

MINUTES OF TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING
COUNTY OF PORTAGE WISCONSIN HELD ON
MONDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2010

1. Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point WI 54482.

Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Melvin Bembenek, David Pederson, David Wilz and LaVerne Syens.

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

No citizens present regarding non-agenda items.

3. Announcements – Chairperson and Supervisors
 - Regarding traffic problem at Carol's Lane and Mary's Drive the City of Stevens Point is blocking traffic from coming from Spectra Print.
 - Sandy Lane N – traffic count for 1 week 65 vehicles
 - Duncan Drive – traffic count for 1 week – 256 vehicles
 - Will be meeting with Paul McGinley and Ray Schmidt re: water quality and quantity
 - I-39 W area on agenda of Portage County Planning & Zoning Committee meeting on November 17, 2010
 - Discussion regarding Firkus Road will be on the agenda of the Hull Plan Commission on November 16, 2010
 - Nuisance complaint received at residence on White Pine Drive – Portage County has given the residents until December 1, 2010 to clean up the mess
 - John Holdridge, Barbara Brilowski and Peter Kaminski met with representatives from FEMA regarding Hull's cost due to flooding
 - Hull taxes to stay at 2010 rate
 - Item in the Stevens Point Journal regarding deal with firefighters union
 - Phil Deffenbaugh will stay 1 more year as Hull's Assessor/Building Inspector
 - Flood mitigation apps received from State of Wisconsin and Portage County
4. Appointment of Hull Finance/Budget Committee – John Holdridge, Chairperson
Chairperson Holdridge:
 - LaVerne Syens, Jim Kruziki, Janet Wolle and John Holdridge have been meeting to put together the budget
 - Request LaVerne, Jim, Janet and John be appointed to the Hull Finance/Budget Committee

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, approve the appointment of members to the Hull Finance/Budget Committee as requested by Chairperson Holdridge. Motion carried.

5. 2011 Budget Notes/Comments – John Holdridge
Chairperson Holdridge:
 - Sustainability of taxes important
 - The proposed expense for deputy from the Sheriff's Department would be for 1 day a week/10 hours a day/52 weeks (\$25,000)

Supervisor Pederson when looking at rebuilding a road we look at based on data we have. Has there been an increase in complaints? How many and are the same people calling?

Holdridge, kids are coming from SPASH; we receive complaints on Jordan Road, Old Wausau Road, etc.

Pederson – this is a 400% increase over what we've been spending – looking for justification.

Holdridge – will have to have more deputies in Hull with the population going up.

- Sharing resources with another group
- Explore possibilities of evening shifts
- Weight limits – stop trucks and ask if have permit

Pederson, there is a greater need during the summer months (warmer weather)

Holdridge, we receive calls from all over town. There is a need to log in the calls.

Supervisor Wilz, we are spending money to build data for future use.

Holdridge with the deputy we will have a trained person with enforcement powers.

6. Purchase of Traffic Safety Signs – Pete Kaminski Hull Road Foreman

Chairperson Holdridge:

- Shortage of signs & barricades discovered during flooding

Supervisor Wilz, with the revised list we cannot afford to wait for FEMA grant that could be 13 months from now.

Pete Kaminski, the 2010 sign budget is depleted.

The following is requested:

Barricades	20	\$47.00	\$940.00
Watch for Water Over Rd	20	30.13	603.00
Road Closed	10	30.15	301.50
Flashing lights for barricades	30	29.50	885.00
Shoulder Drop Off signs	10	30.15	301.50
Road Closed Ahead	10	60.85	608.50
Stand Sign Kit Men Working	4	230.75	923.00
Plasticade Barricades	6	59.95	<u>359.70</u>
Total			\$4,922.20

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, accept the report and have signs purchased by Pete Kaminski. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wilz would like to see signs purchased in 2010.

Barbara Brilowski indicated Hull could see money from FEMA in February/April 2011.

7. The Pipe and Red Bridge Function, Classification, Usage, and Promotion - John Holdridge, Chairperson and Dave Wilz, Chairperson, Hull Park Commission

Chairperson Holdridge, a map had the "Pipe" shown as a park.

- It was a mistake allowing heavy trucks go across the isthmus
- Owners of land, Consolidated Power and those with wood rights have right to cross isthmus with vehicles
- Keep as wilderness area
- Does Hull want the Pipe and Red Bridge promoted?
- There is no public land by Red Bridge.

Holdridge, Hull received \$16,000 from Portage County Land Preservation for the purchase of the isthmus by the "Pipe".

Supervisor Pederson would like to keep the "Pipe" a wilderness or as close to as possible.

Supervisor Wilz, the Park's Committee takes on signing the town – had not done the "Pipe" (Granite Ridge Park).

- Taking these areas on as a task.
- What should be done if anything?

Pederson, if we restrict hour's signage is then needed.

- What has become of the bond regarding the Pipe?

Holdridge, there is some argument to do nothing – the trees will grow back naturally.

Hull resident Jim Grubba stated junk is an ongoing issue by Red Bridge.

Paul Leonard, resident of Hull, indicated they try to keep the area clean – they don't want to close the area down which would probably create more problems.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Syens, "Pipe" area to remain wilderness - without signage. Motion carried.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, maintain relationship with property owners by Red Bridge, remove trash, let grass grow, do not promote. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Mark Kluck stated there is a dry-hydrant by the northwest corner or the boat landing at Red Bridge.

Jim Grubba, great cooperation from road crew that has preserved the turn around.

8. Terminating Wisconsin Highway Aids for ¼ Mile of Firkus Road (called Firkus Drive) – John Holdridge

Chairperson Holdridge:

- Letter was written to DOT on October 22, 2010

- Received return letter as DOT could not figure out why Hull did not want to take general transportation aids on the north ¼ mile of Firkus Road
- John explained that portion of road had never been open
- Road is still dedicated to Hull and will not be abandoned.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, Hull retain ownership of that north ¼ mile of Firkus Road, but will not accept Highway Aids.
Motion carried.

9. Road Abandonment Northwest Hull from Highway 10 (new two lane road to Marshfield) to North and South Cul-de-Sac on Pinewood Drive – John Holdridge, Pete Kaminski and Tim Gagas Hull Citizen

Tim Gagas was present and stated when DOT laid out Highway 10 going west a portion of the old Pinewood Drive was covered up and cul-de-sacs put in.

- Get 4 wheelers going beyond cul-de-sac on the south side.

Holdridge, Town of Hull was not notified of this.

Abutting landowners: Jerry Fahrner owns lot 4; Tim Gagas owns lots 2 & 3; Steve Plaski owns Parcel A.

Motion Supervisor Syens, second Supervisor Pederson, start the procedure to abandon road right-of-way and give land to contiguous landowners. Motion carried.

10. Review and Update on Bank Rate and Cost – Jim Kruziki, Hull Treasurer

Jim Kruziki presented review of bank rates and costs received after meeting with representatives of Citizens Bank, River Cities Bank and Chase Bank.

- Hull's checking and savings accounts are currently at Chase Bank
- Hull has reserve funds at River Cities Bank
- Have been watching charges on the checking account - \$50 to \$75 a month
- Jim and Janet Wolle talked with representatives of the aforementioned banks
- Impressed with Citizens Bank and River cities offers
- Would like to change major banking to Citizens Bank effective January 1, 2011

Chairperson Holdridge, why Citizens and not Pineries?

Kruziki, have an account at River Cities and have done business with Citizens.

Holdridge, we know Chase and Citizens, should throw open to community banks.

- Should send formal data to make process as clean as can be.
- Jim & John draft a letter
- Intent is to broaden

Kruziki stated he disagrees. We have a good sampling with Citizens and River Cities.

- ✓ Just spinning tires

Holdridge, the process is important.

- How many national, regional, community banks are in the area?
- Send letter and require they provide information by date certain.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Wilz, pursue getting bids from various financial institutions to cover Hull's needs. Motion carried.

11. Speed Limits and Enforcement Requirement – John Holdridge

- Nick Kaminski, Bill Omernik and John Holdridge going to UW seminar on November 17 regarding signage
- Signage has to be right base on law

Hull resident Dennis Flannigan was present wondering what speed limit is west of I-39.

- 35 mph zone used to be at St Casimir's Church
- Now 1 speed limit sign for area
- Will look like a speed trap

Holdridge, there are conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Have to get correct.

- One member of the road crew is to be expert on speed zones.

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

12. Equalized Value and Tax Rate Implication – John Holdridge

	2010	2011
Stevens Point	-1.03	+28
Village of Plover	+1.51	+1.79
Town of Hull	+5.38	-.76
Town of Plover	-.29	+2.54
Town of Sharon	+2.29	-2.32
Portage County	+0.01	-1.87

With Hull's decrease in equalized value our share of school tax will decrease.

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

13. Celebration and Appreciation of Staff and Citizens Contribution to Hull Civil Society – Hull Town Board

- Include citizens that do road clean-up
- Parks Committee; Plan Commission
- Should do something for their contributions

Supervisor Pederson there are ways to show appreciation – recognition statement; get together & publically recognize at a board meeting.

Supervisor Wilz suggest removing those that do road clean-up. Recognize those that serve above and beyond.

Chairperson Holdridge, the Park Committee used to get together – Hull would buy the meal

- Plan Commission went to the Stevens Point Country Club
- There is a time scheduled in December 2010 for Plan Commission get together
- Parks Committee could do something
- Sometimes have had a Christmas get together at Hull for staff and road crew

Wilz do something to recognize staff. Why can't we take staff out to the Country Club?

Supervisor Bembenek agrees.

Barb Brilowski we could have a cook out in the spring/summer.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, have something in spring. Motion carried.

Comments:

- Best attended are pot luck get together
- Develop recognition certificate and small monetary
- Have appreciation for staff and citizens

14. Operators License Application – Tracey Steele

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Wilz, grant Operator's License to Tracey Steele. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Wilz, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk