

Town of Eileen

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August 11th, 2015

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm @ Agricultural Station on State Farm Road, Ashland, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Marty Milanowski, Chairperson. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board Members Present:

Marty Milanowski, Chairperson

Skip Radosevich, Supervisor

Tony Johanik, Supervisor

Carol Pufall, Treasurer

Crystal Mattson, Clerk

18 attendees

Review of minutes from the July 14th board meeting and the July 16th Special Meeting. Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by Skip Radosevich. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, gave report of balances and future deposits. Carol made board aware that if we pay 2 bills we will be negative. Board asked for Carol to hold checks for City of Ashland until tax levy comes in (Carol has confirmed with the City that we can wait) and hold the check for Northwoods Paving.

Marty asked that Cedar Corporation give their presentation first so that they did not have to stay through the whole meeting.

New Business:

- **Presentation/Discussion of a Tax Increment Financing District given by Cedar Corporation** – Scottie Sandstrom thanked the town for paving the way for Cedar Corporation to give their presentation and having us listen to how we can build infrastructure in the business park. Mark Abeles-Allison stated that the reason for the district would be for job creation and for the town to gain more tax value. Seth Hudson and Charlie Jones introduced themselves from Cedar Corporation and gave a quick overview that they were presenting to discuss ways to get the town's 200-300 acre site developed. The business park land is already zoned as commercial. The challenge at this time is that there is land but not infrastructure. Suggestions at this time are to wait until a business is ready to come in and then create a TIF district. Seth stated we have a 5 year window to do improvements after creating the TIF and we have 16 years to collect what we

have spent. If we create the TIF and a business does not come in, for example, until year 4 then we only have 1 year to do improvements. There was a question from residents regarding paying more in taxes and Scottie Sandstrom stated that residents would not be paying more taxes because of the TIF district. Seth and Charlie stated that to do the district we would need to add in roads, site draining, wells, etc. If the town would approve being interested in the TIF then the county proposed that they would pay an amount of \$2500 to do an analysis of the land. A resident questioned what risk the town has since the county owns all of the land at this time and per Charlie, there would be little risk. Mark stated that this would be a town-county relationship but the county cannot be a TIF. Seth clarified that the money from the TIF would be a separate account that cannot be used for anything outside of the TIF district (for example cannot use for road repairs on a road outside of the TIF). The town is in control of the TIF money. The clerk questioned the time frame of when they are looking at this and they did not have a set time. Cedar Corp did clarify that they would help with all postings and notices. There was a question regarding marketing for this and Scottie and Mark clarified that the Town is not obligated to be a part of the marketing. Cedar Corp did state that marketing the TIF will be big though. There will be discussion on this further with the county and the town if there is interest.

- **Culvert on Woodland Road-** K & D Excavating will be doing and quote is \$21,000.
- **Suggestion of Inserts by Road Superintendent-**On Colby Road, Woodland Road and Highland Road. Per the board, wait on all of these.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance Update-** Marty met Wayne, Deb and Mary from the city a few weeks ago and discussed our current ambulance contract. Marty stated that the city verbally agreed to not increase our fees any longer and that for the current bill they will only increase by 1.5% rather than the 3%. Marty states he is still in discussion and will be asking to still reduce our yearly fee. He stated that they also verbally agreed that there would be no more fees for the equipment. There is still further discussion going on. The board stated that they feel with lawyers involved that things are bitter between the city and the town. It was asked that for the next agenda there is discussion of not utilizing Terry Torkko's services as well as Craig Haukaas's for legal counsel any further.
- **Town Hall update-**At this time there is not an official contract signed, but per Marty we have obtained 1.5 acres and have the town hall back. The board is still looking at increasing the acreage or at least getting a different section. The board would like to have the grassy area to the west of the building. Marty will discuss further with Mark Abeles-Allison so that there can be further negotiation with Greg Martinsen who will own the other sections.
- **Town Picnic-**Reminder that it will be on Sunday August 16th from 12-4 at the Agricultural Station.

Public Input:

- A **resident** stated that we should definitely be negotiating the fire/ambulance contract.
- **Another resident** questioned the TIF in the Town of Eileen. He is concerned that there will not really be sustainability in a TIF in the town.
- **Per Skip-**A resident questioned why we did a wedge on Woodland and not Highland? Skip will get back to her.

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 9003 through 9029) by Skip Radosevich, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tony Johanik, seconded by Skip Radosevich. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Crystal Mattson, Clerk