

Ashippun Town Board Meeting

February 9, 2017

Chairman Steve Panozzo called the monthly Town of Ashippun board meeting to order on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Ashippun Town Hall. Pledge to the flag was recited.

Clerk Michelle Liesener verified the meeting notices were properly given and posted at the Town Hall, the Recycling Center, the Ashippun Post Office, emailed to the Watertown Daily Times, the Oconomowoc Focus, WTTN radio stations and posted on the official website of the Town of Ashippun.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Steve Panozzo, Supervisor Norman Greeb, Supervisor William Bremer, Supervisor David Adkins, and Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Liesener as being present. Absent: Supervisor James Meyer. Supervisor Bremer moved and Supervisor Greeb seconded to approve the January 12, 2017 meeting minutes. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Input: Mark Heard is concerned about the ditch along the curve on Harding Road as it is very steep and is a hazard. Judy Kehl asked what she is to do with her yard waste if the Town is no longer accepting it. Joyce Weber stated the roadside brush cutting looks bad. Kathy Heard is unhappy with the roadside brush cutting. Bill Bremer asked how much it costs. Thomas Klug asked if only marked trees/brush are being cut along the roadsides or is it all of the brush/tress in road right of way being cut.

Police Report: Chief Linzenmeyer gave the January police report. Chief Linzenmeyer gave the board a draft sex offender Ordinance to review.

Fire Department Report: Clerk Liesener read the fire department report. There were 3 fire calls and 11 EMS calls in January.

Clerk/Treasurer's report and presentation of bills. Clerk Liesener gave the Treasurer's report for January. Deposits, disbursements, and interest for the month were reported. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Adkins seconded to approve the January Treasurer's report. All in favor and motion carried. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Adkins seconded to approve the February bills to be paid. All in favor and motion carried. Discussed 4 checks.

Highway Department Report: Highway Supervisor Dan Vander Molen has nothing new to report.

Town Chairman/Supervisors Reports: Supervisor Greeb report he has been receiving calls about the brush not being accepted at the recycling center. Supervisor Adkins is still looking into increasing the broadband at the Town Hall. Supervisor Bremer would like to see Harding Road as a priority when it snows.

Unfinished Business: Discussion only on possible future road work on Harding Road. Nothing new to discuss.

New Business: Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Adkins seconded to approve a New Operators License through June 30, 2017 for Charles J. Stelter for O'Tees. All in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Greeb seconded approving a picnic beer and wine license for St Olaf's Church on March 25, 2017 for a Wine & Beer Tasting and August 13, 2017 for a Bluegrass & Sweet Corn Festival. All in favor and motion carried.

Supervisor Bremer moved and Supervisor Adkins seconded to approve a petition to rezone approximately 2 acres from A-1 to A-2 for Jacob & Kristy Zoesch at W2341 Town MM, PIN# 002-0917-0821-000. All in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Panozzo called Jacob Zoesch forward to present. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to approve a Letter of Intent for Jacob & Kristy Zoesch to split approximately 2 acres at W2341 Town MM, PIN# 002-0917-0821-000. All in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to have the Clerk apply all bridge aid money received from Dodge County in 2017 to be applied to the State Trust Fund loan as an additional lump payment. This will then in turn reduce the length of the term from 20 years to approximately 12 years. The annual payment of the loan will remain the same.

Chairman Panozzo discussed the correspondence received from Kathleen Smithyman about Wittenberger Bus Service and Harding Road. This is an issue between the home owner and the bus company. Per legal advice Chairman Panozzo received the Town is not in a position to help without opening the Town up to a liability issue.

Chairman Panozzo stated he would allow public comment during discussion on the recycling center brush, yard waste and wood being closed. Chairman Panozzo explained the reasons the Board unanimously approved closing the brush, yard waste and wood at the recycling center. Discussion took place between residents in attendance and board members.

Town Chairman/Supervisors correspondence:

Public Input: Joyce Weber asked who to contact about a road if they live on a County Road.

Announcements: Chairman Panozzo reviewed the calendar items. Primary Election on February 21, 2017 from 7am to 8 pm. Plan Commission meeting on March 2, 2017 Town Board meeting on March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Panozzo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Supervisor Adkins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Liesener