

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Townsend Town Hall
6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Carla Van Camp called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

Roll call: Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Claude Bowman, Treasurer Beth Hartman, Clerk Linda Ziegler. 19 citizens

Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler posted the agenda on August 11, 2020 at Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org.

Adamczyk made the motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Bowman – M/A

Motion made by Bowman to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A

Treasures report – Hartman gave a P&L budget performance report. The town received the second half of the property tax. Motion by Adamczyk to approve the report and pay all the bills, 2nd by Bowman - M/A

Ambulance Report –2 meeting reports on file

Fire Department report – Report on file. Chief Herlache stated they are looking for education for new fire fighters in Antigo and Rhinelander

Community Advisory Committee – no report

Comprehensive Planning Committee: Chairperson Tim McGuire reported on the Comp Plan Committee Meeting held August 4, 2020. Three applications are being recommended for approval by the Planning Committee.

Rezone Application Parcel #042-232309323C – Owner Keiser; Agent Peifer-Tomczak. The property at 16695 Nicolet Rd is currently zoned General Commercial (GC). The Agent wants needs it rezoned to Residential Single Family (R-1) so they can remove the existing building and rebuild a single-family residential dwelling to be used as a vacation home and eventual year-round home. The proposed use may lessen damage to the shoreline habitat and improve visual impact. There are no intentions to maintain the property at commercial.

There is adequate public facilities to serve the proposed land use. The burdens on the local government for providing services for this proposal are reasonable. The proposal agrees with the Town Vision Statement as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. The proposal agrees with the Town Goals, Objectives and Development Strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. Bowman made the motion to accept the rezone from GC to R1, Adamczyk 2nd – M/A

Conditional Use Application Parcel #042-2282814942L15 – Owner Jakkola. The property owners at 17391 Aspen Lane are requesting to place a 1989 mobile home on the property for part time weekend and vacation home. The mobile home has been totally reconditioned and is in beautiful condition. This home will be used as a family weekend and vacation spot.

The proposal agrees with the town vision statement and agrees with the town goals, objectives and development strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. The trailer does not conform to the Town of Townsend Ordinance #02-2011, but due to the total reconditioning of this unit, the Town Planning & Zone Commission is recommending that this mobile home unit be allowed to be placed on this parcel. Motion made by VanCamp to approve the conditional use application, 2nd by Bowman - M/A

Land Division Parcel #042-101006743A – owner Schaefer, Agent Jess Smith, N.E. Surveyors.

The property owner wants to sell a neighbor 1.8 acres at the corner of El Dorado and Statler Ln, leaving just over 10 acres to the property owner. This property had been rezoned to Residential Single Family (R-1) in 2018.

The land division proposal meets local ordinance standards. The proposal agrees with the town vision statement. The proposal agrees with the town goals, objectives and development strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan. Motion made by Bowman to approve the land division, 2nd by Adamczyk - M/A.

McGuire went on say that three of the Comprehensive Planning Committee members have agreed to extend their terms; Tim McGuire as chairperson, Joanne Jones and Linda Ziegler as Secretary.

The Committee is continuing to work with the Oconto County Zoning and Planning staff to upgrade the 20-year plan

Permits/Licenses – Six operator’s license were reviewed for approval. Bowman made the motion to accept all six, 2nd by Adamczyk – M/A (Hoover, Arentz, Krezmann, Fulks, Labarge, Theise).

Public Comment:

Jef Schrocter asked about the burnout trailer on Hwy T. VanCamp replied that per our lawyer, the town cannot do anything about this since it is in a trailer park. She has discussed with owner Quince Gaynor, along with County Zoning, HHS.

Asked about pulling out of NWTC, VanCamp stated that the letter had been sent and they have 45 days for a response. Kathleen Marsh asked about the skating shed. Adamczyk will contact Steve Harkema about the building time frame, and the town will handle the costs with Marsh’s donation. Van Camp said the highway workers have sprayed the rink area, will mow and lay a base in preparation for the winter skating season.

Monica Zeller stated that the town ordinances were not on the website. This is correct and citizens can come to the office during clerk hours to view.

Mike VandeWalle is suggesting to have a mural painted on the south side of the fire department building. Perhaps the Wabeno Art Class would consider this. VanCamp stated this is a possibility, however, there needs to be commitment from the artist group to keep up the maintenance on it.

Roberta Gliczynski stated that many gravel trucks are driving Nicolet Rd way to fast, and causing grief on the residence. VanCamp suggested to contact the gravel company to complain.

Mark Dodge, Director of Business Development for Bertram Wireless talked about the three phases of the internet grant from 2017 and the challenges providing fast, reliable service in this area. The vegetation is the major issue, and they are working with radios in areas to improve speed. He is constantly dealing with FCC and environmental issues to situate towers. Dodge stated that the State of Wisconsin grant program was \$48 million, compared to Minnesota grant process for \$2 billion!! In Phase III, they are looking to identify the pockets of perhaps 10 homeowners that cannot get internet service and work on those areas. They will also be working with CESA 8 to get kids on line, stating they have gotten 350 people on line in the past 50 days. Dodge said that the frequency is available, the problem is the height. He cannot use the grant money to enhance private vertical assets. The cost is about \$120.00 per 10 ft section, and there are limited companies who do this type of installation. Towers under 200 ft do not have to have a beacon. New towers take about a year to get approved.

Business:

- 1) Gillett Joint Municipal Court Judge – The Honorable Judge Doug Kurek passed away and the City of Gillett Common Council will be appointing Randy Winkler as his replacement. Adamczyk made the motion to approve Randy Winkler as the Joint Municipal Court Judge, 2nd by Bowman – M/A
- 2) Pay raise for road grading work – table to September meeting
- 3) Oconto County Discovery Guide – the ad for the 2021 Discovery Guide is due. Adamczyk made the motion to approve the 1/8-page ad, 2nd by Bowman – M/A
- 4) Update Fire Protection Ordinance 2-97 – table to September meeting
- 5) Lighting Ordinance – the board met with the Oconto County Sheriff's department regarding the validity of the Lighting Ordinance. They stated that such an ordinance needs to be enforced by the zoning administration, and since the town does not have this, the ordinance would be unenforceable.

Correspondence:

The Forest Service let the town know that there is still \$2800.00 in the fund to spend. The Town received a grant to chip brush for 8 hours. It was determined that the residences on Surprise Lake would get this service, however, the chipping service was only able to complete 60 piles of brush and there are still over 200 piles to dispose of. Town employees will be picking up this week.

The Black topping is done on Nicolet and Valley View. The double chip on Fernwood and single chip on Lonesome Ln has been delayed to next Monday.

The town got a great deal on gravel crushing of \$3.69/cube yard. This will happen next week.

Announcements:

P&R District Annual Meeting August 22 9am @ Garage on Brookside Crt
Townsend Flowage Annual Meeting August 29 @ Town Hall

Adamczyk motioned to adjourn at 7:00pm, Bowman 2nd – M/A

Minutes approved September 8, 2020
Linda Ziegler, Clerk