**Medary Town Board – Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Medary Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairperson Linda Seidel. Board members present: Supervisor II Michael Weibel, Treasurer Mary Hofer and Clerk Susan Miller. Supervisor 1 Bob Keil was excused.

Also in attendance were the following: Doug Johnson, John Young, Duane Deml, Corynn Wieland, Tom Brown and Bill Stichman.

**Approval of January 10, 2017 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**
Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017, regular monthly board meeting. Second Linda Seidel.
All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

**Approval of January 24, 2017 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes**
Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2017, plan commission meeting, with the exception of striking the second for the meeting being called to order. Second Linda Seidel.
All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

**Approval of January 24, 2017 Boundary Agreement Q&A Meeting Minutes**
Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2017, Boundary Agreement Q&A meeting, with the exception of striking the second for the meeting being called to order. Second Linda Seidel.
All aye. Said minutes were approved and placed on file.

**The Fieldhouse Presentation - Corynn**
Corynn Wieland presented their general plans for the Fieldhouse location. They are purchasing the building and intend to have a bar and grill. They’re currently figuring out what needs to be repaired and get the premises back up to code. Currently they own 4 Sisters Wine Bar & Tapas Restaurant as well as 4 Sisters Fourth Street Bar; they also do catering for weddings and parties and are looking to expand to this location. They expect about 10 weddings a year here; note that the bar and grill will not be open to the public during weddings. They are also looking at options for expandable/retractable tents for these occasions, but they’d like to have them set up on a regular basis. Weddings could have up to 300 people in attendance. The facility will have parking attendants and off-street parking. Outdoor music and wedding entertainment is also expected.

**Proposed Crestwood Addition Lot Size Question**
It appears the proposed lot frontages for the Crestwood Addition would not meet the minimum required in the Town of Medary Subdivision Ordinance (Town ordinance requires the lot size frontage to be a minimum of 100 feet, and it looks like Crestwood is going to fall short of it because of the road layout and topography of the area). Mike Weibel suggests they meet the county’s minimum requirements for approval.

**Pierce Road Snow Plowing**
Tom Brown said he can plow Pierce Road if need be in the future; the Town of Hamilton is currently plowing it until something is decided. They will be plowing near there anyway, as will we along with the City of Onalaska. Mike Weibel would like the three municipalities to get together in the spring and come up with a plan for plowing this road.

**Dog Limit Ordinance**
The Town was notified about a complaint in the Meadow Wood addition regarding a family that has three dogs. Our dog ordinance states two dogs are allowed per household. The complaint said that the Coulee Region Humane Society couldn’t issue a citation because all three dogs were licensed, but it appears none of the dogs were actually licensed. Mary Hofer was trained that if someone moves into Medary with three dogs, they are allowed to keep the third dog but cannot replace it. In this case, Hofer said none of the three dogs were licensed by her in 2016.

The issue with the Town’s dog limit ordinance comes down to enforcement: who is enforcing it, penalties for non-compliance, etc. There are also ways people can get around the dog limit that we cannot catch.

La Crosse County does not have an ordinance regarding dog limits. Each municipality sets their own dog limit.

The Board will respond to County that the three dogs haven’t been licensed in 2017, and that Hofer has never licensed three dogs for that particular owner.

Linda Seidel suggests that the Plan Commission review our ordinance, which dates back to 1969, and see if anything needs to be done to update, repeal or set guidance on what to do when someone moves in with three dogs.

**Registration for Towns Association District Meeting**
The Wisconsin Towns Association district meetings is coming up on March 24 in Tomah for Town Board members.

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve registration for up to four people to attend the Wisconsin Towns Association District Meeting in Tomah. Second Linda Seidel.
All aye.

**Road Matters**

1. There was a complaint regarding a mailbox being knocked over by the snow plow. Tom Brown mentioned it would be helpful if that mailbox was moved back. He will talk to the owner about doing that, mentioning that he spoke with the Board about it at this meeting.
2. Water runs down from the cul-de-sac on Sun Valley Road and freezes every night. Tom has been sanding it every day to take care of the problem, but he wonders if there is anything that can be done about the road. It has been like that ever since it was built.

**Citizen Concerns**

1. It was mentioned that we should consider putting up a sign near the sand pile that says “Medary residents only,” as someone was seen taking a whole truckload of sand out of Medary.
2. It was mentioned that it might also be helpful to put a “trees only” sign up on the Christmas tree dumpster next year (so that no furniture, etc., is thrown in as it was this year).
3. Linda Seidel received a question about chickens and if we have a chicken ordinance. We have no chicken ordinance, but Mike Weibel says that’s a question for County Zoning, regarding agricultural zoning. Chickens aren’t allowed in subdivisions or areas that are zoned residential.
4. Rim of the City No Parking signs – Linda Seidel is going to check and see how many No Parking signs we have left standing up there currently. She’s also going to email some of the Rim of the City residents to come to the La Crosse Park and Rec Board Meeting on Thursday, where she will be talking about the park closure sign. The idea of having the sheriff select certain residents on Rim of the City to issue parking tickets was also mentioned but no action was taken on the suggestion.

**Approve Monthly Bills**Motion: Linda Seidel to approve and pay all monthly bills through Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Second Mike Weibel. All aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**Motion: Mike Weibel to adjourn. Second Linda Seidel. All aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller, Town Clerk