

February 18, 2015

Minutes of the **Planning and Zoning meeting** conducted on February 4, 2015 in the courthouse, Florence County, WI.

Chairperson Bomberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and took roll call.

Members present: Supervisors' Sherry Johnson, Matt Brunette, Jeanette Bomberg, Gary Steber and Holly Stratton

Members absent: None

Others present: Rich Wolosyn, Trish Kelly

Chairperson Bomberg asked for a motion to approve the agenda, **motion by Supervisor Johnson to approve the agenda, second by Supervisor Stratton, vote five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Chairperson Bomberg asked for a motion on the minutes of the meeting conducted on January 7, 2015. **Motion by Supervisor Steber to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on January 7, 2015, second by Supervisor Brunette, vote five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

There were no persons wishing to address the committee on other zoning related concerns.

The current bills were reviewed as presented and recommended to the Audit and Budget Committee for approval. **Motion by Supervisor Johnson to approve the bills and recommend to Audit and Budget for approval, second by Supervisor Stratton, vote five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Under discussion/action regarding E-911 Fire Number Fee. The current charge is \$50.00 for a new E-911 Fire Sign. That amount collected is then paid to the contractor for manufacturing the sign and to the town for placement of the sign. In most cases the amount paid out is greater than the fee collected. This is due to the high cost of shipping one or two signs at a time. The increase will allow for the shipment cost. **Motion by Supervisor Stratton to approve the increase of the E-911 Fire Number Sign to \$60.00 and forward a resolution to full County Board for final approval, second by Supervisor Steber, vote five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.**

Discussion/action regarding Farmland Preservation Ordinance. Wolosyn gave a report through Land Conservation on the Farmland Preservation Ordinance. He talked about incorporating the Farmland Preservation into existing Agriculture Districts within the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance which are currently reserved or not used at this time. Discussion ensued. Wolosyn will keep the committee informed throughout the process.

Report on sanitary and land use permits with revenue for the year 2014. Kelly gave a report to the committee on the permit and revenue for 2014, noting construction for homeowners was slightly down, sanitary permits were up 21 percent, this is in part due to the state mandate to identify all septic systems in the County. Many of the older systems being identified are also being replaced. Commercial construction contributed to an 86 percent increase in construction value for the County in 2014. Overall permit fee revenue was up 9 percent in 2014 from the previous year.

Under committee concerns, Supervisor Johnson had some general questions regarding the placement of mobile homes in the Town of Aurora. Supervisor Steber informed Wolosyn he did not receive road signs for three roads in the Town of Commonwealth.

Under administrator concerns, Wolosyn asked for support should any committee member from this committee, sitting on another committee, where there is discussion regarding collection of household sharps disposal.

Wolosyn reported that Ed Taylor, Wastewater Specialist from the Department of Safety and Professional Services conducted a workshop training program at the courthouse for plumbers and soil testers. The workshop entailed a refresher in septic system design as well as new technology in the field. Many of the plumbers and soil testers that work in the county attended.

Wolosyn informed the committee he will be subpoenaed to court on March 17, 2015 to testify with regard to a citation written by the DNR to a property owner and excavator, for excavating in the vegetative protection area on the river in which an After-the-Fact Conditional Use Permit was issued by the County.

Wolosyn informed the committee that zoning personnel will be out of the office on Thursday February 5th at a continuing education seminar at Kelly Lake, in Suring and on Friday February 6th at a Northeast Wisconsin County Code Administrator meeting in Crandon.

Future agenda items for next month include two public hearings.

Motion by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn, second by Supervisor Steber, vote five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Wolosyn
Zoning Administrator

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