Medary Town Board – Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Medary Town Board was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Chairperson Linda Seidel. Board members present: Supervisor 1 Bob Keil, Supervisor II Michael Weibel, Treasurer Mary Hofer, and Clerk Susan Miller.

Also in attendance were the following: Duane Deml, Tom Brown, Steve Elsen and Brian Crowley.

Approval of March 8, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Bob Keil to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016, special board meeting. Second Mike Weibel.

All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

Approval of April 19, 2016 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2016, regular monthly board meeting. Second Bob Keil.

All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

Approval of April 26, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Bob Keil to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016, special board meeting. Second Mike Weibel.

All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

Proposed Repair of Stormwater Catch Basin Located at N3746 Scenic Drive – Brian Crowley

Brian Crowley has offered to repair the stormwater catch basin, with a materials estimate of \$500-600. He'd like to raise it up as well. Mike Weibel notes that he doesn't want the basin to rise above the road, as it would create a snow plowing issue, but that the repair needs to be done.

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve stormwater catch basin repair at N3746 Scenic Drive with cost of materials supplied by the Town of Medary and labor provided at no charge by Brian Crowley. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

Approval of LAPC Blufflands Protection Plan Local Share Invoice of \$800.80

The Board reviewed the bill. It will be approved with the monthly bills at the end of the session.

Estimates from Xcel Energy for Possible Installation of a Street Light on Rim of the City Rd.

Motion: Mike Weibel moves to table discussion of estimates for street light installation until the Board meets with the Conservancy. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

Purchase of Two Foreclosed Town Road Right of Way Properties

There are two parcels that run along Smith Valley and Miller Road in the name of Marie Hermann, who

is deceased. There is no one to pay the property tax bills. The County had to wait for a certain amount of years to pass before the County could foreclose on the properties for back taxes, which has now occurred. The County will now start the process to sell these parcels to the Town if we would like to purchase them.

Motion: Linda Seidel to move forward with the purchase of parcels 9-1163-101 and 9-1163-103, with the cost of these parcels to be \$222.60 and an additional \$30 recording fee for the quit claim deed, no interest and penalties, and a request for a map of the parcels from County. Second Bob Keil. All aye.

Bridge Inspection Invoice and Maintenance

The Board reviewed the bridge inspection notes and the invoice for \$366 provided by the La Crosse County Highway Department.

Motion: Linda Seidel moves to table payment for the bridge inspection until a meeting can be scheduled with William Reardon to review the documents with the Town Board. Second Mike Weibel. All aye.

Linda Seidel will try to schedule the meeting, and Mary Hofer will call to let them know the bill won't be paid until the Board has reviewed with William Reardon.

Update Quickbooks

Quickbooks requires updating every few years, and that time is now. Mary Hofer found a copy for \$188.99. She needs to update by May 31.

Motion: Mike Weibel to update Quickbooks with a limit of \$200. Second Bob Keil. All aye.

Town Banking Update

The Board reviewed banking proposals from Altra and Coulee Bank. The Board then compared them with rates and options at BMO and Park Bank, the Town's current banking institutions.

Motion: Linda Seidel to approve the use of Altra and Park Bank as our financial institutions, with the understanding that the Stonehill Drainage fund is to be kept as a segregated account. Second Bob Keil. All aye.

Town Credit Card Update

Mary Hofer suggested Altra's credit card for Town use because it appears to meet our needs. Coulee Bank offers an interest rate of 14.9% vs 9.9% at Altra. However, she pays the credit card bill in full every month, so the interest rate we have doesn't have much bearing on our choice. The Board would like the credit card in the name of Town of Medary, but if required, specific names can be used with credit limits (Tom Brown at \$1000, Susan Miller at \$1000, etc.) Overall limit would need to be at least \$2000, but we would like to keep the credit limit as low as we can to eliminate as much risk as possible.

Motion: Linda Seidel to authorize applying for a Town of Medary credit card with a limit of \$2000 with Altra Federal Credit Union. Second Bob Keil. All aye.

Road Matters

The Town of Shelby completed their brooming and sweeping for the year before we completed our road tour. Tom Brown says he can take care of Three Town Road (broom) and Baker Road (sweep). For sweeping, he will sweep and fill one dump truck and haul away. Any excess of one dump truck can be disposed of on site.

Jim Rasmusson's mailbox was knocked down during the winter and temporarily put it back up. Tom Brown said it wasn't hit by the snow plow. Tom will give him a call.

Kevin Kromke, who has been doing the roadside mowing and mechanical repair work on the Town's mower and tractor, has requested an hourly wage increase.

Citizen Concerns

Kimberley Farr called to request rental of 25-50 chairs on a weekend when the park shelter/Town Hall is rented both days. During occasions like this, the Board has determined that 25 chairs can be loaned out.

Nancy Olson (Town Hall maintenance) has offered to do the mowing at Town Hall, with or without town equipment. Rob Mattingley is currently doing the mowing. It takes Rob about 45 minutes with a 52" mower. The Board is going to have Rob continue mowing until we get the Town mower fixed. We will ask Nancy to do the trimming and edging in the meantime. When the Town lawnmower is repaired she can assume the lawn mowing duties at least around the buildings, but for now she can do the trimming and edging weekly.

Approve Monthly Bills

Motion: Bob Keil to approve and pay all monthly bills through Tuesday, May 10, 2016, with the exception of the La Crosse County Highway Department Bridge Inspection payment as presented in check detail report. Second Mike Weibel. All aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: Linda Seidel to adjourn. Second Mike Seidel. All aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Miller, Town Clerk