

TOWN OF ALDEN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

The Regular Town Meeting of the Town of Alden was held on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. At the Alden Town Hall, Star Prairie, WI. Chairman Johnson called the Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Brad Johnson - Town Board Chairman, Jerome Anderson and Helen Johnson - Town Board Supervisors, Judy Demulling - Town Clerk and Margo Dahl - Treasurer

AGENDA: **Voice Motions by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Anderson to approve adoption of the agenda as amended.**      **Motions carried.**

MINUTES: **Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Johnson approve the minutes of the August 12, 2002 Town Board Meeting.**      **Motions carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING: **Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Johnson approve the minutes of the August 19, 2002 Public Hearing.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Harvey Christensen asked when the evaluations notices would be sent out.
2. Mark Wettig questioned about the culvert on his property that was covered up after landscaping along 185<sup>th</sup>. He also commented on how nice of a job the Public Works are doing on 185<sup>th</sup> Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. East Side of Lower Pine Lake Road – Chairman Johnson read a response letter from Attorney Daniel Byrnes. (Copy of letter is attached to the minutes) Chairman Johnson wrote a letter to Mr. Grevich and asked that it be sent out certified return receipt. Will be put on next month's agenda.
2. Five Member Board – Clerk Demulling informed how the board is going to proceed with the five-member board. Supervisor Johnson noted that it is illegal to have east and west side supervisors. Supervisors are to be voted on at large, we cannot have wards. It is recommended that we have numbered seats.
3. Caucus vs. Nomination Papers - **Voice motions by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Anderson to rescind the motion that we have a referendum on the September ballot to get the wishes of the people if they would like a nomination or caucus process for establishing a five-member board from the August 12, 2002 meeting.**      **Motions carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Douglas Hansen - Zoning Change – Douglas Hansen requested a zoning change from Exclusive Agricultural to Agricultural. **Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to table until the Plan Commission Committee can review this zoning change.**
2. H. J. Green Company, Inc. and Edina Realty, Inc. – Presented before the Town Board preliminary plans for a single family sub-division on the Douglas Hansen property. Neighboring residents expressed their feelings concerning the development.
3. Cemetery Lot Fees - **Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded Supervisor Johnson to raise single cemetery lot fees from \$65.00 to \$125.00 for residents and \$125.00 to \$250.00 for non-residents effective October 1, 2002.**      **Motions carried.**
4. Budget Set Up – Set up date was set for October 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Statutory Planning Commission– Alden Town Board appointed the committee for the Statutory Plan Commission those chosen were: Timm Johnson and Gary Dado – 1 year term, Jackie Whitcome and Nolan Chew – 2 year term, Robert Norlander and John Hougdaahl – 3 year term. Jerome Anderson will be the Town Board Member. Chairperson appointed was Gary Dado.

ROADWORK ISSUES - PUBLIC WORKS: Following items where reported on:

- Will be hauling gravel to 210<sup>th</sup> Street to finish up project.
- Filling and grading washouts.
- Past week we have been hauling fill and gravel on 185<sup>th</sup> Street.

APPROVE BILLS: The monthly bills were presented to the Town Board.

**Voice Motions by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Anderson to approve payment of the bills listed. Motions carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure Dahl read the Treasurer's report.

**Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve treasurer's report as written. Motions carried.**

Treasurer Dahl informed the board that Tonja Borg from Arnell Humane Society requested they be put on the Charitable Fund.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Brad Johnson reported on the following items:

- Received a letter from George Palo stating that the Polk County Highway Department has authorized his department to enter into an agreement for partnering with the Town of Alden for a salt shed.
- Polk County Highway Department would also like to store a truck in Alden.
- Met with FEMA.
- Attended Land Use Meeting in Eau Claire.
- Went to a fire hall proposal meeting for the Amery Fire Department. Alden's annual share would be approximately \$8,000.00 for the new fire hall.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Helen Johnson reported on the following:

- Talked with Town of Osceola about their Dog Ordinance and got a copy of their ordinance. John Everson would be willing to work with the Town of Alden.
- West Immanuel would like to see if the town could put up a flashing caution light on 180<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jerome Anderson reported on the following items:

- Talked about Clean Up Day.
- Beaver problem at Parkers Creek.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor Anderson and Clerk Demulling will be attending the Wisconsin Town Convention October 13-16, 2002.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Alden Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT: Voice Motions by Supervisor Anderson and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn. Motions carried.**

Submitted by  
Town Clerk

  
Judy Demulling