

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF HULL BOARD
MEETING, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, WI HELD
ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2010

1. Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 6 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point WI 54482.

Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Melvin Bembenek, Dave Pederson and Dave Wilz.

Others present: Jim Kruziki, Barbara Brilowski, Pete Kaminski, Mark Kluck, Mark Fritsche, Ron Zimmerman Director of Schmeeckle Reserve and Marilyn Kranig member of Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Hull 2011 Proposed Budget

Budget Review:

Chair Holdridge:

- John Holdridge, LaVerne Syens, Jim Kruziki and Janet Wolle have worked on the budget.
- Communicate via pie-charts the local levy after Hull's budget is approved.
- Citizens need to understand levies (tax bill)
- Hull has low indebtedness

Janet Wolle:

- Assessed Value with manufacturing is \$361,237,500
- With a local property levy of \$920,865 Hull's tax rate is \$2.54919547

Chair Holdridge reviewed proposed 2011 budget revenue line items.

6:20 p.m. Supervisor LaVerne Syens at meeting.

Chair Holdridge review of proposed 2011 budget expenditure line items.

Mark Kluck, Fire Chief, requests meeting with budget committee to go over requested increases in salaries at the F.D.

Concerns/questions/comments from citizens in attendance relating to:

- \$25,000 for deputy from PC Sheriff's Dept to patrol Hull 1 day a week (52 weeks) for 10 hours a day.
 - o Will speed traps be set-up?
 - o Paying taxes twice for patrols – once to Portage County and again to the Town of Hull.
 - o If an emergency elsewhere in Portage County will officer leave Hull?
 - o Better ways to spend \$25,000 than on a patrol

- \$15,000 for PC Animal Control

Supervisor Pederson – key to lowering the amount paid to Portage County for the Humane Society is for people to license their dogs. There is a formula Portage County has established using population and number of dogs licensed to determine the amount each municipality is to pay.

J Holdridge, the proposed budget uses undesignated reserves, transferring the funds in to designated reserves i.e. FD Large Equipment; Rd Large Equipment, Major Road Projects and Building Project reserves.

Clerk Wolle, the budget summary includes 2010 estimated revenue and expenses, the proposed 2011 revenue and expenses, percentage change, actual cash on hand as of January 1, 2010 and estimated cash on hand as of December 31, 2010.

- The Public Hearing on the proposed Budget will be held on Thursday December 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
- Immediately following the Public Hearing a Special Town Meeting will be held at which time the citizens of the Town of Hull act on:
 - o The total 2011 highway expenditures
 - o The 2010 Town Tax Levy to be Paid in 2011
 - o The 2011 contributions to the PC Teen Program, Boy's and Girl's Club and PC Historical Society
- Following adjournment of the Special Town Meeting the town board will convene to adopt the 2011 budget

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Wilz, publish Proposed 2011 Budget summary. Motion carried.

4. Vouchers presented:

Supervisor Wilz:

CPR Saver's – EMS \$1,086 (airway manikin) the purchase was a requirement of Portage County in order to receive the county grant.

Environmental Safety Group - \$2,463.34 new gas meter to detect natural gas, fuel etc.

GE Money Bank 2 x 4 x 8 studs should be 2x4 treated wood posts.

Heavy Machinery Sales – roller rented for shouldering of roads (1 month) \$1,800.

Supervisor Pederson:

Chet's Plumbing and Heating – repaired RUUD gas furnace at FD – removed dead birds from the blower assembly – screens are now over the exhaust intake

Frank's Hardware – FD paint, brushes, connector (for repair of a truck)

GE Money Bank – FD recovery straps (straps to hold batteries down

Gremmer & Associates – General services \$405.50 + Firkus Road \$550

LINX - \$762.50 (250 FD patches going on new shirts)

Mega Rentals – stripping on North Reserve and Brilowski Road (\$1,000 was subtracted for poor workmanship)

Oshkosh Fire & Police Eqp – 7 fire hoses were replaced. Hull FD went in with other Fire Departments so order placed was large and the cost less per hose.

Sherwin Industries – payment for router saw for roads \$13,000 - \$13,500 was in the budget.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Syens, approve vouchers presented.
Motion carried.

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

No citizen(s) present regarding non-agenda items.

6. Announcements – Chairperson and Supervisors

- News item in Stevens Point Journal regarding local leaders dreading state aid cuts
- Note from PC Executive Patty Dreier stating honored to be citizen of the Town of Hull
- Todd and Penny Borski going to PC Board of Adjustment requesting permission to have horses on their property.
- I-39 plan will to to PC Planning & Zoning on Wednesday November 17 at 4 p.m.
- Draft of correspondence from Sheriff John Charewicz regarding getting dogs licensed.
- Letter on article in Crossroads relating to Hull's Road Weight Limit Ordinance
- Active Portage County paid ½ cost of signs and posts for Hull's Shoes on Left/Wheels on Right program
- Correspondence sent to Todd Grunwaldt re: being ready at the next Building Committee meeting to present costs for the proposed building.

7. Schmeckle Reserve Wetland Creation Project – Ron Zimmerman, Director of Schmeckle Reserve

Hull residents present regarding the project: Harry Obremski and Don Wisinski.

J Holdridge:

- With recent flooding and building more wetlands citizens have concerns the project is creating water.

Ron Zimmerman:

- The flooding is unrelated to the wetland creation project in Schmeckle Reserve.
- Go to www.schmeckle reserve for additional information
- In 1930's Moses Creek was ditched
- With this project have removed 4,000 truckloads of subsoil
- What are the benefits of the project?

- Eliminate flooding from Moses Creek in the future
- Ecological
- Recreational
- Finish project date is 11-12-10
- Flooding into Lake Jonas this year
- 3 public hears were held prior to beginning the project
- City of Stevens Point and Wisconsin Department of Transportation were responsible for sending notices
- Wetland mitigation from Wood County (1.3 million)
- 80,000 cubic yards of open space was created

Harry Obremski, 4609 White Pine Drive, water in to Borski woods and backed on to Obremski property. The area of Moses Creek behind the Koshnick property is a mess with trees, etc.

Don Wisinski, 1682 Willow Springs Drive, had problems in the 1970's, in 1993 and now in 2010. Something has to be done.

Comments: more driveways constructed over time and possibly not in areas where they should be.

Moses Creek going north from the project to Jordan Road needs to be cleaned up.

In order to clean up Moses Creek north from the project to Jordan Road there is a need to walk that property. Harry Obremski is willing to walk and view the area.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept the report.
Motion carried.

Ron Zimmerman, if there are flooding problems in the future, please contact me at Schmeackle Reserve.

8. Revised Ordinance of the "Pipe" restricting Motorized Vehicles, Encouraging Foot Traffic and Establishing No-Parking Zone – John Holdridge

J Holdridge relating to Revised Ordinance of the "Pipe":

- Ordinance restricts access to foot travel
- A no-parking zone is established
- Individuals who own land and/or have timber rights are permitted to use motorized vehicles if they have a permit from Hull (two separate keys are needed to get vehicle access to cross the "Pipe")

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Syens, approve the Revised Ordinance of the Pipe restricting Motorized Vehicles, Encouraging Foot Traffic and Establishing a No-Parking Zone. Motion carried.

9. Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club Trail

Marilynn Kranig, member of Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club was present and indicated the trail has not changed for years.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, approve the Pok-A-Snoz Snowmobile Club Trail for the winter season 2010-11. Motion carried.

10. Comprehensive Planning Seminar by Wisconsin Town's Association in Stevens Point on Friday December 17, 2010

J Holdridge: a seminar great for the Town Board and Plan Commission to attend.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept report.
Motion carried.

11. Record Retention for Employers by Attorney Brian Formula Session on Wednesday November 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Portage County Business Council Stevens Point

J Holdridge, as per the audit the town needs a record retention policy.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Syens, support Clerk Wolle's attendance at the session. Motion carried.

12. Growing Democracy Update on Voter Participation in Hull on Tuesday November 2, 2010

ELECTION UPDATE

	<u>November 2, 2010</u>	<u>November 7, 2006</u>
Registered Electors	3,593	3,549
Total Electors Voted	2,494	2,520
Percentage	69.38%	71.00%
Voted by Absentee Ballot	319	156
	<u>September 14, 2010</u>	<u>September 13, 2006</u>
Registered Electors	3,597	3,581
Total Electors Voted	1,109	575
Percentage	30.83%	16.05%
Voted by Absentee Ballot	50	34
	<u>November 4, 2008</u>	<u>November 2, 2004</u>
Registered Electors	3,751	3,914
Total Electors Voted	3,226	3,309
Percentage	86.00%	84.54%
Voted by Absentee Ballot	800	385
	<u>April 6, 2010</u>	<u>April 2, 2008</u>
Registered Electors	3,587	3,709
Total Electors Voted	1,787	886
Percentage	49.8%	23.8%
Voted by Absentee Ballot	81	43

Prepared by Janet Wolle, Clerk 11/5/10

J Wolle:

- More electors vote by absentee ballot since the changes made by the state no longer requiring a reason for voting by A.B.
- Absentee ballots were received in the office September 30, 2010 for the November 2, 2010 election
- Absentee ballots were mailed on October 1, 2010 for voters who had applications on file in the office

J Holdridge, suggest the election update be placed on the web-site.

J Wolle - will keep the board advised regarding dissatisfaction with the new voting equipment. Karen Swanson, Clerk of the Village of Plover also unhappy. We will be getting together to get answers to our questions.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, accept the report.
Motion carried.

13. Review of Weight Limit on Granite Ridge Road (Tabled from October 11 Hull Board Meeting)
John Holdridge and Pete Kaminski, Hull Road Foreman

J Holdridge:

- Ron Gollon not present (correspondence was sent)
- Suggest leaving the weight limit at 7 ½ ton
- People in the neighborhood have requested the weight remain at 7 ½ ton

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Syens, table action subject to someone's request to change the weight posting. Motion carried.

14. Reports:

- a. Treasurer
 - Treasurer's report included in packet
- b. Road Foreman – no report
- c. Fire Chief – no report
 - Request sitting with budget committee to talk about salary adjustments
 - Next budget committee meeting Thursday November 11 at 2 p.m.
- d. EMS Administrator and/or President – no report

Other: John Holdridge, Barbara Brilowski and Pete Kaminski will meet with representatives of FEMA on Tuesday November 9, 2010 at 1 p.m. regarding costs in Hull due to flooding.

LaVerne Syens is concerned about catastrophic loss.

Dave Pederson the board can amend the budget.

Dave Wilz, commend those working on the budget keeping a flat tax levy (dollar per thousand).

15. Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk