

Medary Town Board – Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Medary Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the 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: Steve Elsen, Duane Deml, Tom Brown, RW Peters, Annette Paulus, Bill Cerbin, Rick Staff and Lisa Young.

Approval of October 11, 2016 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Bob Keil to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016, regular monthly board meeting. Second Mike Weibel.

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

Approval of October 13, 2016 Budget Planning Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2016, budget planning meeting. Second Bob Keil.

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

Approval of Another No Parking Sign for Rim of the City Road

The Board had previously approved four signs and is looking to approve a fifth sign of the smaller size.

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve purchase of a fifth sign for Rim of the City Road. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

Discussion on Tow Away Sign at the End of Rim of the City Road

Linda Seidel called the Wisconsin Towns Association and spoke with an attorney about this matter. She found out that the Town would be liable if a car was towed away and someone was left stranded, injured or hurt. The Board feels that it is too much liability for the town to take on. We're hoping that ticketing the cars will be enough.

Letter to Parks/Recs Representative Steve Carlyon Regarding Park Closure Signage for Rim of the City Road and County Road FA

Those attending the meeting reviewed the letter Linda Seidel drafted to Steve Carlyon. It was noted that the bike trail sign (Great River Trail) says 8 am to 11 pm.

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the letter as presented to submit to Steve Carlyon at the La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

Letter to County Rep. Kathie Tyser, including Town of Medary Board support for speed limit signage on County Road FA

Those attending the meeting reviewed the letter Linda Seidel drafted to Steve Carlyon. Linda Seidel also

spoke to Ron Chamberlain regarding speed limit signs, and he said it would have to go to the county for discussion and approval. He said his concern would be enforceability, because there would not always be someone staked out there to monitor the speeds. Residents are hoping that the visual sign will help slow people down in and of itself, and they also feel the sign will give the police something to enforce as they are patrolling. Residents also mentioned that pedestrian and bicycle traffic in that area is on the rise, much more in the past couple years than there used to be. Mary Hofer mentioned the possibility of putting in a blinking speed limit sign for a period of time. A resident wondered what the speed limit (if posted) would be, and what the criteria is for speed limits on certain roads. Mike Weibel mentions that if we are featuring that as a recreational area, it would make sense that we wouldn't want people speeding through there at 55 mph. Another resident asked what the process is to get the speed limit changed. "Share the road, caution pedestrian" signs were also suggested.

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the letter as presented with a few changes to be sent to Kathie Tyser, our county supervisor. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

Discussion and Approval of Stone Valley Condo Association Agreement for Use of Town Hall in 2017

The Stone Valley Condo Association would like to use the Town Hall as the location for their ten monthly meetings again in 2017.

Motion: Bob Keil to accept the one-year rental contract from the Stone Valley Condo Association.

Second Mike Weibel.

All aye.

Road Matters

1. Regarding the Rim of the City sign, it was mentioned that we could possibly move the sign across the road (under a spotlight) if that would help. Linda Seidel will talk to Vernon Electric and see what they have to say about putting in a light in that location. Tom Brown will check with the County Highway Department to see if they can make us a cheap wood sign for interim/temporary use when signs are on order.
2. Stone Hill weed and feed – There's a man who used to weed whack it, but he's not doing it anymore because it's too steep to ride with a riding mower. He started putting Roundup on it instead, but that kills off the weeds completely, so the bank is eroding and sliding down. The bank is in the right of way, so Tom Brown put black dirt on it and seeded it already. (That bill was approved last month, and it's coming out of the drainage fund.) Terry Herbst maintains the unsold lots there, and part of that is the shoulder of the road. His maintenance man mows it.
3. Tom Brown left a couple messages for Shannon at Mathy Construction about our road work, but hasn't received a response.

Citizen Concerns

1. The town tractor has been fixed.
2. Mary Hofer mentioned that we haven't gotten a bill yet from Rob Mattingley for mowing.
3. Mary Hofer also mentioned that there will be an increase in the tax collector bond next year. Right now it's a \$250,000 bond, and that will increase next year to cover the amount

that we're obligated for at the county and state level, which is \$650,000. Put on next year's agenda at some point to approve an increase in the tax collector bond, which will likely be three times as much (currently \$165).

4. Linda Seidel mentioned that we received a letter for the 2017 fire contract from the Town of Shelby. We will put that on the agenda for the December meeting.

Approve Monthly Bills

Motion: Bob Keil to approve and pay all monthly bills through Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Second Mike Weibel. All aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: Mike Weibel to adjourn. Second Bob Keil. All aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller, Town Clerk