

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023

Chairperson Stan Hauser called the Town Board Meeting to order on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Onalaska, Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Street. Present was Chairperson Hauser, and Supervisors Dave Balduzzi, Frank Fogel and Jerry Monti. Mary Rinehart was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to **approve agenda** Monti/Fogel passed unanimously.

**The posting to fill the open Supervisor Seat was read. Letters of interest/application to fill vacant board position candidates was reviewed.** Candidates introduced themselves to the board and public in attendance. Emy Monroe, McCurdy Road and Tim Reagle, Sun Valley.

**Discussion to select candidate to fill vacant Supervisor 2 position on Town Board for the remainder of the current term ending April 2025.** Chairperson Hauser called a vote between the candidates. Decision for Reagles 5/0. Fogel thanked both candidates for applying. Hauser invited Monroe to consider the serving on a committee which has a current opening.

**Reagles was administered Oath of Office by Rinehart.** Reagles was seated at the board table.

**Public Comment:** Paula Przywojski, Oakwood Circle (Ordinance Committee Member) addressed the board regarding content of the County ATV/UTV Ordinance update and commented on SS 23.33 as it relates to the possible opening of roadways within the Town of Onalaska.

Email from Marc and Sue Schultz, County Road ZB requesting the board table the ATV/UTV ordinance was read.

Robin Schimdt, County Road ZB, requested the board to table the ATV/UTV ordinance decision.

Email regarding proposed ordinances discussed at committee level and in support of ATV/UTV use on roadways within the Town, from Ben Williams, Fox St, was read.

Kevin Morgenthaler, Lake Forest Drive, spoke in support of opening of roadways within the Town and west of Highway 35 including the Brice Prairie, Midway and County Road XX areas.

Email from Betty DeBoer County Road ZB, in opposition to opening of roadway to ATV/UTV's was read.

Beverly Brady, County Road XX spoke in opposition to the opening of roadways in the Town.

Anna Frazier, Sunset Drive, addressed speed limits and speeding within Sandy Knolls subdivision and concerns for children walking to school citing a change in school district transportation policy.

Jenna Houdek, Sunset Drive, addressed (via Zoom) speed limits and speeding within Sandy Knolls subdivision and concerns for children walking to school citing a change in school district transportation policy.

Email from Kallee Breuer, Moos Road, regarding to concerns related to dogs within the Moos Road neighborhood was read.

Amanda Maier, Mulder Lane, spoke in favor of ATV/UTV usage on roadways.

Heather Church, Sunset Drive, spoke about speeding in the Sandy Knolls subdivision advising she is afraid to walk within the neighborhood due to the traffic speeds coming out of the rear of the neighborhood school.

**Correspondence:** Chairperson Hauser reported he will be attending the LAPC meeting Thursday. Letter of resignation from Sandy Thompson. Towns Association fall workshop for town officials is next week. Additional election workers are still needed for next term.

**County Board Report:** None

**Town Chairperson and Administrative reports:** Hauser reported he had conversation regarding an obsolete inoperable fire hydrant on Sugar Lane and will have the crew remove it to avoid possible confusion. Rinehart reported 2023 road maintenance reporting to DOT has been completed. Hauser advised he will be doing the WISLR updates himself this year.

**Consent Agenda: (All items listed are considered routine or have committee recommendation and will be acted upon in one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered on the Regular Agenda). Approve minutes A. August 8, 2023 meeting, B. Approve bills and finance book, C. Approve Town of Onalaska Resolution 2023-09-12 addition of a second polling place for voting within the Town of Onalaska, D. Approve cooperative recycle agreement:** Motion by Balduzzi/Monti to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda Items**

#### **Items Relating to Ordinance Committee**

**Discussion relating to Ordinance Committee recommendation relating to ATV/UTV ordinance:** Motion by Fogel/Balduzzi to proposed ordinance back to the committee with the suggestions regarding clarification on tires, law enforcement, club formation i.e., who is in the club, what authority a club may or may not have, and household representation relating to signing of neighborhood canvas, and to wait until La Crosse County has an updated ordinance completed and in place. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Items Relating to Public Works Department**

**Shop report:** Town Lead Mark reported equipment maintenance has been completed including greasing of trucks, oiling conveyors, ditch mowing operations in underway. He indicated the department is ready to plow at the first snow fall. Rust on the frames of the trucks was brought to the attention of the board.

**Discussion regarding lift basket purchase:** No action. Harnesses and accessories will not be ordered until a lift basket is chosen.

**Discussion ordering signs to reflect updated parking ordinance:** Motion by Fogel/Monti to order no parking signs as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Items Relating to General Government**

**Discussion relating to fire fighter request for ordinance review relating to recreational fires within the Town of Onalaska:** Motion by Fogel/Reagles to refer to Ordinance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review and discussion, related to speed limits within Sandy Knolls subdivision:** Motion by Monti/Reagles to update all streets within Sandy Knolls to 15 mph and update current ordinance to reflect the change. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion regarding refurbishment of the Town Hall parking lot:** Proposals were reviewed. Motion by Fogel/Reagles to accept the Northcentral Paving proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Items Relating to Park Committee**

**Discussion regarding purchase of Gaga Ball Pit for Homestead Park:** Motion by Balduzzi/Reagles to order the Gaga pit as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion regarding borrowing approval for 2023 park upgrades in the amount of \$50,000:** Loan documents were reviewed and repayment schedule discussed. Motion by Reagles/Monti to approve and sign the documents. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation regarding short-term rentals by Balduzzi/Monti passed unanimously by roll call vote at 8:38 p.m.

**Motion to reconvene in open session** by Reagles/Fogel passed unanimously by roll call vote at 8:46 p.m. No action taken.

**Board Member Comment** on items to be added to Town Board agenda: Use of tree service for clearance of right of ways, update of auction items, scheduling of budget meetings, ordinance enforcement.

Motion by Fogel/Monti to **adjourn** passed unanimously at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rinehart

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer