

TOWN OF HARTLAND MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 12, 2011

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Kevin Watermelon

Bill Dittman

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, July 12, 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 June 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 8527-8544 totaling \$116,908.75. Jay Teschke seconded the motion, motion carried.

Financial Report:

July Income	\$40,129.42
July Expenses	\$116,908.75
End of July Balance	\$105,531.91

APPOINTED INTERIM SUPERVISOR

Bob Woldt made a motion, seconded by Jay Teschke, to appoint Roy Brodhagen as interim supervisor for this meeting in the absence of Frank Heller.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No report for this month.

FIRE COMMISSION REPORT

No report for this month.

SCHMIDT PONDEROSA MANURE PIT ISSUE

John Roach from Roach & Associates, an engineering firm work for Schmidt's Ponderosa LLC, introduced himself and stated that he was prepared to answer any questions that the board may entertain. Tom Riehl stated that he wants to know what happens to foundry sand in the event that the manure pit in question is abandoned in the future. Roach explained the DNR regulatory process regarding procedures that would need to be taken if the pit was abandoned or in some manner ceased to be used. Riehl stressed that he thought there should be a \$2 million bond held by Schmidt's.

Bob Woldt asked Paul Schmidt why he's not enlarging the pit at home instead. Paul stated that was the original intent until the DNR required a pit for leachate collection and was also based on an analysis of road traffic and their attempt to decrease volume or truck traffic on the road resulting from hauling activities. New statutory requirements regarding

hauling manure on frozen soil played a role in this decision making process as well. Mr. Liesner countered that there is still a substantial amount of hauling that will need to occur despite moving the pit to South Highline Road. Riehl resurrected the issue of mixing leachate and manure. Schmidt responded that he's struggled with the DNR on why silage leachate collection is necessary but that the DNR won't relinquish. Several people present then commented on the odor issue.

Questions were raised as to why digging didn't stop after the all the contentious issues were brought to a head, at least until some issues were resolved before digging continued. Attorney Steve Menard explained that one major issue was that the DNR notices for public comment should have occurred but did not due to discrepancies in siting location, etc. Next, discussion was held over the parameters of the construction of the manure pit. Roach then presented the board with site plans for directional boring. Bob requested a copy of site plans from Roach and stated that he requires this to be furnished before the town makes a decision on permitting burrowing under the road. Lastly, Roach discussed the public health & safety issues surrounding combining manure and leachate. Steve Menard read a comment from an NRCS bulletin regarding poisonous gas emissions from combining silage leachate and manure. Roach countered that you will never exceed EPA thresholds of the gases in question in an open air environment, only in confined environments.

Jay made a motion to table making a decision. The attorney present for Schmidt's Ponderosa recapped that the only 2 issues the town can vote on is whether the amount of fill can be exceeded and whether the town will permit burrowing under the road. Bob then made a motion, seconded by Jay, to decline the request to exceed the amount of fill allowed by the county ordinance. Decision on burrowing under the road was tabled until a special meeting set for 7-18, at which time Roach will have more details and drawings available for the town board to review.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bob had been informed that the cost of clean-up of the Van Camp property east of the Village of Bonduel could exceed the value of the actual property. The owners of the property in question were present and stated that they are trying to work with their attorney on getting a court date set to settle some land issues, after the conclusion of which they will proceed to clean up the property.

Bob is waiting on the state to determine who is responsible for putting road signs back up that were taken down during the Hwy 47 construction.

Jay said that Ross Berkahn called and wanted to know what the status of the ditch clean up is at. Matt Maroszek wanted to know the details of the project(s) and to what extent the town wanted to go to get the job(s) done properly. Jay made a motion, seconded by Roy, to clean out all areas in question.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business was presented, motion was made by Roy and seconded by Jay to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.