

TOWN OF TROY BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2020

The regular Town of Troy board meeting was called to order by chairman, Jeff Lohr, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Town of Troy town garage.

Roll call was taken with the following responding: Jeff Lohr, Bradley Anderson, Edward Larsen, Lloyd E. Ballweg, and Mary Zins.

It was confirmed that the agenda was properly posted and mailed to board members in compliance with the open meetings law.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to adopt the amended agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes:

Larsen made a motion, seconded by Anderson, approving the August 18, 2020, minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, approving accounts payable checks #8509-#8530 and ACH payments totaling \$16,123.29. Motion carried 3-0.

Citizen's Comments:

There were twenty-five (25) residents and property owners in attendance regarding the proposal of the Solid-State Tactical shooting range on the Ringelstetter property. The following chose to speak:

1. **Susan Jannotta:** Read a statement in opposition. Stated her home is nineteen hundred feet (1,900') from the proposed range. She supports agriculture for the property instead. Feels there will be lead contamination, will lower the value of the surrounding property, and there will be noise concerns.
2. **Gary Johnson:** Is in opposition of the shooting range. He is a farmer and rents the land north of the property. He is fearful of stray bullets.
3. **Thomas Voss:** Owns property adjacent to the proposed range. This land has been in the family since 1965. He is not against guns but feels the shooting range does not adhere to the Comprehensive Plan.
4. **Rebecca Schroeder:** Spoke out against the range. It would be three thousand feet (3,000') from her front door. Is concerned about the noise, traffic, lighting, and lead contamination. She presented to the board a petition signed by one hundred fourteen (114) residents and property owners in opposition of the shooting range.
5. **John McKnight:** Has been a resident of the township for thirty-seven (37) years and feel we should be stewards of the Comprehensive Plan. Feels it will open the door for other developments.
6. **Bradley Hasheider:** Spoke in favor of the shooting range. If there were a large dairy or pig farm located on the property, neighbors would have to deal with the

odor. Mr. Ringelstetter could also have the option to develop the property for housing. He understands the concerns the people have but feels there would be less noise than when individuals hunt.

7. **Everett & Carol Weisensel:** Their e-mail was read by Lohr. They “strongly oppose the commercial gun range proposal due to the number of health, welfare, safety, and economic issues.” They feel it conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan.
8. **Simon Liegel:** Felt the shooting range will lower the land values and there would be safety issues.

Patrolman’s Report:

Kyle Elliott, patrolman, gave the following information to the board:

1. He has finished mowing and patching.
2. The shouldering on Factory Road is completed.
3. Brush cutting will begin, weather permitting.
4. There are roads signs that he will be mounting in the township.

Business Items:

Mary Burke submitted supporting documents for the approval to construct an accessory building (green house) on Parcel #036-0135-00000 located in Sec. 6, T8N, R4E, Town of Troy, Sauk County, WI. Said structure will be located one hundred feet (100’) from the lot lines. Ms. Burke stated she has applied for and received a land-use permit from Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department. She also informed the board the greenhouse is for personal not commercial use.

With the recommended approval of the Plan Commission, Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the accessory building provided Ms. Burke obtains a local building permit. Motion carried 3-0.

Dennis and Jennifer Frey had supporting documents for their request to build a 40’ x 70’ addition to an existing structure. The property involved is in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ located in Sec. 24, T9N, R5E, in the township. The identifying tax parcel is 036-0965-10000.

With the recommended approval of the Plan Commission, Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to approve the addition provided the Frey’s obtain a land-use permit from the county and local building permit. Motion carried 3-0.

Kyle Jorgenson provided a variance provided by Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department in which he is requesting the deck/stairs be allowed, as built, within the road right of way of Hilton Drive and sixty-seven feet (67’) from the OHWM of Wilson Creek. Said structure is approximately twelve to thirteen feet (12’-13’) from said road.

Neighboring residents submitted documentation requesting the town board deny the variance request due to concerns of habitation of the structure. Mr. Jorgenson assured the board he has no intention of making the structure living quarters; he admitted that he does have a heater in the building.

With recommended approval of the Plan Commission, Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, approving the variance with the stipulation he obtain local driveway and building permits. Motion carried 3-0.

In April, 2017 Steve Mallon had applied for a land-use permit from the county and a local building permit for a 42’ x 26’ garage on Parcel #036-0566-000 Sec. 8, T9N, R5E, Town of Troy, Sauk County, WI. He was requesting renewal of said building permit because of its expiration.

Lohr made a motion, seconded by Anderson, approving the permit renewal provided the county will grant the land-use permit renewal. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence was received by the town clerk from the Sauk Fire District requesting a share of the CARES fund grant. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to table a decision at this time and have it as an October agenda item. Motion carried 3-0. There was discussion regarding using the funds to replace the front door on the town hall by making it more handicapped accessible.

Anderson contacted Kel-Ray Trucking and they were not interested in trucking for the township. The Kraemer Company was also contacted regarding purchasing dirty sand and their allotment has been spoken for. Sauk County Highway Department was contacted, and they will provide the dirty sand. Lohr contacted FS for pricing on salt; they quoted \$75/T freight out of Madison.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to order chips from Bindl/Bauer, salt from FS, and dirty sand from the county with the option to purchase additional salt, if necessary. Motion carried 3-0.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to discover what other townships have as policies for citizen's comments. Motion carried 3-0.

Anderson indicated that the flagpole has arrived. Diggers hot line will be contacted before erecting the pole.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to transfer \$915.75 from the contingency fund to miscellaneous expense and election wages funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Comments:

All board members received correspondence from Mark Cupp, executive director of Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, regarding the proposed shooting range on the Ringelstetter farm. Lohr contacted Mr. Cupp and was informed a portion of the Ringelstetter farm is within the Riverway boundary. He indicated the issuance authority of a permit may come into play for the site of the shooting range. Lohr also contacted the WTA attorney who stated because Troy is under county zoning, Hartje and Read must request the rezone from the county. If they do not own the property, then the property owner must support the rezone. The decision by the Plan Commission on August 24 is non-binding.

Sauk County has indicated that Troy Township should review and update the comprehensive plan. There will be a Sauk Fire District meeting on September 16, 2020.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larsen, to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Zins, Clerk