

MEETING MINUTES OF THE HULL TOWN BOARD, COUNTY OF
PORTAGE, WI HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2015

- 1) Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30 p.m. at the Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Present: Chair Holdridge, Supervisors David Pederson, Dave Wilz, Jan Way and Rick Stautz.

Others present: Clerk Janet Wolle, Treasurer Jim Kruziki, Road Foreman Pete Kaminski, Fire Chief Mark Kluck and EMS President/Administrator Mark Fritsche.

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance

- 3) Minutes –July 6, 2015 meeting

J Holdridge – there is not a second noted in the motion on page 7

Page 7 Motion Supervisor Wilz, take suggestions of John Holdridge re: R-2 Single Family Zoning procedure. **Motion seconded by Supervisor Pederson.** Motion carried.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, **approve minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting as corrected.**
Second by Supervisor Stautz. Motion carried.

- 4) Vouchers

D Wilz: Page 2 ES&S Gen Adm: Firmware usage/hardware \$858.87

J Wolle – hardware and software usage agreement for Hull's 2 DS200 tabulators and for the AutoMark along with support. Right now do not recall if this is a yearly or every other year fee.

Pg 4 Tapco Traffic & Parking RD: Paint, glass beads, freight \$473.40

P Kaminski – general use paint for marking roads.

D Pederson: Pg 1 American Welding & Gas RD: Acetylene & Oxygen tank; 60 month lease \$601.00

P Kaminski – eliminates monthly rental.

Cardmember Service GEN ADM: credit on print cartridge (2 credits of -\$38.49)

J Kruziki – a new HP printer was purchased – we had un-used cartridges for the old printer which we could no longer use so the cartridges were returned.

Cardmember Service FD: (6) breakaway Class 2 vests \$214.13

M Kluck – they are vests that firefighters can easily open (breakaway).

Pg 6 Laforce, Inc Bldg Rem: Doors/accessories \$5,350.00

J Wolle – we do not have an itemized statement. This statement was approved by Bill Yudchitz for payment.

Lee Recreation LLC PARKS: 3 sets of spin racer cars \$130.24.

P Kaminski – they are replacement cars (the original cars were pulled off of the play equipment by someone).

PC Solid Waste/Finance Credit from Spring Cleanup-May -\$1,653.02

B Brilowski – Hull was charged twice for disposal, by Harter’s and PCSW. The adjustment was finally made.

Motion Supervisor Way, second Supervisor Pederson, **approve vouchers as presented and discussed**. Motion carried.

- 5) Citizens wishing to address the board non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action

Barb Brilowski, 1103 Brilowski Road N was present. Patrick and Barb Brilowski request the new Community Center be designated the “Robert Brilowski Community Center”.

“Bob served the Town of Hull from 1969 until his death in May 2010. He was not recognized due to his sudden death. Bob served the Hull citizens for 41 years and also served as a Portage County Supervisor for 16 years.

In describing Bob most would say he was a true gentleman and a man of the people. He was always interested in the concerns and opinions of the people he represented.

He left behind a successful farming business which his granddaughter and husband now operate. His faith in God and his family were of great importance to him.

Bob served the town when it was only a three person board. He was very involved in the day to day operation of the town. His contributions over the years are many keeping in mind what was best for the Town of Hull and its citizens.

One does not always realize the impact someone has on their lives until they are gone. We of course as his family are certainly aware of this now but he has also left a void with many. Numerous people have shared their experiences and memories of Bob with us; his generosity, kindness and concern for others seem to top the list.

For these reasons we are requesting the new community center be named after him. The Town of Hull was very important to him and he served it willingly and relentlessly. Bob was a man of very high integrity. He would be humbled by this type of acknowledgement. While Patrick and I might be a bit biased, we feel the Town of Hull could not be represented by a better person.

If our request is granted, we would work with and hire a professional signage person/business to help us create the appropriate type of memorial with the Town of Hull's Board of Supervisors' approval. Patrick and I would incur the expense of the memorials(s).

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request".

At John's request Barb will submit the request in writing.

Robert Perkins, 5514 Riverview Ct. was present. He wants to put in a concrete driveway. Robert called Hull but did not hear anything.

Pete Kaminski – the ditch has been fixed. Hull will permit the concrete driveway on Hull right-of-way but at the owner's expense.

6) Topics, issues, opinions of Interest – Citizens, Hull Staff, Hull Elected or Appointed Officials

Chairperson Holdridge:

- Correspondence from DOT re: meeting on August 13 from 10 a.m. to noon re: reconstruction of I39 from Highway 54 to North Second Drive (Spring 2018)
- Patty Amman listened to an idea's network on Public Radio re: huge dairy operation in the Town of Saratoga getting a lot of press largely because of the problem of water usage
- Humane Officer training
- Pictures on Old Highway 18 – a resident is trying to sell 3 autos (the property is in R-2 zoning which allows numerous cars as long as they are operable and licensed)
- WI lawyer seminar held on Water and High Capacity Well
- Town of Stettin (Marathon County) there was a citizen lawsuit against the town Chairperson for not allowing the citizen to talk at meetings. The case was won by the Chairperson as the citizen was unruly during the meetings.
- Article from Bill DeVita taken from Wisconsin Lawyer publication – "Groundwater: Diminishing Resource, increasing Conflict"

Supervisor Wilz:

- Ken Wierzba Hull's Yard Waste attendant is not available for a period of time due to health issues
- Lance Musack is now the attendant however coverage is needed for this Saturday (Aug. 8) and possibly next Saturday (Aug. 15)

7) Reports – Hull Clerk, Treasurer, Road Foreman, Fire Chief and EMS Administrator/President

Clerk – There are 1,853 clerks in the State of Wisconsin of which 28 of us are on a Clerk Review Committee (CRC) for recommendations on upgrading/make user friendly the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).

- As of this date I have taken part in 7 hour long webinars.
- At this point in time I am reserving comments other than, I have concerns about some of the project as 2016 is a big election year and with a blink of an eye will be here.
- Manuals/training will not happen until December of this year or January of next.

Treasurer – copy of financial report given to board

- Hull has received \$1,149 in cash credit for use of our credit card. This covers an 18 month period. Recognize Barb, Pete and Mark K for assisting in getting the cash credit.
- Received Shared Revenue payment from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue
- Rudy Rack has paid their yearly rent on their lease of Hull property on Dixon Street

Road Foreman

- Presented costs to replace Casimir Road bridge in 2016
 - o Quote from Stuczynski Trucking \$77,527.23 + \$10,000 in asphalt paving = \$87,527.23
 - o Keep filling in hole in front of bridge
 - o Will receive half back from Portage County Highway Department for this project

Fire Chief

- Have the refurbished fire truck back
 - o \$1,600 overrun to come from FD new equipment
 - o The refurbish cost \$50,000
 - o A new truck price would be about \$400,000

EMS President/Administrator

- 11 calls in July
- 85 calls year to date
- 5 to 6 potential new responders
- Currently have 10 active (9 EMT's)

- 8) Public Hearing on proposed U.S. Cellular Cell tower on property, owned by Justin and Amanda Weir, off Jordan Road (Section 7, T24N, R8E) - Todd Anderson

Todd Anderson, agent for US Cellular from Menominee Falls was present.

Tracy Pelky of Portage County Planning & Zoning was present.

- The final decision regarding the cell tower will be made by Portage County Board of Adjustment
- The proposed tower is 195'
- FAA makes the final determination on whether or not the tower will be lit

Holdridge – is there any noise from the tower?

Anderson – not from the cell tower. There is equipment on the ground (generator should there be a power outage)

D Pederson – what is the service area the tower will cover?

T Anderson – with this topography approximately 4 to 5 miles with the change in technology.

D Pederson – we have trouble with cell and Wi-Fi west of I-39

- Would this tower improve that?

Anderson – do not think it will cover that far.

Pederson – what happened to broadband coverage for everybody?

T Anderson – US Cellular is helping in rural SW Wisconsin re: broadband coverage.

Holdridge – there is a group in Portage County also looking at broadband coverage.

- What is the timeline on this?

Anderson – 6 to 8 months to get permitting (after local permits then go to state and federal for permits).

Holdridge – there is a requirement if you go across our right-of-way (ROW) you need a permit. Do you damage the ROW?

Anderson – no more than putting a driveway in.

Dennis Reeve, 1777 Wilshire: (has a landline)

- Lance Reeve (1650 Wilshire Dr) turned down the cell tower on his property
- Do not want especially if it is lit
- Does US Cellular pay for devaluation of property?

Anderson - no

Ed Haas, 3875 Jordan Road

- Occasionally the cell phone is unreliable
- No longer have land line
- Have 2 cell phones, both with a different company
- In favor of the proposed cell tower
- With this tower would think it would add more customers to the area with all the subdivisions we have around here
- Currently calls will get dropped due to lack of tower in area

J Holdridge – have problems in getting cell phone reception in the Hull building.

- About 3 or 4 years ago Sprint came and wanted to build a tower on Hull property
- They were all set to go and then something happened with the CEO of Sprint and all of a sudden they were not doing anything.

D Wilz – multi carrier obviously other vendors can be put on there, how many vendors are usually on a tower?

Anderson – tower will be built for 4 other vendors unless the town says must be built for 5.

Ted Stoltz, 3627 Jordan Road – how is the land zoned? Is it commercial?

T Pelky – A4 (General ag).

- A cell tower is a special exception under Board of Adjustment.

- Ultimately the decision is made by Board of Adjustment.

Kurt Sniadajewski, 3478 Jordan Road:

- Was this location picked because there isn't coverage there?
- Are there better places for this or is this the optimal place for this tower?

Anderson:

- US Cellular selects area for a tower
- Have to stay away from the airport

K Sniadajewski:

- Will be looking directly at tower light when looking out his living room window
 - o This will ruin the ambiance of that room
 - o I understand the coverage issues but it is going to hurt me cosmetically

Frank Sniadajewski, 3328 Jordan Road:

- Is there any radiation from a cell tower and how far does that radiation go?
 - o Have been doing research and they say there is electromagnetic radiation
- How much will the cell tower devalue our property?
- Many people do not go near a tower or live next to a tower.

Anderson:

- Regarding radiation, if the town would say no because of radiation as a hazard, they cannot make a case based on radiation
- With the tower being 195' in the air you are well away from any radiation

F Sniadajewski – the article I read stated you should not be within 400 meters of a cell phone tower without having consequences.

Anderson – a matter of opinion.

F Sniadajewski – the other company that wanted to build a cell tower on the Town of Hull property and didn't, why can't you build yours there?

Anderson – if the search area was this area, the town would have been the first place we came.

Holdridge – Sprint thought it was a great area, but we had a little reaction from the subdivision over here – they thought there would be a flashing light going around.

Barb Brilowski:

- Have a cell phone tower on our property
- The tower is located on a 20 acre parcel in back
- 120' tower with lights because of the crop dusters
- Have a barn that blocks the light from the cell tower

- Property is zoned ag
- Have an easement which allows the company to go back by the tower
- Tower built for 5 users – only 2 so far
- There was activity initially but after a while it dwindled

D Pederson – the company objectives were mentioned, what were they?

Anderson – provide coverage for the area.

D Pederson – you had a customer base you wanted to supply better coverage for?

Anderson – yes that is the bottom line.

Rick Stautz:

- I've heard in some cases a cell tower in certain area that is directional broadcasting, can cause a shadow on the back side, people will actually lose service
- Have you heard of that?

Anderson – I haven't

Stautz – I've heard if you have a certain company (Sprint or whatever) and you are driving past a tower, a US Cellular or whatever, and is pushing its broad cast in a certain direction, when you go past that with your Sprint phone you lose service.

- Are people on the north side of the proposed tower going to lose service?

Anderson – I would say no. I have not heard of that before.

Tiffany Reindl, 1777 Wilshire Dr:

- I assume the town will reassess our land and the value will drop
- US Cellular will not cover the lose
- What will help us to come full when our land is worth nothing?

Anderson – don't know that the Town of Hull will be assessed.

Holdridge – certainly our assessor could answer that. I don't know how the tower would affect property values, whether or not we would have some kind of reassessment or a big revaluation.

Susan Studinski, 1647 Wilshire Dr: She and her husband just built a new home. They do not want to sit on the porch and look at a tower.

Dave Wilz

- Portage County is going to make the ultimate decision
- Hull can give recommendation on what we think
- Where can these people be directed if they want to investigate questions, such as "I think my property values have gone down and I want recourse" – where is the next step?

Tracy Pelky:

- Talk with the town assessor
- An appraiser – unbiased individual
- Realtor

Wilz – does Portage County Planning and Zoning have a mechanism to take that input in?
Answer is no you don't.

Pelky:

- It is up to the Board of Adjustment to take that in to consideration
 - o After the town makes the decision
 - o Once the application is submitted to P&Z office
 - o Will have a scheduled Board of Adjustment hearing
 - o If at that hearing if that is presented, again that is one thing the board has to consider as far as will they approve it or deny it.

Holdridge – a great question but a tough question to answer

- We've had people who have lost their water and have had to put new wells in and there is a feeling their values have gone down.
 - o People have short memories and they admit the value has gone up (at least that is what I have been told).

Ed Haas – This is not the first tower going up in Portage County. I'm surprised that the people who sit there and administer this or sit there and approve these things are unable to provide us with that kind of statistic.

- In some cases it may improve value because when you sell your house you can say you get good coverage
- Vs. I have a tower that is 400 yards away

Holdridge – from the boards standpoint I don't recall the last time we have talked about a cell tower.

B Brilowski:

In 2011 towers went up on Brilowski property in Hull, and properties in the Town of Dewey, Junction City and another part of Portage County.

T Pelky – all would have gone before the Board of Adjustment.

Paul Kubowski, 3308 Jordan Road:

- Will be pretty much right next door to the proposed tower
- Todd Anderson said U.S. Cellular stated this is where we want the cell tower – how do they get this is where we want it?

T Anderson – they have an existing network and there is no coverage here.

Kubowski – how can they say there is no coverage here?

- I have perfect coverage anywhere in my house and on my land have great coverage

- I have US Cellular
- If this gets denied, where do you go from here, do you keep going down the road until US Cellular gets it?
 - o Or is it pretty much Town of Hull said we don't want it we are done here?

T Anderson – we will get coverage here

Kubowski – so you are going to do whatever you want to get that tower in this area.

Holdridge – this is a recommendation from the Town of Hull, whether or not the Board of Adjustment accepts that is a whole different thing.

Kubowski – Town of Hull votes it down, Portage County votes it down do they continue with saying we don't want it here, we will go over here now (a mile down the road) and we go through the whole process again.

T Pelky – do not recall a tower ever being denied by the Board of Adjustment

- Advisory from Hull – the town does not have a specific ordinance on file
- If the application comes in for Board of Adjustment there will be a public hearing
- WI Stat. 66.0404 setback, etc power from the local in favor of satellite companies

D Reeve – there is wetland on the property.

T Pelky – the site is outside of the pond.

T Reindl – a cell tower with a light on is not quality of life.

Pelky – that is an opinion.

- 160' tower would possibly work – less height less usable.

Amanda Weir, 211 Weir Road

- We have no cell phone service when we are on the property.

Reeve – what is the monthly rent?

Anderson – based on negotiation. In Milwaukee it is \$1,000 + a month.

- In rural area rent goes down

Mark Kluck, Hull Fire Chief – from an emergency standpoint definitely for the tower.

At request of Chairperson Holdridge those present are asked to state if they are for or against the cell tower. Clerk Wolle read from the list of people (households) that were sent notices of the public hearing.

8 – not in favor of the tower

1 – for the tower

- 9) Close hearing: Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Wilz, **close the hearing on the proposed cell tower on Justin and Amanda Weir property**. Motion carried.

10) Board action on the proposed U.S. Cellular Cell tower

Jay Way – feel conflicted as live on Wilshire Dr. On the other hand I represent the citizens present.

Ed Haas – this is a public safety issue. The board has to vote for all constituents.

Kurt Sniadajewski – not opposed to cell phones – is there better place that is less intrusive for the tower?

Motion Supervisor Wilz, **no to passage of cell tower at this location (Weir property on Jordan Road) as per citizens.** Second Supervisor Pederson. For the motion: Pederson, Way, Wilz and Holdridge. Against motion: Stautz. Motion carried.

11) Certified survey map for Susan Zook Surv. Trust property. Land in Section 17, Town 24 N, Range 8 E, abutting North Reserve Drive and Woodview Drive

Tracy Pelky re Zook CSM – meets PC requirements.

Motion Supervisor Way, second Supervisor Stautz, **approve the certified survey map for Susan Zook Surv. Trust property. Land in Section 17, Town 24 N, Range 8 E, abutting North Reserve Drive and Woodview Drive.** Motion carried.

12) Update on Hull completion of Community Room and new Addition:

- a. Accept proposal from SCS to forgo the \$1,000.00 retention and approve Hull using those funds for the upgrade of the addition concrete

Motion Supervisor Wilz, **accept proposal from SCS to forgo the \$1,000.00 retention and approve Hull using those funds for the upgrade of the addition concrete (sign acceptance letter).** Second by Supervisor Pederson. Motion carried.

- b. Security camera for meeting room

Jan Martin of Piper-Power Systems Tech viewed Community Room with John Holdridge and Bill Yudchitz.

- Have 47" tv (wall mount w/tilt) in the Community Room (\$1,850)
- Motorized screen
- Projector in center
- 5 mics → begin with 1
- Amplifiers

- c. Outside upgraded security camera towards yard waste site

Barb Brilowski - Craig of Per Mar Security suggested moving one of the cameras from outside in to the Community Room. The outside camera would be replaced with a stronger camera.

Craig also suggested repositioning some of the existing cameras.

- d. Preliminary ideas regarding parking lot/retention areas

Bill presented drawing of parking lot for the boards review.

Carpenter will be back Wednesday of this week.

- Addendum Landscaping of property

Motion Supervisor Pederson, **go with Bill Yudchitz perspective for landscaping.**
Motion seconded by Supervisor Way. Motion carried.

- 13) High-Capacity Water Well Science Law and Regulation Seminar (September 2, 2015) – Rick Stautz

The tuition for the High-Capacity Water Well Science Law and Regulation Seminar is \$249.00 however Barb Brilowski will look in to getting a lower rate for government.

Rick will stay at his son's home and is not looking for mileage reimbursement.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **authorize Rick Stautz to attend the High-Capacity Water Well Science Law and Regulation Seminar (September 2, 2015) in Madison.** Motion carried.

- 14) Jake brake usage on semi-trucks using Portage County roads in Hull – referred to Portage County Highway Department

Stan Klesmith, 1705 Brilowski Rd N was present. He indicated trucks are using their jake brakes on Jordan and County Rd Y.

- Extremely noisy
- Can hear for a long distance

J Holdridge – Nathan Check, PC Highway Commissioner, wants a letter from Hull relating to Highway 66 and County Road Y.

Klesmith, if trucks have good brakes they don't need to use jake brakes.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Stautz, **a jake brake ordinance is needed by Portage County.** Motion carried.

- 15) Disposal of leftover from Hull recent construction project (addition and remodeling projects)

Barb has created a Craig's list site for Hull.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Stautz, **post what might sell on Hull's Craig's list.**

Motion carried.

16)Cutting dying trees on Hull property and Hull Municipal Building

Moved by Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Wilz, **put out on bids cutting of dying poplar and jack pines on Hull property.** Motion carried.

17)Operator's license application(s): Charlotte Woyak

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Stautz, **upon recommendation of Janet Wolle grant an Operator's license to Charlotte Woyak.** Motion carried.

➤ Addendum Request for work to be done on '97 Ford plow truck – Pete Kaminski

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Way, **approve \$2,100 for moving a valve out of the middle to the outside to do maintenance on '97 Ford plow truck.** Motion carried.

18) Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Stautz, **adjourn the meeting.** Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk