

MINUTES

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN BOARD ROOM
UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017**

Call to Order

Town Board Chair Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Town Board members were present: Peter Hansen and Sherry Gruhn. Terrence McMahon was absent. Also present were Susan Rihn-Mattson, Chuck Gehrand, Rodney Austin, Steve Scheurman, Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Commission Chair Stephen Nelson, Code Enforcement Officer Terrence O'Brien, Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney and one unidentified attendee.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Gruhn, Hansen) to approve the July 10, 2017 joint Town Board/Plan Commission meeting minutes as presented, Motion Carried (MC).

Approval of Town Invoices

Motion (Gruhn, Hansen) to approve payment of Town invoices as presented in the amount of \$46,492.22, MC.

Approval of Stormwater Invoices

Hansen noted that no Stormwater invoices were presented for payment.

No formal action was taken by the Town Board on this agenda item.

New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

Combination Class B beer and liquor license premises amendment request submitted by Ray Stibeck for Route 20, 14001 Washington Avenue (STH 20)

McKinney stated that Stibeck requested that the premises description for this license be amended from bar and restaurant to match the premises description of the 2015-2016 alcohol license for this establishment, which included the restaurant, bar and grill, mezzanine, patio and parking lot areas. He added that this request was also made to allow for a Labor Day weekend outdoor music event on the property. He noted that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue recommended that a premises be accurately described on alcohol license applications to eliminate any confusion regarding where alcohol can be consumed or sold.

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to amend the combination Class B beer and liquor license premises description for Route 20, 14001 Washington Avenue (STH 20), to read “Restaurant, Bar and Grill, Mezzanine, Patio and Parking Lot”, with no conditions, MC.

Reimbursement request submitted by Lucky LaMeer, 3123 Maurice Drive, for irrigation system repairs

The Town Board discussed a claim submitted by Lucky LaMeer in the amount of \$558.02 for repairs to damaged irrigation system piping near the ditch on the recently repaved portion of Maurice Drive. The Town Board also discussed correspondence from the Town’s engineer stating that such damage is not the responsibility of the Town to repair, as it was placed within the Town’s right-of-way without the Town’s knowledge or consent. The Town Board requested that McKinney include an article in the Town’s newsletter informing homeowners that such facilities are not permitted in the Town’s right-of-way.

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to reimburse Lucky LaMeer in the amount of \$279.01 for half of the irrigation system piping repair cost and to send a letter to Lucky LaMeer making her aware that the Town will not reimburse her for such damage in the future, MC.

Applications for 2017-2018 annual Operator Licenses submitted by the following:

- Rebecca Dahlke
- James Gaastra

Motion (Gruhn, Hansen) to grant all listed 2017-2018 annual Operator licenses as presented, with no conditions, MC.

Quote for cornstalk cleanup for the East Branch of the Root River Canal at Braun Road

The Town Board discussed a quote provided by Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 for removal of cornstalks and other debris from the East Branch of the Root River Canal on the south side of Braun Road. McKinney noted that this quote does not include the cost of restoration of any damaged areas resulting from this cleanup or of disposal of the debris removed from the canal and adjacent properties. Nelson recommended that the Town only clean up the debris from within the Braun Road right-of-way. Susan Rihn-Mattson addressed the Town Board regarding the flooding on her property. She stated that more needs to be done to clean debris out of the canal and prevent debris from getting into the canal. She noted that the drainage on her property was much worse this year than in past years. She requested that the Town’s engineer visit the site to ensure that the culvert under Braun Road is sufficient for the canal’s peak flow. She stated that there also appears to be a damaged drain tile on the north side of Braun Road.

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to accept the quote as presented by Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 for debris cleanup from the East Branch of the Root River Canal at Braun Road, MC.

Reports

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: O'Brien reported to the Town Board on the following:

- That he followed up on a complaint regarding uncontrolled thistle growth on the property located at 915 51st Drive
- That he followed up on a complaint regarding miscellaneous items being disposed of outside on the property located at 19116 Spring Street (CTH C)

Engineer's Report: The Engineer was not present to provide his report to the Town Board.

Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Report: Nelson noted that weed spraying along the East Branch of the Root River Canal will begin once the ground dries out from the recent rains.

Clerk's Report: McKinney reported to the Town Board on the following:

- That the Central Racine County Health Department provided the Town with free well testing kits for residents to test their wells after the recent heavy rains
- That a secondary access driveway is being installed to the property located at 2209 South Colony Avenue (USH 45) due to the USH 45 reconstruction project

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

Hansen stated that he was contacted about installing speed limit signs on Walden Drive and Thoreau Court. McKinney noted that he can contact the Racine County Public Works Department to request that speed limit signs be installed on these two roads. Hansen stated that he was contacted about the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit on 65th Drive. He requested that this issue be added to the agenda for the August 14 joint Town Board/Plan Commission meeting. He stated that he was also contacted about drainage issues in the ditch on the west side of Maurice Drive.

Susan Rihn-Mattson asked when a speed trailer would be placed on the west end of Braun Road, adding that she is in favor of reducing the speed limit on this road to 45 miles per hour. Rodney Austin addressed the Town Board regarding his desire to divide the property he owns at 1011 63rd Drive. Hansen stated that he is unsure whether the Town Board and Plan Commission would approve this proposal given the waivers that would be required related to lot width and depth, adding that the Town has taken a strong stance against deep lots in the past. Steve Scheurman addressed the Town Board regarding the activity taking place on the property located at 18917 Spring Street (CTH C).

Adjournment

Motion (Hansen, Gruhn) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next scheduled Town Board meeting is Monday, August 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer