

Approved 9/9/19

MEETING MINUTES

Little Suamico Town Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting  
Little Suamico Town Hall, 5964 County Road S, WI 54171  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019-6:00 P.M.  
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Board Members Present: Elmer Ragen, David E. Pribyl, Douglas Allen and Nikki Tolzman-Clerk/Treasurer

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: 38 persons

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER-The opening meeting statement was read and the Town Board of Supervisors monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Town Chairman Elmer Ragen at the Town Hall. The meeting agenda notice was properly posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Fireman's prayer, in honor of LSFD Chief John Zak, was read by Bill Schulz, LSFD 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Change in Sequence –None
- b. Removal of Items- None

Allen so moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Pribyl. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)-Pribyl motioned to approve all 3 presented minutes, July 15, 2019 regular meeting, July 24, 2019 special meeting and August 6, 2019 special meeting at one time, seconded by Allen. Motion carried, voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE–Tolzman read a thank you email from Lillie Morton for the swift response to a leaning tree across Nero Lane.

Business #1: 2019-21 Operator License Application Request(s)-Action May Be Taken-Allen so moved to approve Jonathon Boulanger's license application, seconded by Pribyl. Motion carried, voice vote.

Business #2: ATV/UTV Discussion-Action May Be Taken-Spokesperson Ron Rauscher, Treasurer with the Oconto Area ATV club was present requesting some town roads to be opened for ATV/UTV use to help make the connection throughout Oconto County to the Nicolet trail. Ron shared some towns have opened up a few roads to begin with and then opened up more later and if there is a problem on the road the ATV club will post no ATV's. Ron suggests opening all roads and then close roads with problems. Ragen explained this township has 110 miles of roads and some subdivisions have covenants in them that do not allow ATV/UTV. Many roads come out to County roads that cannot go any where. Rauscher mentioned the ATV club will monitor the legal use of the routes. Eric Bastian shared a proposed route map for the Board to review. Discussion took place regarding options for landowners to access roads. Bastian expressed once a route is approved; nothing is opened and usable until the club has signage on all routes. All signage will be the responsibility of the ATV/UTV club. Ragen requested a letter of memorandum, including a line of credit from the ATV club. Standing concerns with the Town Board for ATV routes throughout the municipality include; two County roads with no ATV routes, State highway through the middle of it, railroad tracks, high population and 110 miles of roads. Pribyl asked for a map of the specific town roads that the club would like to see open. Allen asked for the 6-8 town roads the club would like to see opened to start with. ATV/UTV area maps were given to the Board.

Public comments:

- Dave VanLanen of Cross Rd-question regarding subdivision covenants/road
- Dale Wojciechowski, Sobieski-ATV private farm use permit clarification and education

Board discussion took place regarding road traffic, high population, continual town growth and further discussion of this topic. Officer Joe LeBreck was asked by the Town Board to give input of any current problems with ATV's and issues.

LeBreck shared the following:

- Clarification and use on ATV/UTV agricultural permitting-users need education
- Problem intersections-Sheriff would like to have input
- How to enforce roads marked "local traffic only or no ATV traffic"?
- Intersection of Geano Beach & County S concerns-high volume accidents already
- ATV/UTV will increase sheriff office activity-how to enforce it with one contracted officer
- Village of Suamico indicates they will not be opening anytime soon thus eliminating
- "End of route" signs posted and who will replace the lost, stolen, missing and damaged signs
- More communication/education to the public from the ATV/UTV club
- Ordinance-stay simple, easier to enforce

Additional public comments:

- Frank Nowak-Public Hearing or Open Meeting
- Michael Trudell, 6418 Allen Rd-No problem with ATV's, however driving age limit and noise muffler concerns.

It was mentioned by Ragen boundary roads will not be opened without both municipalities in agreement. A special meeting was scheduled to discuss further with the County Sheriff Dept, Oconto Area ATV/UTV Club and the Town Board on Wed, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Business #3:** Municipal Court Update-Action May Be Taken- LeBreck reported that Allen, Chase Chairman VanLanen and LeBreck met Wed, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> at the Village of Suamico with representative Municipal Judge Rathburn, court clerk and village administrator to discuss establishing a new joint municipal court. One common ordinance by each town must be created to establish joint court and drafted by the Village of Suamico's attorney. All proceedings would take place at the Village of Suamico. Judge Rathburn would automatically become the judge for the joint court. He would then have to rerun for the position in each township in the 2023 election. Truancy issues will be taken care of at the school district headquarters, not municipal court. Setup costs to be shared by both townships. LeBreck would have to set the bond schedule amount for the fines. Planning & Zoning will be a part of Oconto County Zoning, not municipal court. Would like to see the recreation issues to go through the circuit court. A desired start date of 1/1/20 was discussed. Ordinance completed sometime in October 2019. Costs to start our own court versus outsourcing were discussed. The Town Boards were invited to tour the facility, meet the staff and view how they conduct business on Wed, 8/21 at 4:30pm during a scheduled court proceeding. A special meeting will be scheduled to conduct a joint meeting with the Town of Chase. No action was taken.

**Business #4:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Position-Action May Be Taken-Following the special meeting held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Tolzman will type up a job description and share with the Town Board for review. No action was taken.

**Business #5:** Fire Department Report- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Fire Chief Bill Schulz reported 10 calls in July; 1 motorcycle accident, 4 Mountain area assists, 4 down trees on power lines and 1 false fire alarm. Asst Fire Chief Zuge will act as Interim Chief through December when the term is up. At that time, they will follow the code of conduct. Pribyl thanked the LSFd for their assistance with the storm damage in the northern area. Public question took place regarding down tree process. Schulz submitted a quote to repair the generator on 1211. This quote does not include installation. The Board will review for future approval.

**Business #6:** Law Enforcement Activity Report-On behalf of the Sheriff Dept and himself, Officer LeBreck shared their condolences for the loss of Chief John Zak to the LSFd, Town Board, family and friends. The month of July was a very busy month in the Town and the County with 318 calls for the Town and 5800 throughout the County. The Sheriff Dept had 2

trapped officers in their vehicles. LeBreck flexed his town hours to help the storm damage area. This storm created over 400 sq miles of damage vs 40 sq miles in 2007. LeBreck broke down the activity report for those present.

Business #7: Road Report-Ragen reported the approved quotes were submitted to Oconto County to move forward with the Mourning Dove Road, Lade Beach and Sandalwood Road projects. , Oconto County is doing some shouldering, striping and crack sealing in the town. Next cutting of brush will be completed. The Town Board has been invited by the WDOT to attend a meeting on the replacement of the Grosse Rd Bridge on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

Business #8: Plan Commission Report-Ragen shared a Tractor Sales and Repair company is wanting to come into town on the E Frontage Rd. There is still interest on a sprinkling system company coming as well to Executive Circle.

Business #9: Approval of Paying Bills-Pribyl made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Allen. Motion carried, voice vote.

Business #10: Set Next Meeting Date-The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Business #11: Adjournment- Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nikki Tolzman  
Clerk/Treasurer