

# Medary Town Board – Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Medary Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 19, 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: Ruth Keil, John Alden, RW Peters, Tom Brown, Warren Weitzman and Steve Elsen.

## **Approval of March 8, 2016 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

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

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

## **Approval of March 24, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Bob Keil to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2016, special board meeting. Second Mike Weibel.

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

## **Approval of April 9, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2016, special board meeting. Second Bob Keil.

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

## **Approval of April 14, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Mike Weibel to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016, special board meeting. Second Bob Keil.

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

## **"No Parking" sign Rim of the City Discussion**

The La Crosse County Sheriff called Mike Weibel about No Parking signs on Rim of the City, and Linda Seidel received two calls from Bill Daily, regarding how the Town plans to keep a Rim of the City street sign up. The sheriff said there have been cars parked on Rim of the City late at night with kids partying. The police can't enforce the No Parking without signs. We've had No Parking signs there in the past; RW Peters mentioned he put in half a dozen No Parking signs over the years. Ruth Keil suggested that we put up a sign saying that these signs are property of the Town of Medary and that you will be prosecuted for tampering with them. The signs are expensive, and we spend a lot on various signs that continue to disappear, specifically in that area. Since the Conservancy encourages people to come use the trails (but there is no parking at that end of the trail), perhaps the signs should be No Parking from 7 pm to 7 am. There is parking, however, at the other end of the trail (County FA).

It was also suggested that we could put up a streetlight since it's dark at the end of Rim of the City. Cost for the initial installation is yet unknown, but the usage cost would likely be around \$8 per month. Linda Seidel will call Xcel Energy to get some estimates on initial cost and bring the information to the May regular board meeting. She is also going to contact the Conservancy since it is their land, and see if they would be willing to meet with us. Tom Brown asked if we could put the Rim of the City sign on the light pole. Mary Hofer mentioned she has seen signs attached to light poles in other cities, but not in our area.

#### **Coulee Vision 2050 Update – Coulee Region Transport Study to Transition to National Environmental Policy Act Project Design**

Mike Weibel gave an update: The LAPC approved a resolution to move the 2050 Coulee Vision Study that had been done. This series of public meetings started with 18 different scenarios, which were then narrowed down to 6. At the LAPC meeting, the Mayor of La Crosse requested inclusion of a 7<sup>th</sup> scenario that would be a no-build option. This scenario was added to the 6 options by amendment to the resolution. There was a good turnout for the meeting, including neighborhood groups, Save the Marsh, etc. The groups were each given 5 minutes to speak. A resolution was approved to move forward with the plan. Now the project is going into the environmental impact phase. The DOT says it could be 2 years till that's done, which includes cost analysis, environmental impact, etc. It's also worth noting that the Mayor of La Crosse is under the gun to support certain alternatives because of the neighborhood impact.

#### **Prioritization of Spring Road Tour Items**

The board set a date to meet on Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 pm to prioritize road work. It was also noted that the rock retention bars constructed in the road gutter along Deerfield Road to catch debris do a great job, but the top one is full.

#### **Credit Card Application for Town's Expenses**

The town credit card has been invalid since the beginning of 2016. We have information on new credit cards from Coulee Bank and Altra. Mary Hofer wants to make sure the new card we get has no annual fee, and she also thinks it's important to pay attention to how it is set up (some banks want to use individual names versus the Town of Medary name). She needs to know what the limit for the card should be, and if we have names on the card, what the limit for each name should be. We generally don't need a credit limit over \$2000, as it's paid off monthly. Linda Seidel mentions that it would be nice to get a card with points. It is the general consensus that the card be in the name of Town of Medary if possible, with no annual fee, no automatic credit limit increase, and rewards points. Mary Hofer will get some information and bring it to the next regular board meeting.

#### **Coulee Bank Proposal for Town's Banking**

A woman from Coulee Bank spoke with Mary Hofer and gave the Town of Medary a proposal for full-service banking. With that, we need to be aware of collateralization, because we do sometimes exceed the FDIC limit of \$250,000. Some of the accounts listed are comparable to what we have now, but Coulee Bank indicated they could double the money market account. The annual percentage rate with Coulee Bank is guaranteed for 6 months, so there would be an increase for 6 months, but there is also the related hassle and cost of switching in the first place. It was suggested that we get some proposals

from other banks as well before we consider this proposal. The Board would like to see a proposal from Park Bank and Altra. One critical issue is that the bank be conveniently located for town officials. Mary Hofer will bring back additional information.

#### **Discuss Riding Mower Maintenance**

The Town riding mower is sitting in the shed, currently unusable. Since we would like to have an operable riding mower, Bob Keil is going to find out if Farm & Fleet will work on that model. Tom Brown and Steve Elsen will also try to take a look at it during Large Item Pickup this Saturday to see if they might be able to figure it out.

#### **Medary Fun Days**

The Medary Fun Day Committee is going ahead with another Medary Fun Day on August 27, 2016! They don't want to overwhelm Town Hall with too much equipment this year, but they're still going to have music, food, etc. They will cut down on fundraising and emphasize more kids' activities. The event will still feature the sawdust pile as one of its offerings. The committee's goal is to keep this tradition going as an opportunity for families to come together while encouraging fellowship and community in Medary. It was noted that Medary residents enjoy and look forward to the event every year. The price this year will be \$5 for a meal instead of \$9. Save the date! August 27, 1-5 pm.

Ruth Keil also suggested moving the refrigerator (currently near the Town Hall entrance) downstairs so there will be a nice refrigerator available when people rent the park shelter/basement (and for during Medary Fun Day). It will be moved during the large item pickup and the old refrigerator currently in the basement will be disposed of.

#### **Road Matters**

None.

#### **Citizen Concerns**

The streetlight is still not working on Keil Coulee Road and Smith Valley. It may be a light sensor. Also, the street light right across from Town Hall isn't working either. Susan Miller will call Xcel Energy to check on these streetlights.

#### **Approve Monthly Bills**

Motion: Michael Weibel to approve and pay all monthly bills through Tuesday, April 19, 2016, as presented in check detail report. Second Bob Keil.

All aye.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion: Linda Seidel to adjourn. Second Mike Weibel.

All aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Miller, Town Clerk