

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF HULL BOARD
MEETING, COUNTY OF PORTAGE WI
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2013

- 1) Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 4 p.m. at the Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point WI 54482.

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

Others present: Clerk Janet Wolle and Attorney Gerald O'Brien.

- 2) Chairperson Holdridge: The board will convene in closed session as per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Negotiations regarding Teamsters Labor Union Agreement and employee compensation. Following adjournment of the closed session the board will reconvene in open session as allowed by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(a) to act on:
 - a. Teamsters Labor Union Agreement regarding road crew members
 - b. Union wages for 2014
 - c. Compensation for Hull non-union employees

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, to convene in closed session.

Bembenek – Aye

Holdridge – Aye

Pederson – Aye

Syens – Aye

Wilz – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion:

‡ Wage suggestion(s)

‡ Past wage increase

‡ Insurance premium rate increase

‡ Yearly union certification elections?

‡ Have signed authorization from union employees having dues deducted from wages

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, reconvene in open session.

Bembenek – Aye

Holdridge – Aye

Pederson – Aye

Syens – Aye

Wilz – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The board reconvened in open session at 4:40 p.m.

3) The board reconvened in open session as allowed by Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2) to action on:

a. Teamsters Labor Union Agreement regarding road crew members

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Pederson, dependent upon independent review by Attorney O'Brien's of WERC CPI-U recommend going with WERC but not to exceed 2%. If WERC exceeds 2% the board will again meet to discuss union wages. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Compensation for Hull non-union employees

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Syens, use same guidelines for non-union employees as for union. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Syens, in lieu of Christmas get together, purchase \$25 gift certificates from Trigs for employees, excluding Fire Department leadership as the town is paying the cost of a FD Christmas get together.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, authorize pay equity increase in wages to \$10.85 for Patty Amman. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Holdridge:

- Report in the Stevens Point Journal by Reporter Chris Jones relating to Stevens Point Well #11 and water issues in Hull
- Hull has hired a hydrologist
- Hull contact Mayor talking with him to see, in light of information received, if he would consider talking re: settlement before Hull spends money on hydrologist and attorney fees – likelihood this will wind up in court

Attorney O'Brien:

- Citizens have to hire an attorney, not the town
- Citizens would file a suit based on nuisance caused by the city

Supervisor Bembenek – get back to Halvorson before or after report received from hydrologist??

Supervisor Wilz the hydrologist will do the following:

- Look at water modules
- Receive input from people
- Within 30-34 days might have a definitive direction
- If not, they will then have to layer off information

Supervisor Pederson - possible

Chairperson Holdridge:

- The town board was authorized by the people at the meeting at SPASH to take the lead in this regarding the hiring of a hydrologist
- In the past when there has been an issue in a neighborhood, citizens have come to the town board and we have taken the lead in resolving issues re: nuisance situations; North Second Dr., etc.

Board members:

- Yes the hiring of a hydrologist and the lead in collecting data

Supervisor Syens:

- Feel town should get report from hydrologist prior to contacting the Mayor

Attorney O'Brien – I guess the town can reimburse citizens for their attorneys fee if the town so chooses

- Keep in mind each household may want their own attorney, not just Anderson, O'Brien

Chairperson Holdridge to Clerk Wolle – this is not an agenda item is it?

Wolle – it is not an agenda item

Attorney O'Brien – action is violation of Open Meeting law

- 4) Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Syens, second Supervisor Pederson, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk