTHLY MEETING

## JULY 13, 2010

### TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

- CHAIRMAN ROBERT WOLDT
- CLERK ROY BRODHAGEN
- TREASURER JENNY MITCHELL
- SUPERVISOR FRANK HELLER
- SUPERVISOR JAY TESCHKE

### MEETING ATTENDEES:

Bill Dittman  
Melinda Barlow  
Harold Westphal  
Marlin Noffke  
Dan Brokiewicz  
Bob Kuczer  
Herb Tauchen  
Dale Druckrey  
Kevin Watermolen

### CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly town board meeting of the Town of Hartland held on Tuesday, JULY 13, 2010 was called to order by the Town Chairman, Robert Woldt at 7 pm in the Town of Hartland town hall.

### MEETING NOTICES:

Chairman verified that proper postings had been done at the Shawano Leader, Town Hall, corners of N. Highline / Townline Road and S. Highline / E. Slab City Road

### MINUTES:

Clerk read minutes from the June monthly meeting. Frank Heller made motion to approve minutes and Jay Teschke seconded.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

#### Payment of Bills:

Jay Teschke made a motion to approve payment of accounts, check numbers 8329-44 totaling \$149,927.54. Frank Heller seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### Financial Report:

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| • July Income         | \$39,015.48   |
| • July Expenses       | \$149, 927.54 |
| • End of July Balance | \$125,742.22  |

### ZONING

Melinda Barlow from the Shawano County Planning & Development Office was present and gave a brief update on the new county zoning code revisions and the county farmland preservation plan under the WI Working Lands Initiative Program. She stated her office is still in the process of re-writing the county zoning code. Barlow also stated that her office doesn't know where Hartland wants to go with current comprehensive

plan because of the agricultural mapping and lack of a clear definition of “ag use” by the town in the smart growth plan.

Discussion was then held regarding land in Prime Ag. Barlow stated that if the town wanted to amend the current comprehensive plan, a mass rezone of land out of prime ag could occur at that time for residents wishing to remove their land from the program. The county needs to update the farmland preservation map by 2013 per DATCP requirements. However, the town needs to have a sound basis or rationale as to why different classifications of ag use are assigned on the map. For example, they need to correlate with soil types, highway corridors, etc. and not subjective planning. Barlow also stated that the old 35 acre minimum lot size requirement for construction of a residence is changing to 20 acres and no longer will carry the farm income requirement.

Next, Harold discussed the ongoing sign issue with “The Stable Restaurant”. Harold and Roy both inquired as to the questionable enforcement action the county has chosen to follow in its history of “cherry-picking” what things it will enforce and what things it will overlook. Questions were raised as to why Milo Bontrager received a sign removal order in a matter of days after reconstructing his sign whereas Docs Harley Davidson has had an illegal sign painted on a box van on HWY 29 for over 3 months and still has not received a sign removal order. Barlow could not produce a valid explanation for any of these questions. She did however state that she could write a staff report in support of a variance to allow Bontrager to keep his sign. Roy recommended that in light of the past issues the town has had with her department, this would be a good effort on their part to work towards common resolution on the issue.

Some further discussion was held on differing ag use designations and also the pros & cons of getting out of county zoning. In summary, the first priority is for the town to review and update the current comprehensive plan.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Barlow gave some background on the county’s efforts to prepare a grant for a bike and pedestrian trail system.

Bob Kuczer would like to log the town landfill site. Kuczer will try to roughly locate property lines and give the board an estimate on the value of timber. The board can then determine if the cost of obtaining a certified survey is warranted or if the timber should just stand.

Bob Woldt issued a reminder of bid opening for the Townline Road project on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

After no further business was presented, motion was made by Frank Heller and seconded by Jay Teschke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.