

**MINUTES
TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
Regular Town Board Meeting
07/09/2013**

Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 6:30 pm

ATTENDING: Board Members: Keith Seward, Dean Streiff, Jim Hoesly, Robert Elkins, and Pattie Salter

ABSENT: Chris Narveson and Dennis Nielson

ALSO ATTENDING: Dale Hustad, Town Attorney, Greg Engen, Bank of New Glarus

K. Seward called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Proof of Posting: P. Salter confirmed proper posting.
2. Approve Town Board Minutes:
 - a. 06/11/2013 Regular Town Board Meeting: R. Elkins moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Hoesly 2nd. K. Seward noted that the resident with the sinkhole problem on Old Madison road and her neighbor have been sent Vierbicher's letter. We have not heard back from them. Motion carried.
 - b. 06/20/2013 Special Town Board Meeting: D. Streiff moved to approve the minutes as presented. R. Elkins 2nd. Motion carried.
3. Review Financing Options for 2014 New Debt: G. Engen, Bank of New Glarus reported that he expects interest rates on debt to rise over the next year or so. Current interest rates on notes are back to the rate as when we refinanced our debt.

P. Salter had asked G. Engen if the new debt should be done as a separate note? G. Engen suggested keeping the notes separate since the new debt would be for depreciating capital equipment. Mr. Engen estimated rates to be 3.05% for a 5-year note and 3.25% for 7-year note.

P. Salter noted that we might want to consider a 7-year note in an attempt to avoid spikes in our tax levy.

Without objection keep issue on the agenda.

4. Patrolman's Report:
 - a. On Vacation – Emergency Callout List: K. Seward reported that Dennis is on vacation. A list of contacts with phone numbers was distributed to board members.
 - b. Truck Order Status:
 - i. Badger Truck – Ordered Chassis 6/25 - \$144,964
 - ii. Monroe Truck Equipment – Ordered Dump Body 6/25 - \$52,797

TOTAL TRUCK COST: \$197,761
5. Public Comments: P. Salter reported that she sent an email to Deana Dram with the WI DOT requesting information on the request for the State to take over payment on the streetlights along Hwy 69. Waiting to hear back.
6. Finance Committee Report:
 - a. Accounts Receivable Aging List: D. Streiff reported that \$822.45 had been billed in June and \$834.45 has been billed in July. There is currently \$0 in outstanding bills.
 - b. Accounting Reports w/Monthly Bank Reconciliation: D. Streiff reported that June's accounts balance.
 - c. Payment of Bills: D. Streiff moved to approve June checks 17170-17176. J. Hoesly 2nd. Motion Carried.

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D. Streiff moved to approve July checks 17177-17204 (checks 17199-17203 were voided due to a misprint) and ACH payments #30242, 35264, 62941, 63982, 65052, 91176 & 10820. R. Elkins 2nd. Motion Carried.

7. Clerk-Treasurer Report:

a. Correspondence:

i. Appeal from Blue Ridge Development Corp. – Mark Hanson: P. Salter reported that we were expecting this action as a result of Board of Review. M. Hanson has filed the appeal to request a definitive answer from the Department of Revenue on whether or not a reclassification could be considered a palpable error. P. Salter reported that she will file the required form tomorrow. No objection to filing the form.

ii. Village Request for Pool Scholarship: P. Salter reported that we had received a request for a family pool pass scholarship for the Nelson family in the Town of New Glarus in the amount of \$90. The request was granted without objection.

P. Salter noted that the Town currently does not receive any recognition for funding scholarships. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that if the Parks Commission would like to discretely find a way to work on this then they can develop a plan to present to the board.

iii. Master Academy: P. Salter reported that UW Green Bay's Master Academy was scheduled for July 29-August 1. The cost for attending is the same as last year \$399 plus lodging of \$360. Without objection.

b. Fireworks Permit: P. Salter reported that we issued a fireworks permit for Rory Klitzke for use on July 5th. Proper proof of insurance had been received prior to issue.

c. Volksfest Picnic License: P. Salter reported that a Class B Picnic License and a Soda License had been issued to Maennerchor New Glarus for use at Volksfest to be held at the Wilhelm Tell Shooting Park on August 4.

d. WTA Video Library Annual Membership: P. Salter submitted a report that for \$50 the Town can subscribe to the WTA Video Library Membership. Without objection the Clerk will reintroduce this topic once new members join.

8. Chairman's Report

a. Discuss Cooperative Boundary Agreement: K. Seward reported that the Joint Negotiation Committee met last night. Several motions were made and voted down. The final motion that was agreed upon by both sides was to request a 360-day extension to the Cooperative Boundary Agreement. R. Elkins moved to file for a 360-day extension, D. Streiff 2nd. The downside of the year extension is that given that amount of time it may take that long. D. Hustad noted that if we agree to the extension we can end negotiations at any time. Motion Carried. P. Salter will contact the Village to let them know the outcome of this meeting.

The next Joint Negotiation meeting is August 7 at 6 p.m.

9. Plan Commission Report: K. Seward reported that a representative from US Cellular appeared at the June Plan Commission meeting. There was no new business scheduled for July 18 if nothing comes up between now and then, there will not be a July Plan Commission meeting.

Parks Report: P. Salter reported that they did not have a quorum at the last Parks Commission meeting. The next

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meeting scheduled for 7/11.

Schedule Next Board Meeting: The next Regular Town Board meeting was scheduled for August 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn: Discussion ended at 8:42 p.m. J. Hoesly moved to adjourn, 2nd by D. Streiff. Motion carried.

Patricia I. Salter, Town Clerk-Treasurer