

August 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Yorkville Town Board was called to order by Chairman Peter L. Hansen at 6:00 PM, August 26, 2013 in the Town Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove. Present were Chairman Hansen, Supervisors Gruhn and McMahon, Engineer Madsen, Constable O'Brien, Building Inspector DeLuca, Attorney Pruitt and the clerk-treasurer along with the newly appointed clerk-treasurer.

Minutes of the August 12th, 14th and 20th meetings were approved as printed on a motion from Supervisor McMahon, second by Supervisor Gruhn and motion carried.

Invoices in the amount of \$47,409.37 were approved for payment on a motion from Supervisor Gruhn, second by Supervisor McMahon and motion carried.

Carol Lentz, owner of 14605 Two Mile Road presented her property split request for this property while needing a 30' variance due to the lack of a total of 600' frontage on the public road which is required for the split of said lot into two separate legal lots. All conforming lots in Yorkville must have 300' of frontage along with three acre minimum according to Chairman Hansen. He told of her being able to ask for a variance to our ordinance or buying additional footage from the neighboring landowner to make her lots conforming. Attorney Pruitt reviewed the necessary items and paperwork needed to obtain a possible waiver. The Town Board and Planning Commission will hear the variance request after review by our engineer and attorney.

Whitley Farms, Inc., has a request before us for conservation practices and shoreland permit for his property along Two Mile Road with Racine County Development Services requesting conditions set by the Town of Yorkville to be included in this conservation program. Engineer Madsen has reviewed the plans and notes it will help the drainage by redoing tile line blow outs etc. Supervisor Gruhn moved to approve the shoreland contract as presented for Whitley Farms, second by Supervisor McMahon and motion carried.

Supervisor McMahon told of a resolution in support of increasing the Wis. Stat. 82.03(2) highway expenditure limit being promoted by the Wisconsin Towns Association which would increase to \$10,000 the construction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges. Currently the Town Board must go to the citizens for approval of expenditures of over \$5,000 per mile of highways. McMahon recommended that we approve this resolution which would be presented to next year's session of the state with approval to take effect in the 2015 tax year upon possible passage. Supervisor McMahon moved that we approve this resolution and support the increase in the formula to \$ 10,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the town's jurisdiction. Supervisor Gruhn seconded the motion which then carried.

We have a request from Echo Lake Foods before us for additional “no parking” signs to be placed along the 2300 block of Raymond Avenue to alleviate problems with trucks waiting to enter Echo Lakes Foods. Discussion followed as to possible placement and design of signs to be used which would be recognized by any and all drivers. Supervisor McMahan moved to have Racine County Highway Department place “No parking as well as picture signage” along Raymond Avenue near Echo Lake Foods. Supervisor Gruhn seconded the motion which carried.

Discussion followed on a possible budget amendment to allow transfers within the 2013 budget with additional coverage for shortages in salaries, office equipment and elections. Supervisor McMahan told of possibly needing a third roadside cutting which could help when snow removal is needed so therefore did not wish to eliminate a large amount from highway totals. Talk of other possible ways to cover all expenditures included using highway funds, attorney fees, office supplies, office equipment repairs, printing and publications. After discussion, Supervisor McMahan moved to approve the budget amendment allowing the transfer of funding in the amount of \$11,413 from highways, \$8,000 from attorney fees, \$3,500 from office supplies, \$1752 from office repairs and \$1,300 from printing costs for a total of \$25,965.00 fund transfer. Supervisor Gruhn seconded the motion which then carried.

Supervisor McMahan moved that the Town of Yorkville make the pay out of sick pay, vacation and final wages to the retiring clerk in the total amount of \$23,768.39 as previously discussed. Supervisor Gruhn seconded the motion which then carried.

The building inspector reports there are two new homes going up on Braun Road along with one on Walden Avenue. Various remodeling and the McLane Foods building addition are other projects being inspected by his office at the present time.

Engineer Madsen reports that 61st Drive is nearly complete and we had a substantial savings of \$60,000 on there being no need to do undercutting. There seems to be a minor dip on the one culvert but will let it sit for the winter and redo as warranty work in spring if needed. The 67th Drive project was bid late and will not start until after Labor Day.

The constable again told of the issue at 17806 Spring Street and contact with the Health Department relative to the conditions on site. O’Brien will work with Attorney Ekes to seek further ways to get a clean up here.

Sherry Gruhn was presented with a certificate for attending the Emergency Management class recently. Chairman Hansen introduced the newly hired Clerk-Treasure, Michael J. McKinney to the meeting. With no further business to come before the meeting, Supervisor McMahan moved to adjourn, second by Supervisor Gruhn and motion carried.
