

# TOWN OF HARTLAND MONTHLY MEETING

## JUNE 14, 2011

### TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

### MEETING ATTENDEES:

Kevin Watermelon  
Bill Rittman  
Marlin Muffle  
Tom Roehl

Numerous residents opposed to Schmidt's Ponderosa manure pit on South Highline Road

### CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly town board meeting of the Town of Hartland held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 was called to order by the Town Chairman, Robert Woldt at 7:00 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. The Shawano Leader had again failed to post meeting notification.

### MINUTES:

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

#### Payment of Bills:

Frank Heller made a motion to approve payment of accounts, check numbers 8493-8503 totaling \$13,380.38. Jay Teschke seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### Financial Report:

June Income	\$1975.06
June Expenses	\$60,435.06
End of June Balance	\$78,946.39

### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report for this month.

### FIRE COMMISSION REPORT

No report for this month.

### SCHMIDT'S PONDEROSA MANURE PIT SITING ISSUE

Jim Liesner presented a background of events leading up to the current contentious issue of the construction of a new manure pit by Schmidt's Ponderosa on South Highline Road. Liesner stated that the engineering company, Roach & Associates, had provided an informational meeting regarding the construction of a manure storage facility. Meeting attendees were informed that Schmidt's opted to construct one pit for the purpose of collecting both the silage leachate from the silage bunkers on South Highline Road and also the manure generated from the main farm versus having two separate pits. The WI DNR is requiring construction of a silage leachate collection pit for Schmidt's Ponderosa within six months, which is the rationale being used for the location of the new manure pit. However, questions were raised over the efficiency of pumping liquid manure  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile up hill from the cattle barns to the pit versus building a new manure pit by the cattle barns and pumping the substantially smaller volume of silage leachate to this pit instead. This led to the discussion of why the manure pit is being built on South Highline instead of on the home farm, which is for where the original siting permits were issued. Concerns were brought up by town residents regarding the safety of

mixing silage leachate with liquid manure in terms of the potential generation of poisonous gases. Nobody present was able to ascertain whether the DNR is aware of Schmidt's intent to combine the 2 pits into a single collection facility. Comments were also made regarding the fact that the pit being constructed isn't be built to allow for future animal unit expansion.

Liesner had researched all recent permits that had been issued for Schmidt's Ponderosa, of which he proceeded to provide copies to the town board. Liesner noted that although John Roach had insisted that Schmidt's had all necessary permits to begin construction of the manure pit, the Shawano County Planning & Zoning Department stated that Schmidt's do not currently have all necessary permits to construct the manure pit in question in the location that they have begun construction. In addition, Schmidt's need permission from the Town of Hartland to burrow under South Highline Road as well as within the town right-of-way.

As discussion was held on the issue, concerned neighbors came to a general consensus that they would like to see a cease to all digging operations until all concerns of the neighbors are adequately addressed. Even more importantly, Marlin Noffke brought to the attention of the board the fact that the Town of Hartland adopted a manure collection/storage facility siting ordinance was adopted in 2000 and that Schmidt's Ponderosa needs to apply for and be granted a permit on the local (town) level before the pit in question can be constructed. Supervisor Frank Heller made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jay Teschke instructing Clerk Roy Brodhagen to draft a memo of correspondence to the Shawano County Planning & Zoning Department summarizing the discussions and town board conclusions of this issue.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Jay to grant a driveway permit for Scott Schara.

In light of the Schmidt's Ponderosa manure pit issue, the 6-15 Plan Commission meeting was postponed to a future date to be rescheduled at the July monthly meeting.

A presentation was made by the Shawano County Aquatic Invasive Species Management Coordinator regarding the 3 year program funded by the WI DNR to create a management plan for aquatic invasive species in Shawano County. White Lake will be one of the lakes undergoing an aquatic vegetation survey.

Frank made a motion, seconded by Jay, to pursue clean up of the Van Vleet property east of Bonduel. Jenny Mitchell will determine who the current property owner is, and they will subsequently be sent a certified letter directing the clean up.

Frank made a motion, seconded by Jay, to approve liquor license application renewals for The Morgue and Timeline Saloon & BBQ.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Jay to approve resolution 2011-1 to keep the Town of Hartland at "zero" wards for election purposes.

Jay made a motion, seconded by Frank, to approve a variance for Randy Genke to construct a pole building on his property.

#### **ROADS**

Ditch clean outs are necessary in 2 locations:

- Property owned by Paul Schmidt where clay was dumped in the ditch
- Property owned by Henry Goebel where a culvert has been blocked

An attorney will be contacted if necessary to ensure these issues are resolved.

Decaster contacted Bob regarding a cross-pipe on Twin Creeks Road because he believes the water level on the east side of the road is higher than the west, thereby unnecessarily flooding his property. Frank made a motion, seconded by Jay, to get it surveyed and see if it would be feasible to install a culvert to correct the situation.

Jay made a motion, seconded by Frank to approve Al's Excavating for the shouldering of Townline Road. Bids were as follows: