

TOWN OF MILTON

MEETING MINUTES

2011

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2011

Supervisor Bagniewski called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:37 p.m. with all board members present, except Chairperson Platteter. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Monthly bills were presented. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance the minutes from the December 15, 2010 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Roadwork:

- **Snowplowing:** Paul Duellman was complimented on doing a good job on the snowplowing, especially with the heavy show we've had lately.
- **Bridge bill:** The bridge bill remains unresolved, with different stories about whether/when the bill is owed. The Board directed Clerk Engel to invite David Brevick to the February meeting to discuss both the bridge bill and the TRIP project reimbursement requirements.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Monthly bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance the minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Waumandee Creek Bridge Bill: The Buffalo County Highway Department compiled a list of bridge costs, including county and town share of expenses, for three bridges on Waumandee Creek Road. Between the three bridges, there is a net balance due of \$17,390, ½ of which is owed by Buffalo County and the other ½ owed by the Town of Milton (\$8,695). The town and county share 20% of the expense, with federal funds providing the rest. Dave Brevick explained that there are continuing expenses for bridges post-construction, which sometimes drag on for four or more years. When he submitted the Petition to us last fall for \$5,000, it was with the intent of having the town (and county) commit to paying \$5,000 in 2011. Unfortunately, due to confusion over the remaining balance, that amount was not built into the 2011 budget, which Mr. Brevick indicated was fine. This will have to be placed in the 2012 budget.

Kamrowski Road Bridge: Mr. Brevick indicated that the Kamrowski Road Bridge is eligible for federal replacement funding. On a scale of 0-100, the bridge is in the upper 40s. A score of 50 or less qualifies for replacement. If the Town wanted to start planning for the replacement, they could allocate \$5,000, which the County would match. Generally the funds are raised over a period of 3-4 years. Additionally, in its present condition, the bridge would have to have a 5 ton weight restriction due to the way it was constructed. The County could reinforce the bridge at an approximate \$2,000 cost. This would not extend the life of the bridge but would allow it to avoid the weigh restriction limit. If the Town of Milton would pay for the cost of materials, Buffalo County would provide the labor for free. The Town Board expressed interest in having this work performed. Dave Brevick will communicate the cost of materials to Chairperson Platteter, after which the Board will act on the matter.

TRIP Reimbursement: Chairperson Platteter signed the TRIP Reimbursement papers and gave them to Mr. Brevick, who will submit them for reimbursement. Reimbursement of approximately \$19,000 is expected in 2-3 weeks.

Flood Repair Reimbursement: Chairperson Platteter received the final reimbursement paperwork from FEMA. Once he signs and returns the paperwork, we will have submitted everything necessary to receive FEMA reimbursement. The amount of reimbursement is \$6,921 on one project and \$1,767.80 on the other project. Insofar as the reimbursement from the State of Wisconsin is concerned, Dave Brevick will provide Chairperson Platteter with contact information for the person handling reimbursement requests at the state level.

Election Official Appointment: Upon a motion by Supervisor Platteter and a second by Kevin Dienger, Sera Stevens was appointed to serve as an election official for the remainder of the two-year term of appointment (until 12/31/11). She has already had Chief Inspector Training.

Request to Use Town Hall as a Bike Event Site: Chairperson Platteter received a request from Spree Touring to use the Town Hall as a rest stop for a bike tour on May 15, 2011. Several years ago, the town received a similar request but had to decline after checking with its liability insurance carrier. Clerk Engel was directed to contact the town's liability insurance carrier to find out its position on hosting a rest stop.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:32 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the February 16, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Chairperson Platteter. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Donation of Dog License Fee:** Buffalo County has asked the Town to consider the donation of the remaining ½ of dog license fees to the Buffalo County Humane Society. Because the Town has historically not had extra funds to donate, the Board declined to act on this request.
- **Use of Town Hall as a Bike Stop on May 14, 2011:** Spree Touring has requested to use the parking lot of the Town Hall as a bike stop for a May 14, 2011 touring event. Spree will provide portable restrooms and a water source. It has its own insurance and has received a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Milton as an additional insured. The Town's insurance agent, Steve Berger, has indicated that he sees no problems with this provided Spree is insured and is able to name the Town as an additional insured. Spree is also seeking volunteers to work at the site and will donate \$12 per hour worked to the community organization of that volunteer's choice. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve this request; Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Kamrowski Bridge Road Repair:** Buffalo County issued an estimate for the cost of strengthening the Kamrowski Bridge so that it would not need to have a reduced rating. For the cost of materials (\$1,180.78), the County will do the repair work for free. Chairperson Platteter moved to approve having the County do the work at this cost; Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Flood Repair Reimbursement:** We have not yet received reimbursement from FEMA for the September flood damage. We expect to receive \$5,932.57 plus \$1,515.26. Chairperson Platteter will follow up with Steve Schiffli on both this reimbursement and the state reimbursement.
- **Board of Review Training/Date:** Supervisor Bagniewski will register for the April 21st WisLine Board of Review Training. If circumstances prevent him from attending, he will notify Chairperson Platteter, who will go in his place. The Board of Review will be held on May 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., immediately preceded by the Open Book from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
ANNUAL MEETING

April 20, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with 9 residents present. Two people arrived midway through the meeting.

Elector's Input on Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel read the minutes of the April 20, 2010 Annual Town Meeting. Kenneth Haeuser moved to approve the minutes; Paul Duellman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (9-0). During discussion of election worker compensation, it was discovered that the 2010 minutes contained a typographical error regarding current election worker compensation—it should have read \$9 per hour currently, rather than \$8 per hour. Kenneth Haeuser amended his motion to approve the minutes with the foregoing change; Paul Duellman seconded the amended motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Financial Report: The 2010 Financial Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Kenneth Haeuser moved to accept the report; Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

2010 Year in Review:

- **Road Report and Trip Grant:** We received the TRIP Grant money for the Waumandee Creek Road reconstruction project. Allied Blacktop still has some corrections to make on the road which are supposed to be completed by August 1st. The County is going to repair a bridge on Kamrowski Road for the cost of materials only (no labor). The Town still needs to resurface the Waumandee Creek bridge that was washed out during both floods. The State will not reimburse the Town for any costs of repair (due to flood #1) until the project is complete.
- **Election Update:** Clerk Engel reported that we had several elections this year, which were challenging due to the additional regulations and requirements placed on election workers by the State. Several of the more experienced election officials have indicated that they intend to retire after their current term is done, which is the end of 2011. Therefore, Clerk Engel is recruiting and training new election officials and trying to work them into the election cycles so they get some experience.

Discussion of License Fees: The Town is already charging the maximum allowed fees for liquor licenses. No advisory motions were made or passed.

Discussion of Election Worker Compensation: The Town pays election officials \$9/hour plus \$5/mileage. The Chief Inspector gets an extra \$10 per shift worked. No advisory motions were made or passed.

Next Annual Meeting Date: Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. moved that the next annual meeting date be set for the third Wednesday of April at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular Board meeting. Kevin Dienger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Other: Kenneth Haueser requested that the notice for the annual meeting be published in the paper.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kenneth Haeuser and seconded by Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. Motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Meeting adjourned 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:32 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were six community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the March 16, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Flood Repair Reimbursement:** We have not yet received reimbursement from FEMA for the September flood damage. Chairperson Platteter submitted some additional requested paperwork and we expect to receive reimbursement in the near future. With respect to the damage from the first flooding, we will not receive reimbursement until the project is complete—which means the road needs to be resurfaced. The reimbursement amount will be based upon what it would take to restore the road to its former condition; however, the Board could still decide to upgrade the surface. This will be addressed at a future meeting.
- **Board of Review Training/Date:** Supervisor Bagniewski will attend the April 21st WisLine Board of Review Training. The Board of Review will be held on May 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., immediately preceded by the Open Book from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **WTA On-Line Training:** The Wisconsin Towns Association is offering on-line training for Boards at a cost of \$100 per year. Right now the training selections are limited. The Board declined to act at this time and instructed Clerk Engel to monitor the type and amount of trainings offered and to re-visit this issue in the future.
- **Voting Machines:** Command Central is selling reconditioned voting machines at a discount. Clerk Engel felt that one machine was sufficient. The Board declined to act on this issue.
- **Road Update:** There is a pothole in Prairie Moon Road that may require some work. Supervisor Platteter will take care of the Town's road ratings obligation.
- **Redistricting:** The County Board is considering redistricting and eliminating two of the 16 supervisors. With the redistricting, the Town of Milton would be combined with the Town of Waumandee (rather than the Town of Cross). A public hearing on this will be held May 10th at the Alma Courthouse.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:32 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were eight community members, with one arriving halfway through the meeting.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the April 20, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Class B Beer/Liquor License Application of James D. Stiehm, LLC:** The Board reviewed the license application and background checks for the license application of James D. Stiehm. Mr. Stiehm was present and explained that he is a one-member LLC and would like to purchase the old Country Store location and turn it into a bar. There was no criminal history on either Mr. Stiehm or his agent, Josh Malchaski. Mr. Stiehm will be renovating the location once he purchases it and does not wish to have the license until the upcoming licensing period, which is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to issue the license to the applicant upon the payment of the proper fees; Chairperson Platteter seconded the motion. (motion passed).
- **Background Checks:** One of the current liquor license holders had asked Clerk Engel whether it was necessary to perform a background check every year on license holders (including Operator's License holders). Jane Baures noted that the City of Fountain City has a box for the repeat applicants to check, indicating whether they have had any criminal activity since the last application. Clerk Engel explained that, at the time the Board approved background checks last year, it was not clear whether the Board intended to require a background check every year. Supervisor Dienger moved to require background checks for new and renewing applications. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).
- **Appointment of Assessor:** Eric Kleven has been our assessor for several years. His current rate is a couple hundred dollars less than last year's rate. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to appoint Eric Kleven as the assessor. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).
- **Disaster Reimbursement:** We finally received reimbursement from FEMA for part of the costs of the September flooding. The amount received was \$8,743.13. We are not eligible to receive reimbursement on the August flood until the road surfacing is complete. Discussion was had on the necessity of guardrails at that location. Chairperson Platteter will check with Dave Brevig (County Highway Supervisor) as to the need for guardrails.
- **Other Roadwork:** Paul Duellman will sweep all roads that have excess accumulations of sand. He will also work on replacing a culvert on Prairie Moon Road, attempting to salvage the culvert for possible use off of Waumandee Creek Road. Chairperson Platteter will contact Jeff Brenden to inquire about the repairs needed by Allied Blacktop on Waumandee Creek Road, including John Losinski's access roads.

He will also inquire about the cost for resurfacing the Waumandee Creek bridge that was damaged in the flooding in August/September.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Dienger and seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:31 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were four community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the May 18, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger noted that Supervisor Bagniewski (not Supervisor Dienger) had made the motion to grant the Stiehm liquor license and, with that correction, made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Liquor License Applications:** Bay's End and Drift Inn requested renewals of their existing beer/alcohol licenses. Mississippi Thunder requested both a new beer/alcohol license and a renewal of its existing beer license. There are only two beer/alcohol licenses remaining to be issued. All background checks were clean. Supervisor Dienger moved to issue renewal beer/alcohol licenses to Drift Inn and Bay's End and a renewal beer license to Mississippi Thunder. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Cigarette Licenses:** Supervisor Bagniewski moved to grant cigarette licenses to Bay's End and Drift Inn. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Operator's Licenses:** Operator's license applications for the following individuals were reviewed by the board: Heather Wiersgalla, Lori Broxson, Rachel Moen, Tina Lockner, Thomas Lockner and Debbie Meng. All background checks were clean. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to grant operator's licenses to all applicants. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Roadwork Update:**
 - Waumandee Creek Road Construction: Paul Duellman reported that Jeff Brenden no longer works for Allied. He now works for Scott's. Allied is apparently no longer in business. It is not clear as to whether Mathy has purchased Allied or not. Paul Duellman was corrected to fix the access roads for John Losinski.
 - Waumandee Creek Bridge Repair: The bridge still needs to be resurfaced. Chairperson Platteter found out that the guardrails are not required; however, the Board would like some reflective markers. Chairperson Platteter will contact an Eleva contractor (Ouim) about the cost for surfacing the road.
 - Cutting Grass: Paul Duellman was directed to mow weeds prior to July 4th.
- **Other – local zoning:** Questions have been raised about the intentions of the new owners of Czechville/Country Store and whether they intend to convert the property into a Gentleman's Club. The owners have denied to the County Zoning Administrator (Paul Van Eijl) that this is their intention. The

next version of the County Zoning Ordinance will contain some provisions addressing such situations and a moratorium may be imposed in the interim. The Board is interested in finding out what zoning options it has and directed Clerk Engel to check with the Wisconsin Towns Association. This item will be placed on the July agenda.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Dienger and seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:20 p.m. with all board members present except. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Operator's Licenses:** Discussion was had on who could tend a bar. Persons without a license over the age of 18 can tend bar provided they are under the immediate supervision of someone else with operator's license privileges. Operator's license applications for the following individuals were reviewed by the board: Robert Timm, Debra Hund, Josh Malchaski, Ashley Becker, Judy Nygren, Scott Rogers, Marylee Katula, Dennis Ziemann and Glenda Malchaski. All applicants had completed the proper paperwork and background checks were done. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to grant operator's licenses to all applicants. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Review Lottery Credit Listing:** This item was tabled until the August meeting.
- **CapX 2020 Update:** Chairperson Platteter attend the recent public meeting on CapX 2020 and brought a map of the land that will be affected by the project. The size and distance between the towers was discussed along with the right of way (which would increase from 75' to 150'). Township residents have asked the Board to submit a letter with a comment sheet so they can respond. The Board will discuss this with Clerk Engel.
- **Roadwork:**
 - **Waumandee Creek Bridge Repair:** Chairperson Platteter has requested bids from Dunn Blacktop and Ouim regarding resurfacing the road where the bridge was washed out. Ouim has not responded so Supervisor Dienger suggested contacting Green Leaf.
 - **Waumandee Creek Road Reconstruction:** The Waumandee Creek Road reconstruction still has lingering issues that need to be fixed. Money was held back from the payment to Allied, per agreement, until those repairs were made. Allied is no longer in business. Chairperson Platteter spoke to Monarch Paving, which has purchased the Allied Blacktop projects. The Monarch representative indicated that Monarch has nothing to do with claims against Allied. Chairperson Platteter then spoke to Bob Ayers, the previous owner of Allied, who gave two options for resolution: (1) leave the road as is and the Town keeps the money that was held back or (2) Allied would contract with someone to do the work and the Town would pay the balance of the contract. Chairperson Platteter asked the Dunn Blacktop representative to look at the area of concern when compiling the bid for the bridge resurfacing. Chairperson Platteter made a motion to have him secure two bids and then have the Board meet on Kennebeck Road to discuss and

award the bid so that work could begin as soon as possible and be completed before school started. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski (motion passed).

- **Regulation of Adult Business Ordinance:** The Board discussed and elected to take no action on this issue at this time.
- **Other – Roadhouse Bar building permits:** Questions have been raised about the possible lack of a permit for construction/demolition at the Road House Bar. Chairperson Platteter reported that has been in contact with the Buffalo County Zoning Office, who is taking care of the issue, along with the DNR.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Notes taken by Treasurer Jane Baures

Minutes formatted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present except. Also present were four community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the July 20, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Operator's Licenses:** Operator's license applications for the following individuals were reviewed by the board: Karen Hink, Amy Baertsch, Tiffany Fort, Terrance Murphy. All applicants had completed the proper paperwork and background checks were done. Supervisor Dienger moved to grant operator's licenses to all applicants. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Discussion of Road House Liquor License:** Clerk Engel reported that she had received several inquiries regarding the identity of the holder of the liquor license for what is now being called the Road House Bar. There is apparently a concern that the entity to whom the license was granted (James D. Stiehm, LLC) is not, in fact, running the bar. She also reported that she had received a call from Mr. Stiehm inquiring about "transferring" his license. She asked for some direction from the board as to what they would like communicated to Mr. Stiehm in regards to his request. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to have Clerk Engel send a letter to Mr. Stiehm requesting documentation of the current and future lease agreement or other ownership/management arrangements regarding the Road House Bar. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Lottery Credit Listing:** The Board reviewed the Lottery Credit listing and made handwritten notations on it, indicating properties where a lottery credit may not be appropriate.
- **Roadwork Update:**
 - **Waumandee Creek Bridge Resurface/Repair:** The Board received three bids for the resurfacing of the washed out bridge on Waumandee Creek Road and the repair of a seam in the blacktop done last year. The low bid was from Central Blacktop, at just under \$7,000 for both jobs. The Board met on August 8, 2011 on Kennebeck Road and awarded the bid to Central, who hopes to have the work completed before school starts. The bridge will then have reflector stakes installed. After the work is done, we can claim reimbursement from the state for the flood damage funds
 - **Kennebeck Road:** At its August 8, 2011 meeting, the Board decided to put 10 loads of gravel on Kennebeck Road and grade it.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Dienger and seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.
Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present except. Also present were four community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the August 18, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Update on Road House Liquor License:** As directed at the August meeting, Clerk Engel sent a letter to Jim Stiehm on August 22, 2011. No response, either written or verbal, has been received. It was noted that Robert Fort did not apply for nor receive either a liquor license nor an operator's license. The license is issued in the name of James D. Stiehm, LLC. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to direct Clerk Engel to send a letter, certified mail, to Mr. Stiehm enclosing a copy of the first letter and requesting a response by no later than October 12, 2011--one week prior to the next board meeting. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Employee Grievance Procedure:** Clerk Engel distributed the Wisconsin Towns Association recommended Grievance Procedure to the Board in advance of the meeting. Kenneth Haeuser, former Town Chairperson, was in attendance and consented to being named as the impartial hearing officer required by the ordinance. Supervisor Dienger moved to adopt the ordinance and appoint Kenneth Haeuser as the hearing officer. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion (motion passed).
- **Request for donation from Fountain City Flash Football:** The Board declined to act on the request, noting that granting such a request would likely open the door for other, similar requests from entities whose mission does not directly benefit town residents.
- **Roadwork Update:**
 - **Waumandee Creek Bridge Resurface/Repair:** Central Blacktop completed the paving on the bridge/culvert area.
 - **Waumandee Creek Road Construction Patch:** Central Blacktop fixed the patch but there were issues with the fix and it needs to be re-done. Central is aware of the problem and will fix it.
 - **Kennebeck Road:** Gravel has been put on Kennebeck Road.
 - **Foliage Containment:**
 - An individual called to ask that brush be cut by Kamrowski and Indian Creek Roads; then called back a day later to thank the town for responding to his request so quickly.
 - A resident expressed concern about the cutting and removing of foliage overhanging the roadway. The Board noted that Town is entitled to manage and maintain such obstructions that are within road right-of-way, much like it does with weed cutting. They

further noted that there is no obligation to contact the landowner of adjoining land when such work is being done.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

Resolution for Adopting Employee Grievance Procedure


Whereas s. 66.0509(1m), Wis. Stat. requires local governmental units to adopt an employee grievance procedure;


Whereas the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin has thoughtfully considered this requirement and prepared an employee grievance procedure that contains the required elements;

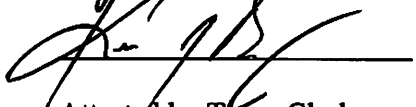
Now, therefore be it resolved, that the town board of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin adopts the attached employee grievance procedure pursuant to s. 66.0509(1m), Wis. Stat.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2011.

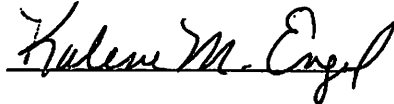
By the Town Board:







Attested by Town Clerk:



(Post in 3 places within 30 days of adoption pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.)

Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin

Employee Grievance Procedure

Purpose: This grievance procedure is adopted pursuant to s. 66.0509(1m), Wis. Stat., and is intended to provide a timely and orderly review of disputes regarding: a) employee terminations, b) employee discipline, and c) workplace safety.

Definitions for terms used in this document:

"Days": means calendar days, excluding legal holidays as defined in s. 995.20, Wis. Stat.

"Discipline": means any employment action that results in disciplinary suspension without pay, disciplinary reduction in pay or other benefits, disciplinary demotions and terminations. The term "discipline" does not include verbal notices or reminders, written reprimands, performance evaluations, documentation of employee acts and/or omissions in an employment file, non-disciplinary demotions, non-disciplinary adjustments to compensation or benefits, actions taken to address job performance such as establishment of a performance improvement plan or job targets; placing an employee on paid leave pending an internal investigation; or other personnel actions taken by the employer for non-disciplinary reasons.

"Hearing Officer": means the impartial hearing officer required pursuant to s. 66.0509(1m)(d)2, Wis. Stat. The hearing officer selected by the town board is Kenneth Haeuser .

"Termination": means a discharge from employment for rule violations, poor performance, acts detrimental to the employer or other acts of misconduct. The term "termination" does not include: a voluntary quit, completion of seasonal employment, completion of temporary assignment, completion of contract, layoff or failure to be recalled from layoff at the expiration of the recall period; retirement, job abandonment ("no call, no show" or other failure to report to work); or termination of employment due to medical condition, lack of qualification or license, or any other cessation of employment not involving involuntary termination.

"Workplace Safety": means any alleged violation of any standard established under state law or rule or federal law or regulation relating to workplace safety.

Process and Timelines:

1. The employee must file a written grievance with the town clerk within 10 days of the termination, discipline or actual or reasonable knowledge of the alleged workplace safety issue. So that an earnest effort can be made to resolve the matter informally, the grievant must discuss the issue with his/her immediate supervisor prior to filing the written

grievance. However, in the case of a termination, such a meeting is not required. Grievance forms may be obtained from the clerk. The town clerk shall inform the employee's immediate supervisor and the town chair about receipt of the written grievance as soon as practicable.

2. The employee's immediate supervisor will meet with the grievant within 10 days of receipt of the written grievance. The supervisor will provide the grievant with a written response within 10 days of the meeting. A copy of the supervisor's response shall be filed in the clerk's office. If no one has been designated the employee's immediate supervisor, the employee will meet with the town chair who shall then provide the written response.

3. The employee may request an appeal to the hearing officer by filing a written request with the town clerk within 10 days of receiving the written response. The town clerk shall notify the town chair and employee's supervisor about the filing of the request for a hearing as soon as practicable. The town will work with the hearing officer and grievant to schedule a mutually agreeable hearing date.

4. The hearing officer shall provide the employee and employee's supervisor with a written decision no later than 30 days after the hearing date. The hearing officer shall also provide the town clerk with a copy of the decision for filing in the clerk's office.

5. The non-prevailing party may file a written request with the town clerk for an appeal to the town board within 10 days of receipt of the hearing officer's decision. The clerk shall notify the town chair about the request as soon as possible. The town board shall decide the matter and issue a written decision within 45 days of the filing of the appeal. The town board may sustain, deny or modify the recommendation of the impartial hearing officer. The decision of the town board shall be final and binding. A copy of the board's decision shall be provided to the employee and filed in the town clerk's office.

6. All timelines may be extended by mutual written agreement of the town board and employee. Without such agreement, a failure of the employee to adhere to any of the specified timelines shall preclude any further consideration of the grievance.

7. If the last day on which an event is to occur is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time limit is extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. A grievance or request for an appeal is considered timely if received by the town clerk during normal business hours or if postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.

8. If the grievance is not answered within the time limits, at any stage, the employee may proceed to the next available step within 7 days.

9. The grievant and town board may mutually agree in writing to waive a step or multiple steps within the procedure.

10. Granting the requested or agreed upon remedy resolves the grievance.

Grievance Requirements:

The written grievance must contain:

1. A statement of the pertinent facts surrounding the nature of the grievance.
2. The date the incident occurred or the date the alleged workplace safety concern was discovered.
3. The steps taken to informally resolve the grievance, the individuals involved in the attempted resolution, and the results of such discussion.
4. The specific remedy requested; and
5. A description of the workplace safety rule alleged to have been violated, if applicable.

Supervisor's Response:

The supervisor's written response to the employee's written grievance must contain:

1. A statement of the date the meeting between the employee and supervisor was held.
2. A decision as to whether the grievance is sustained or denied.

Procedure Before the Hearing Officer: The hearing officer shall define the issues, identifying areas of agreement and identifying the issues in dispute and hear evidence and arguments. The hearing officer will determine whether the town acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner. A decision will not have been arbitrary or capricious if it was made in the best interest of the town. In all cases, the grievant shall have the burden of proof to support the grievance. This process does not involve a hearing before a court of law; thus, the rules of evidence will not be strictly followed. However, no factual findings may be based solely on hearsay evidence.

The hearing officer may require the employee and town to submit materials related to the grievance and witness lists in advance of the hearing in order to expedite the hearing. The hearing officer shall sustain or deny the decision of the employee's supervisor. The hearing officer is not given authority to modify the decision made by the employee's supervisor. The hearing officer is not given authority to grant in whole or in part the specific request of the grievant. Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer will issue a decision in writing indicating the findings and reasons for the decision.

If the hearing officer's decision on any grievance is appealed, only the issues raised in the hearing may be appealed. Issues are not subject to modification in the appeal process.

Hearing Officer's Decision:

The hearing officer's written decision must contain:

1. A statement of pertinent facts surrounding the nature of the grievance.
2. A decision as to whether the grievance is sustained or denied, with the rationale for the decision.
3. A statement outlining the timeline to appeal the decision.

Representation: Both the employee and the town may be assisted by a representative of their own choosing in person or by teleconference at any point during the grievance process.

Consolidation: The employee's immediate supervisor and/or the hearing officer may consolidate grievances where a reasonable basis for consolidation exists.

If more than one employee is grieving the same issue or circumstance, a single grievance form may be used. A group grievance must be signed by all grieving employees and must indicate that it is a group grievance at the first step in the grievance process.

Costs: Any expense incurred by an employee in investigating, preparing, or presenting a grievance shall be the sole responsibility of the employee. Each party (employee and employer) shall bear its own costs for witnesses and all other out-of-pocket expenses, including possible attorney fees. The fees of the impartial hearing officer shall be divided equally between the parties with the employee(s) paying half and the employer paying the other half. The fees of the hearing officer will be: \$20 per hour.

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were two community members. The Mayor of Fountain City arrived later.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: All bills were presented for payment. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of bills presented. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance, the minutes from the September 21, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Other Business:

- **Update on Road House Liquor License:** As directed at the September meeting, Clerk Engel sent another letter to Jim Stiehm requesting a response by October 12, 2011. On October 11, 2011, she received a telephone call from Mr. Stiehm, who advised her of the following:
 - He and Robert Fort purchased the real property on which the bar is located from Lance Wilson on a contract for deed. He and Mr. Fort wrote up an informal lease agreement. (A copy of the agreement was not provided by Mr. Stiehm to the Board).
 - The bar is Mr. Stiehm's business. His LLC owns the liquor license. Dennis Ziemers is the bar manager; Josh Malchaski is the appointed agent.
 - The name Roadhouse Bar is just a name that he chose. There is no formal paperwork for the name, such as an assumed name.
 - Mr. Stiehm wanted information on how to transfer the license to his bar manager.

With respect to Mr. Stiehm's question about a license transfer, Clerk Engel referred him to the paperwork on license transfers that she had sent him on August 22, 2011 and also provided him with the phone number of Roger Johnson from the Department of Revenue.

- **Recycling Program:** Karl Hoffman informed the Board that Fountain City was considering withdrawing from the Buffalo County Recycling Program, primarily due to the disparate treatment given to the Fountain City location vis-à-vis the BBC location. Per Mr. Hoffman, the County provides a new skid loader, a port-a-potty and electricity to the BBC location, but none of these things to Fountain City. Additionally, the County receives grant monies from the State and the County recycling account currently has a balance of over \$400,000.

Fountain City is asking the Towns of Cross and Milton whether they are still willing to share in the cost of the recycling attendant, who is presently at the recycling site every other Saturday for 3.5 hours and is paid \$13/hour. There would be no other fees, except for the disposal fees for non-recyclables. According to financial records, the Town of Milton's share of the recycling attendant has been around \$350 or so per year. Fountain City would run its own recycling center and attempt to make the center self-sufficient by selling the recyclable materials. Mayor Hoffman believes the total cost to run the site is currently around \$15,000 per year. He noted that if Milton agreed to cost share and if the Fountain City recycling center was able to become self-sufficient (without funding from Milton), then the request for funding would be withdrawn. He also noted that if the Town of Cross did not agree to cost share, the Town of Milton would still only be assessed a 1/3 share of the attendant fees. It is unclear how the cost-sharing agreement between Fountain City, Cross and Milton originally came about.

Chairperson Platteter noted that the Town of Milton had signed a new recycling contract with the County in December of 2010. He recently spoke with Steve Schiffli (Recycling Coordinator) who advised him that the Town had three options: (1) stay with Fountain City; (2) go to BBC (which is currently an option for Milton residents anyway) or (3) start its own recycling site. He also noted that Mr. Schiffli is now gone for one year on a tour of duty for the military.

The Board decided that it needed more information in order to respond to Mayor Hoffman's request. Clerk Engel was directed to pull the minutes pertaining to recycling and any recycling contracts for Chairperson Platteter's review. The Board asked Mayor Hoffman to have the Fountain City Clerk look for any agreements or minutes relating to the cost-sharing arrangements. The Board also decided to invite Claire Waters to the November town meeting so that she could clarify some of the information provided regarding the County Recycling Program. Chairperson Platteter will speak with Ms. Waters.

- **Road Sign Maintenance Program:** In advance of the meeting, Clerk Engel had distributed information about the January 2012 deadline for the Town of Milton to adopt a sign maintenance program. Chairperson Platteter noted that all road signs which approach a county road would be the county's responsibility to replace. Similarly, all signs which approach a state road are the state's responsibility to replace. Given that, there really are not a lot of signs that would be the Town's responsibility to replace. Upon a motion by Supervisor Dienger and second by Supervisor Bagniewski, the Board elected to adopt a blanket replacement program whereby all regulatory signs would be replaced by the deadlines set by the MUTCD. Upon a motion by Supervisor Bagniewski and a second by Supervisor Dienger, the Board voted to adopt a blanket replacement program for all street signs whereby all street signs not already in compliance with the MUTCD would be replaced by the deadlines set by the MUTCD.

- **Roadwork Update:**

- **Waumandee Creek Bridge Resurface/Repair:** Chairperson Platteter will assemble all bills related to the August flooding and submit them to the State for reimbursement.

- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk



TOWN OF MILTON


BUDGET MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REGARDING TAX LEVY

November 16, 2011

Budget Hearing: A budget hearing was held pursuant to notice at the Milton Town Hall starting at 7:18p.m. The budget was published in the C-FC Recorder on November 3, 2011. The amount of the proposed levy is the maximum allowable increase.

Special Town Meeting: Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:16p.m. with 6 electors present; 2 more arrived midway through the meeting.

Tax Levy: Kalene Engel made a motion to pass a resolution to adopt a town tax levy of \$55,351 for 2010, payable in 2012, which represents a 2.12 percent increase from the 2010 levy and which does not exceed the state levy limit. Kevin Dienger seconded the motion. Of the six electors authorized to vote, six voted in favor of the resolution, zero voted against the motion and there were no abstentions. The resolution passed and will be properly posted by the Clerk within 30 days of its adoption.




Budget: Kevin Dienger made a motion to recommend that the Town Board adopt the proposed budget. Bob Platteter seconded the motion. Of the eight electors authorized to vote, eight voted in favor of the resolution, zero voted against the motion and there were no abstentions.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Kalene Engel and a second by Kevin Dienger and supported by all present, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk



**TOWN TAX LEVY RESOLUTION
AT THE NOVEMBER 16, 2011 TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS**

Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin

Whereas, Wisconsin Statute section 60.10(a)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 16th day of November, 2011;

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 16th day of November, 2011, duly assembled and voting, resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2011 to be collected in 2012 at \$55,351.00

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under Sec. 60.80 of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of the below noted adoption date. .

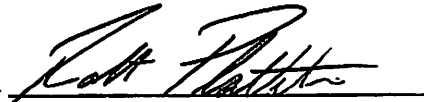
Adopted this 16 day of November, 2011 at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting aye: 6

Number of town electors voting nay: 6

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined): 0

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson



Signature of Town Clerk



TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:25 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were five community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance the minutes from the October 19, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Discussion and Approval of 2012 Budget: Upon a motion by Supervisor Bagniewski and a second by Supervisor Dienger, the Board approved the 2012 budget as proposed.

Other Business:

- **Operator's License Application:** Alayne Loewenhagen applied for an operator's license. A question was raised as to whether Ms. Loewenhagen had a conditional license, which she did not. Concerns were raised about her bartending alone without having the proper license. Clerk Engel was directed to write a letter to Jim Stiehm regarding these concerns as well as the agency status of Joshua Malchaski, who is listed as the bar's agent. Upon a motion by Eugene Bagniewski and a second by Robert Platteter, an operator's license was granted to the applicant.
- **Continued Use of Fountain City Recycling Center:** Karl Hoffman was present to discuss Fountain City's position on recycling. Per Mr. Hoffman, Fountain City is no longer in the Buffalo County Recycling Program. It has contracted with Hilltoppers for curbside recycling and the recycling center. Hilltoppers intends to place 96 gallon carts at its recycling center for overflow; the cost of which to empty is \$4 per container. In order to allocate the costs of dumping (in addition to the attendant), Fountain City would try and keep track of the volume contributed by Milton residents. There would also be a list of chargebacks for appliances, etc., but those would be paid by the individual bringing the item(s)—which is the same situation as it was before. The transition date has not yet been determined. The City is seeking a refund from the County for fees contributed. Chairperson Platteter noted that there was a County Recycling Meeting on Monday, November 21st, which he planned to attend. The issue of Fountain City withdrawing from the program is one of the agenda items. For Milton, the issue is whether it would be in breach of its County Recycling Contract by agreeing to pay Fountain City for recycling services. If Fountain City is not in the County Program, Milton residents would have to take their recyclables to another center, such as BBC or Buffalo. There would be no cost for this, other than chargebacks for certain items, but it would be less convenient. The Board declined to act on this issue at this time, pending answers from the County at the November 21st meeting.
- **Roadwork:**
 - **Flood Aid:** Chairperson Platteter submitted the final roadwork bills for the August flood. The bills totaled \$17,343, so the Town should receive approximately \$13,000 from the State and another 12.5% from the County.
 - **Waumandee Creek Road:** Steiger Construction will fix the bumps in the road next year.
 - **Other Roadwork:** Paul will remove the orange cones on Mill Bluff; fix the drainage issue at the intersection of Eagle Valley Road and Waumandee Creek Road and add gravel along the hairpin corner of Lower Eagle Valley Road (near the Plachecki horse barn).

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Dienger and seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
FOR TOWN OF MILTON, BUFFALO COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 7:15 P.M. at the Town Hall of Milton, W984 Lower Eagle Valley Road, Fountain City, WI a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET of the Town of Milton in Buffalo County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection upon request from the Town Clerk by calling 608-687-4800. The following is a summary of the proposed 2012 Budget:

	2010	2011	2012	% change
Category	Actual	Estimated	Proposed	
REVENUES:				
General Property Taxes	49,232	54,200	55,351	2.12%
Intergovernmental Revenues	95,859	94,478	94,500	
Licenses and permits	1,809	2,239	2,000	
Intergovernmental charges	83	0	0	
Miscellaneous revenue	2,839	1,048	600	
Other financing sources (TRIP Grant)	0	19,059	0	
Disaster aid (FEMA/State)	0	10,050	0	
TOTAL REVENUES:	149,822	181,074	152,451	-15.81%
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	35,429	35,000	38,000	
Public Safety	14,559	12,500	14,000	
Public Works	113,743	100,000	100,351	
Culture, Recreation, Education	160	35	100	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	163,891	147,535	152,451	3.33%

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, will be held in the town at W984 Lower Eagle Valley Road, Fountain City, WI on the 16th day of November, 2011, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2012 town budget. The purposes of the Special Meeting are (1) to approve the total highway expenditures for 2012 pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 82.03 (3); and (2) to approve the 2011 town tax levy to be paid in 2012 pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 60.10(1)(a).

Dated October 31, 2010

By Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2011

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were twenty two community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (Motion passed).

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted on the website in advance the minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting. Supervisor Dienger made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. (Motion passed).

Recognition and Appreciation of Election Officials: Retiring election officials Mary Ann Senn, Joyce Sing, Norma Isakson, Lucille Bagniewski and Inez Pelley were recognized and thanked for their years of service to the Town of Milton as election officials. The five women were presented with certificates of appreciation and gift baksets donated by a resident.

Appointment of Election Officials: Upon a motion by Supervisor Dienger and second by Supervisor Bagniewski, the following individuals were appointed as election officials for the 2012-2013 term: Joseph Jasnoch, Jackie Killian, Becky Holzer, Sera Stevens, Lois Haeuser, Jino Lynn Duellman, Beverly Engel, Penny Schmidknecht, Carol Colbenson and Jane Baures.

Report on Jim Stiehm Response to Questions about Road House: At the November meeting, Clerk Engel was directed to send a letter to Mr. Stiehm regarding concerns (a) that an unlicensed operator was allowed to bartend alone prior to the issuance of a license and (b) that his appointed agent was no longer the agent. Mr. Stiehm contacted Clerk Engel on December 7, 2011 and stated that Josh Malchaski was still his agent. He also stated that anyone in the bar who is not licensed is supposed to be working under the direction of someone who is licensed. He also stated that without knowing the details of the alleged incident, he could not comment on what may or may not have happened.

Other Business:

- **Operator's License Application:** Angela Senn applied for an operator's license. The application and background check were reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion by Eugene Bagniewski and a second by Kevin Dienger, an operator's license was granted to the applicant. (Motion passed).
- **Continued Use of Fountain City Recycling Center:** Chairperson Platteter reviewed the background of the recycling issue, which is detailed in previous minutes. Because Fountain City is no longer in the Buffalo County Recycling Program, the Town of Milton either has to elect to stay with Fountain City or stay with Buffalo County or go out on its own. The County has offered to provide receptacles for recycling materials to the Town of Milton and has also offered to allow Duane Hund to keep the "metal" recyclables in exchange for serving as the recycling site. The County would also pay the cost of publication for a newspaper notice of the change. Duane Hund has agreed to have the recycling receptacles placed at Snappers and to keep the same hours at the recycling site as he currently has for the garbage (8 a.m. to noon every Saturday). Under this proposal, Town of Milton residents could opt to take recyclables to any participating

Buffalo County site and would have to take appliances and other non-standard household recyclables to another site (as Snapper's site would not accommodate those items). Under this proposal, Town of Milton residents could bring both garbage and recyclables to Snappers at the same time. Supervisor Dienger moved to have the Town of Milton stay with the Buffalo County Recycling Program under the conditions outlined above. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. (Motion passed). Ken Haeuser thanked the Board for its diligence in achieving a favorable result on this issue for the residents.

- **Roadwork:**
 - **State Disaster Aid:** Paperwork has been submitted for reimbursement of roadwork repairs for the August 2010 flood.
 - **State Road Certification:** The County completed the certification and did not find any significant issues. Consideration is being given to reclassifying Highway 88 as a County Road and County Highway G as a town road.
- **Surveying:** The County would like to have the town surveyed at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The Town already considered and declined the survey in 2010.

CapX2020: Chairperson Platteter reviewed the history of the Town Board involvement with CapX 2020, as follows: the Town received preliminary information about the project over a year ago and board members attended meetings but there were many unanswered questions as to what was going to be done and where it would be routed. Recently, an Environmental Impact Study was released by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The report is lengthy and is available for viewing on the CapX2020 website at http://www.capx2020.com/Projects/HRL/Wisconsin_draftEIS.html. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation opposed the Highway 35 proposed route due to the fact that Highway 35 is the Great River Road and has right of way restrictions. As a result, an alternate route along Highway 88 was proposed. Clerk Engel distributed a letter from the USDA (a copy of which is included as a link on the CapX Project web page on the Town website) which sets forth some upcoming hearing dates and time limits for public comments on the Environmental Impact Statement. The Board noted that it was not opposed to adopting a resolution in opposition to the project, but emphasized that it would be very important for residents to make their voices heard at public meetings and through public comments and other contacts with the Public Service Commission—which is the entity ultimately charged with approving or denying the project. John Frie, who has asked for the resolution, concurred and provided additional information, including a request for those residents present to get involved by commenting before December 23rd and by forming committees to continue to voice concerns. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to adopt the resolution and Supervisor Dienger seconded the motion. (Motion passed). A copy of the resolution can be viewed on the CapX Project web page on the town website. For the months of January through March of 2012, a standing agenda item for CapX 2020 Committee Reports will be included on the Town Board Agenda.

Other: Town meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Notice of meetings are posted at Snapper's, the Town Hall, on the town website and outside the homes of Clerk Engel and Chairperson Platteter. The notices are not published because it is cost prohibitive and the posted notices satisfy the statutory requirements for notice.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski and seconded by Supervisor Dienger. (motion passed).

Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk



Town of Milton Honors Retiring Election Officials

The Town Board of the Town of Milton recently honored five of its long-time election officials, who are retiring at the end of the current term on December 31, 2011. In front of a large crowd of Town of Milton residents, the retirees were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and gift baskets donated by Beverly Engel. Those honored included Mary Ann Senn, Joyce Sing, Lucille Bagniewski, Inez Pelley and Norma Isakson. Many of these ladies had served as election officials for over 30 years, with combined years of service among the group totaling 146 years. Many thanks to these public servants for their years of dedicated service!

Resolution

TOWN OF MILTON RESOLUTION REGARDING CAPX2020 APPLICATION FOR A 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, WPPI Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin have applied for authority to construct and place in service 345 kV electric transmission lines and electric substation facilities for the Alma-La Crosse Project. The 346kV line would extend from the Wisconsin border in the Mississippi River west of Alma, Wisconsin, in Buffalo County, through Trempealeau County to a new 345/161 kV substation, known as the Briggs Road Substation, to be built on the southwest side of Holmen, Wisconsin, in La Crosse, County; and

WHEREAS, the CapX2020 Alma to North La Crosse phase includes a proposed route corridor Q1-Highway 35 along with WI-88 connector options A & B which extends through the Town of Milton;

WHEREAS, significant portions of the proposed Q1-Highway 35 route corridor with the 130 to 175 foot steel towers and high voltage power lines will cut across rivers, farms, forests and valleys, scenic bluffs and wildlife and waterfowl habitats, exceptional water resources, cultural and economic districts in the Town of Milton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton is charged with protecting and enhancing the Town's public safety and assets, including the scenic beauty of the hills, coulees, wetlands and Mississippi backwaters, which would be adversely affected by the 130 to 175 foot steel towers and high voltage power lines proposed for the CapX2020 and Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Project; and

WHEREAS, the use of electricity in Wisconsin and adjacent states has declined significantly since a 2006 peak and demand is projected to remain flat in the predictable future; and

WHEREAS, building a high voltage transmission line through the Town of Milton would require use of public rights of way and condemnation of private property for easements; and the centerline of this transmission line on its 150 foot right of way could be placed within 75 feet of a residence; and

WHEREAS, a new 345 kV transmission line will result in increased electricity costs for all ratepayers, loss of property value because of the dangers that high voltage power lines inherently carry, and create adverse effect on the Town of Milton's tourism and general economy; and

WHEREAS, it is the township's belief that there are other ways of meeting any electrical need claimed by applicants that should be considered and implemented first, including efficiencies, demand and supply side management, locally produced and distributed renewable energy, and energy-related economic development, before high voltage transmission is considered; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. In general, the Town of Milton is non-supportive of the need for the CapX2020 Alma LaCrosse-Project based on the following concerns:
 - (a) Apparent declining demand for electrical energy.
 - (b) Environmental impact of the massive towers and lines.
 - (c) Potential increased rates.
 - (d) Decreased home values and tourism.
 - (e) Potential increased health risks (EMF, etc.)

2. The Town of Milton insists that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin implement and enforce Wis. Stat. Secs. 1.12 and 196.025 that require the Commission to give priority to specific methods of meeting energy demands to the extent those methods are "cost-effective and technically feasible and to consider options based upon the following priorities, in the order listed, for all energy-related decisions:
 - (a) Energy conservation and efficiency
 - (b) Noncombustible renewable energy resources.
 - (c) Combustible renewable energy resources.
 - (d) Nonrenewable combustible energy resources, in the order listed:
 1. Natural gas
 2. Oil or coal with a sulphur content of less than 1%.
 3. All other carbon-based fuels.

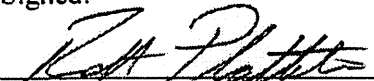
3. The Town of Milton insists that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin implement and enforce Wis. Stat. Sec. 1.12(6) which directs the Commission to consider corridor sharing opportunities when reviewing transmission facility projects and to, when feasible, utilize corridors in the following order of priority:
 - (a) Existing corridors;
 - (b) Highway and railroad corridors
 - (c) Recreational trails, to the extent that the facilities may be constructed below ground and that the facilities do not significantly impact environmentally sensitive areas; and
 - (d) New corridors

4. The Town of Milton specifically opposes the Alma to North La Crosse proposed corridor identified as Q1-Highway 35 believing that the proposed corridor identified as Arcadia (From Alma eastward along an existing 69 kV transmission line corridor to northeast of Arcadia) presents an alternative with less environmental impact.

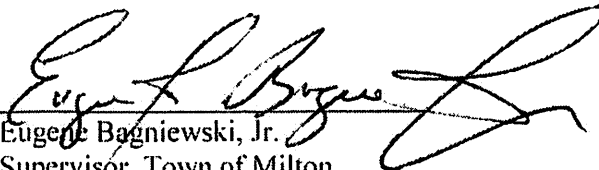
The Town of Milton Clerk is authorized to forward this resolution to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Docket #5-CE-136 and to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milton hereby approves the resolution ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2011.

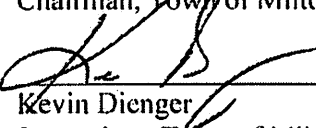
Signed:



Robert Platteter
Chairman, Town of Milton

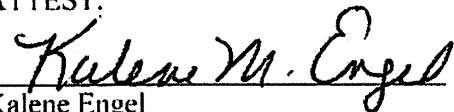


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ATTEST:



Kalene Engel
Town Clerk, Town of Milton