

Summary of Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Town of Hull Board meeting:

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Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Mel Bembenek, Dave Pederson, Dave Wilz and LaVerne Syens.

Others present: Clerk Janet Wolle, Treasurer Jim Kruziki, Road Foreman Pete Kaminski; Fire Chief Mark Kluck and EMS President/Administrator Mark Fritsche.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of the November 22 and December 5, 2011 meetings

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D Pederson - December 5, 2011 minutes correction: D Wilz – I thing **think** you have to have a double. Someone should check that.

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, approve as corrected minutes of the December 5, 2011 board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Vouchers

Motion D Wilz, second L Syens, approve the vouchers as presented and discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Town Board non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action.
6. Stevens Points reconstruction of Carol's Lane

Motion D Wilz, second M Bembenek, accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Request from Mr. Gary Stoltz for modification on Ann Marie Court cul-de-sac

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, do not put other culverts in; blacktop to expensive; work on the problem if there is one.

Motion – 4 aye
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Motion carried.

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Opposed?

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Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, table action on the Pok-A Snoz Snow Mobile Club route request. Contact John Wojcik. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Signage and the Wisconsin Law from Wisconsin Town's Association from January 2012 Newsletter

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, accept the information. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Reports

15. Adjournment: Motion M Bembenek, second L Syens, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Page 1 – Affordable Auto Glass – small rock chip in F250 windshield (compensated for by insurance)

Page 2 – CRA Payment Center – New Holland Tractor mirrors broken

Page 3 – Grainger – 5 amp circuit breaker switch for fire truck

Electrician kit – tell if batteries are dead

Page 7 – Witmer Public Safety – vests with pockets paid for from the FD DNR grant

D Pederson:

Page 2 – Clifton Gunderson – postini - virus protection for computers

Page 3 – Galls, An Aramark Co – replacement of reflective maltese cross on fire trucks

Page 6 – Staples – wireless router – replacement needed at FD

T-J ReBuilders, Inc – alternator rebuilt for fire engine

Motion D Wilz, second L Syens, approve the vouchers as presented and discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Town Board non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. (This opportunity for citizens to ask questions, express opinions is a 21st Century version of the opportunity citizens had in the historic New

England town meetings.) Current Wisconsin law requires government action cannot be taken until a topic is placed on the Town Board agenda and published 24 hours in advance of the Town of Hull meeting.

No citizens present regarding non-agenda items.

6. Stevens Points reconstruction of Carol's Lane

J Holdridge – correspondence received from Alex Saunders City Engineer requesting information.

Information requested relayed by J Wolle.

- ✓ Plat does indicate Cathy's Drive however should remain Kathy's
- ✓ Garbage pickup is every Friday – recycling every other week on Friday
- ✓ Regarding parking restrictions – 6 homes along Carol's in Hull and a duplex on Carol's in the city

D Wilz – talked with Bob Kirschling – the plat was incorrect – his sisters' name is spelled with a "K".

Alex Saunders, present

- ✓ Hoping for spring let of project for completion before July 4
- ✓ Time 3 to 4 weeks for excavation/base

D Wilz – will swales be used?

A Saunders – yes with a maximum of 12". Use is required under new DNR guidelines.

- ✓ Swales on both sides of street
- ✓ No storm sewers

D Wilz – if citizens want to talk thru the project

A Saunders – please have them give me a call

D Pederson – there is a park at the end of Carol's Lane that needs to be accommodated.

A Saunders – people can come in through Mary's Drive

J Holdridge – is there a 66' right-of-way?

A Saunders – yes.

- ✓ The road will shift a little bit (about 1 foot)
- ✓ Curb on all intersections

Motion D Wilz, second M Bembenek, accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Request from Mr. Gary Stoltz for modification on Ann Marie Court cul-de-sac
Gary Stoltz present.
Correspondence from Gary Stoltz re things needing to be fixed on Ann Marie Court cul-de-sac

- New ditch now sloped to the east to driveway culvert where water stands.
- Neighbors to west need to be ditched
- Ditch around French drains are sloped sharply where sediment can run in easily – also located in front of neighbor's property
- Understand water needs place to go or stand
- Ditch needs to be four inches lower than French drains so sediment can't run in or stand in culverts
- Cul-de-sac needs to be paved so it doesn't create as much sediment and to properly finish the roadway
- Access to my property taken away when it was ditched and culverts weren't put in the driveways – they are individual properties and need culverts

P Kaminski – water is to be held in ditches.

J Holdridge – are the French drains accessible?

P Kaminski – yes.

G Stoltz – the driveways were already in – feel Hull responsible.

M Bembenek – Hull gave the proposed culverts as the cul-de-sac was not complete and Hull was responsible as the Stoltz house was built.

G Stoltz – feel Hull should put driveways back in for other lots as access was taken away. The Portage County Highway Department puts culverts in even if they didn't have them previously.

J Holdridge – concern is about policy. The question is should you have a culvert there?

D Wilz – what have for road?

G Stoltz – $\frac{3}{4}$ " base gravel

M Bembenek – the cost to blacktop the cul-de-sac is \$11,000.

G Stoltz – high flow to the southeast – fills up and will go to the west.

M Bembenek – the heights were shot by the town engineer.

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, do not put other culverts in; blacktop to expensive; work on the problem if there is one.

Motion – 4 aye
1 nay

Motion carried.

8. Wisconsin Department of Transportation response to Hull's request to provide southern on-off ramps to and from I-39 to Highway X

J Holdridge – you have a fairly extensive letter signed by Mark Gottlieb, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- This is an extensive effort triggered by the Governor indicating he would at some point review the situation. A lot of contact with towns; Bob Bowen and John Holdridge went to the PC Business Council; Phil Janowski was in Marathon County; etc. The goal was to get southern ramps – both on and off of X to I-39. Stan Potocki, Bob Bowen, myself, Maurice King and Grezenskis who are really impacted by this, their lumber operation up there met with the Governor's staff. Then we received this letter and we had some other discussions with trying to resolve that problem up there. Looking back on the history:
- We were trying to get the Department of Transportation to keep X open
- They chose not to do that
- They (DOT) said if Hull would turn over North Second Drive to us we will ensure the Casimir Interchange gets done. If you won't turn over North Second Drive we won't build a Casimir Interchange
- Governor Doyle came in to the scene and told the DOT to build the Casimir Interchange with no strings attached, nothing about North Second Drive
- On the 2nd page of the letter from DOT they are going back to North Second Drive, saying if you.....One of the ways to deal with this is to upgrade North Second Drive, to literally turn it in to a county road again with all of that heavy traffic
- They said they have money available and there is a dead line if you want to pursue - by January 31, 2012 let us (DOT) know
- I haven't surveyed the citizens along North Second Drive, I have had some contact because the question of bikes, running and so forth, but I don't know those attitudes have changed at all because when we first got in to this Sheriff John Charewicz wrote a letter in support of not a county road because there were at least 12 bus stops on N 2nd Dr. There is a real thrust not to use that.
- One of the things that is interesting is DOT says they have the money to assist us and one of our questions is how much money do you have? How could that be better used rather than make North Second Drive a county trunk highway with the travel, etc
- Options:
 - o Table this and not take action – which in effect is probably saying you are not going to turn N 2nd Dr over to the county and make it part of the county trunk system
 - o If you want to pursue this you will have to talk to the DOT in Wisconsin Rapids, Russ Habeck DOT North Central Region Director
 - o There is another alternative which is being explored

- You could survey the residents along N 2nd Dr and see if there is any interest
- A huge meeting held at the SPASH auditorium – people were there from not only N 2nd Dr but other areas
- That prompted us to have Hull's attorney write a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and say we will commence a law suit against you

M Bembenek – in the letter received, DOT indicate they will have nothing to do with it because it was all safety related. The way Mark Gottlieb has it stated “your proposal included many concerns that directly related to safety and operations on N 2nd Dr.” Which is true. He continues “these concerns could be addressed through the upgrade of the roadway.”

- Does this mean our concerns could be basically worked out the way he is saying this?
- If there is a possibility of working this out we could save some money

J Holdridge – the biggest issue is turning that in to a county trunk highway; heavy traffic; big trucks

- Hull has it as a Class B road now which keeps a lot of big trucks off of it
- We'd be opening up Marathon County and the whole thing to get to the interstate at Casimir Interchange
- I became involved when Jim Grezenski told me one day, before this even got going, he said John, I cannot stop my trucks on N 2nd Dr
 - o It is a risky road
 - o There are bus stops
 - o He is the person who has big lumber hauled

M Bembenek - I'm thinking if we can go that route, it would go to the county. I understand what you are talking about with the vehicles but on the other hand Hull would not have to spend any more money on that road. If there were problems the county would have to repair. Hull would be out of it financially. I'm looking on both sides of the issue.

J Holdridge - what would they do to improve safety on that road?

D Pederson – what would they do different than what they proposed before which I think was 3' shoulders and

M Bembenek – if we do get this grant and Hull does the work, the road will be wider than it is now too.

D Pederson – it will still be an issue of more increased speed

M Bembenek – yes. Even with Hull doing the work. They couldn't widen it anymore than we are going to.

D Pederson – in thinking about when the whole issue was brought up and the neighborhood reaction, I just don't think there would be a change of heart in that neighborhood for upgrading the road.

Mark Fritsche – I agree. I live on the corner of Helen and N 2nd Dr.

M Bembenek – I understand, but again, if Hull gets the grant we will have public meetings for people on Second Dr., are they going to want us (Hull) to resurface North Second?

M Fritsche – I think there is a need for a bicycle path or pedestrian path, an extra 3' on each side, but if you take the grant and Hull does the work it is still a town road under town control. Hull can set the speed limits and

D Wilz – on the second paragraph on page 2 “going back to the 2005 project, if we were to take them up on it they would have changed it to a county highway.

- In the next paragraph they do not say that
- Maybe a solution:
 - o If we can write Central Region Director Russ Habeck a letter asking him for more time
 - o Would there be a consideration that the state would pay for the upgrades and it would continue to be a town road?
- It never hurts to ask. If anything buy some time so if we feel we need to get to the citizens, we have some time to do that.

Phil Janowski – if it is a town road, what happens with X? Does it just end at I-39?

D Pederson – that is still a problem.

J Holdridge – the previous Director in Rapids Dan Grasser wrote a letter indicating if you guys turn the road over to us, it becomes a county road we will build the Casimir Interchange. If you do not turn it over to us, we will not build the Casimir Interchange.

- Stan Potocki stood up at SPASH and said that is nothing but blackmail
- That was when we initiated the law suit and that is when Governor Doyle got in to it and directed the DOT to build the Casimir Interchange with no change in the road status – it still remains a town road.

M Bembenek – like you mentioned Dave, give us some time. We have to see what they say as they indicate this will allow for necessary time for design and ability to fund the upgrade. That's the reason for the January 31 date.

D Wilz – they have the money. Highway 10 has millions available.

J Holdridge – Bob Bowen said if they have money to do N 2nd Dr you have money to do something that is an alternative to that.

Gary Stoltz – have not been involved in X but what would be wrong, I mean it would be a benefit to everybody in the town if that went down Saw Mill Road to Casimir. Take all of the traffic away from the residential area and then have a nice road there. In that corner of the township there are not too many good roads.

D Wilz – on the west side?

J Holdridge – run a frontage road down?

G Stoltz – no just keep it going down Saw Mill Road, Granite Ridge

D Wilz – then Granite Ridge would have all of that traffic

D Pederson – that has been brought up and discussed. They are trading one neighborhood for another.

D Wilz – neither one right now are adequate to handle the traffic and the roads are Class B roads.

G Stoltz – if this would be turned over to the county, there would be one less road the township would have to pay for.

J Holdridge – there is the financial part but there is also very human situation of the impact on neighborhoods.

G Stoltz – it would still probably be posted because X is.

J Holdridge – they post X in the spring break up. We post it all year round.

D Wilz – the effort, as great as it was, they are saying no to the add on ramps.

P Janowski – I get the impression it is still the same rubber stamped letter. I think Governor Walker has not seen the proposal.

J Holdridge – we knew all along if Walker gets in to this and says to the Secretary you need to add the ramps, if he gets in to it, it is a done deal. That is what Doyle did. All Walker has done is receive the information. We met in Madison with a particular person on his staff and then if got referred to the DOT and they are coming back to him saying basically we won't change it.

D Pederson – the letter from Mark Gottlieb was copied to the Governor.

J Holdridge – we had Mike Berg who was in Rapids and moved to Green Bay – he was involved in the early part. Then we got Dan Grasser and Mike Berg is second in command and I think Grasser is third. That is why we went through that process. The likely hood that something was going to happen was not great unless the Governor made it happen.

D Wilz – I wouldn't necessarily turn that road in to a county trunk either, certainly without talking to the neighbors, but I would like to get some of that money and retain some control over it. We need to buy time to ask. North Second is falling apart. Granite Ridge is the same deal

D Pederson – do you think they would install a bike trail outside the road?

J Holdridge – maybe the way to deal with this is to ask Mr. Habeck to come to a meeting to explain what the options are.

J Holdridge – I like Dave's idea. Maybe we communicate with him and say the deadline you gave us is impossible for us to handle but we would like to explore the concept.

D Wilz – he is in Rapids so hopefully we can sit down with him. There is no timing issue with Highway 10 funding. They have had that money for years.

P Janowski – in the letter they talk about the safety with merging on to Highway I-39. I just came back from Florida last week; I go to other parts of the country; you see this all around and they are very functional interchanges. A couple of guys that know Highway 10 indicated there are some engineering flaws in it.

J Holdridge – coming from Marshfield where it makes the bend. There have been accidents there. I think in all honesty it is a dead issue to try and get on-off ramps on X. Even though it makes logical sense to all the rest it is not going to happen.

P Janowski – maybe we need an interchange on Maple Road or a frontage road.

J Holdridge – I have a meeting with Jerry Fahrner and Bob Bowen on Thursday and we are going to talk about some of the alternatives. I would think on this issue we should communicate to Habeck and ask for an extension of time and maybe ask him to come to a meeting to explain.

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Pete Kaminski - Hull does not purchase salt from Portage County Highway Department.

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11. Hull Fire Department request to purchase tanker truck with Village of Plover

Fire Chief Mark Kluck requests permission to open discussion with Village of Plover Fire Chief re: interest or possibilities of a joint purchase of a Tender (water tanker) in 2012 or 2013.

- A joint purchase would save Hull about \$100,000
- New tanker would replace 1987 tanker truck which is leaking
- Suggestion due to budget concerns – 50/50 purchase, maintenance, insurance, etc
- Hull has to tank water – Village of Plover also needs to tank water as they contract with municipalities
- Plover would house the vehicle
- With getting rid of the van, Hull's equipment would down size from 9 vehicles to 7
- The 1987 tanker carries 1,000 gallons of water
- New tanker would carry from 2,300 to 2,500 gallons
- When tanker needed in Hull, Plover response time would be very quick as they have 2 full time fire fighters.

J Holdridge – if additional aid needed why not call for mutual aid?

M Kluck – we can't take all of the trucks from another FD. Propose new truck as it will meet DOT standards. Would like to work something out with Village of Plover and come back to Hull Board in a month.

D Wilz – Hull is on the waiting list for Metro Fire.

J Holdridge – try to understand municipalities the size of Hull, contiguous to city, sending out questionnaire with questions relating to Fire Department structures.

Motion D Wilz, second D Pederson, give permission to Mark Kluck to work on proposal/concept to investigate how purchase looks. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Revised snowmobile route of Pok-A Snoz Snow Mobile Club eliminating Shady Oak Drive as a route

- Citizens present opposed to the route on Shady Oak Drive
- Opposition to Granite Ridge Road as road is not wide

Theresa Bucknell: 1) Safety issue; 2) Shady Oak to Disher field – would hear the noise of the snowmobiles

Carl Lewandowski – no place for snowmobiles along the road. Landowners should be notified by mail when a snowmobile club wants to have trails in the area.

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, table action on the Pok-A Snoz Snow Mobile Club route request. Contact John Wojcik. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Signage and the Wisconsin Law from Wisconsin Town's Association from January 2012 Newsletter

Attorney Nawrocki In the last WTA Newsletter wrote an article relating to ordinances and signage. Signage put up needs an ordinance behind it as people violate ordinances not signs.

Pete Kaminski – sign plan in place – board must approve.

Motion M Bembenek, second D Pederson, accept the information. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Reports:

- a. Supervisor D Wilz – re: the handbook update for Hull employees and union
 - i. The union contract expired
 - ii. Union still not certified
 - iii. Position of board for 3 -4 weeks handle issues as in the old contract
- b. Chairperson Holdridge – Public Safety Task Force to adopt in March the ordinance relating to Use of Town of Hull Roads by Bicyclists and Pedestrians
 - i. Plan Commission will meet in 2 weeks and work on the Subdivision Ordinance
 - ii. Assessor/Building Inspector contract expires on June 30, 2012 – need to resolve by March 1, 2012

c. Clerk – no February primary election in Hull

d. Treasurer presented yearend cash balances:

Checking	12,709.68}	Chase
Savings	434,306.63}	Bank
Tax collections	1,326,305.11}	
Business savings	19,086.44}	River Cities
IMMA Money market	511,360.00}	Bank

Town of Dewey rabies vaccination clinic second Saturday in March – does Hull want to be included? Place on the February agenda

e. Road Foreman – beaver back under Casimir Bridge

- f. Fire Chief
 - i. Order for siren has been placed
 - ii. Burning permits required 4 p.m. to mid-night. Can now burn on Sundays and holidays

- g. EMS President/Administrator
 - i. 124 calls for 2011
 - ii. Busy months included March, September and December
 - iii. Have 6 Responders (4 EMT and 2 Emergency Medical Responders)
 - 1. 2 new applicants (1 EMT and 1 EMT taking the National Registry Test

J Holdridge:

- Rustic Roads in February
 - Doing survey of towns in Wisconsin
 - J Holdridge and J Wolle looking through ordinance – what needs updating
15. Adjournment: Motion M Bembenek, second L Syens, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk