

TOWN OF HULL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 1, 2010

1. Call to order by Chairperson John Holdridge at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Drive, Stevens Point WI 54482.

Present: Chairperson Holdridge, Supervisors Robert Brilowski, Melvin Bembenek, David Pederson and David Wilz.

Others present: Jack Stoskoph Assistant Superintendent of Operations Stevens Point School District, Jim Kruziki Town Treasurer, Peter Kaminski Road Foreman, Mark Kluck Fire Chief, Nick Proulx Fire Inspector, Vaneese Bembenek representative of Emmons Business Interiors.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes February 8, 2010 meeting
Mark Kluck, page 4 of minutes should read engine 42 NOT 43.

Dave Pederson, page 8, second line, sentence should read: D Pederson, collection of (of inserted) the research before action is taken by the board.

D Pederson, is there a way to check air quality?

John Holdridge there may not be a way to check the air quality, apparently there are no standards.

Mark Kluck will get name of person from Wausau who checks air quality.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Wilz, approve as corrected the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Vouchers
D Pederson re: computer upgrade to roads computer.

Pete Kaminski a decision was made to upgrade his computer because more applications had been added and the computer was running very slowly.

Fire Department flood light went bad and needed replacement.

Page 4, yearly fee for foam trailer – the trailer is housed in Plover and when is needed is taken to the site of an emergency.

Page 6, the fire department bought new tires NOT ties.
GPS locating units assist in locating addresses.

John Holdridge there should be a demonstration of the GPS.
Chief Kluck a demonstration date/time will be set up.

The charge from Clifton Gunderson for W2s, 1099, upgrade is associated with running all year end reports and annual upgrade to Peachtree payroll.

NFPA = National Fire Protection Agency

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, approve vouchers as presented.
Motion carried.

4. Citizens wishing to address the board non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action.

No citizens present regarding non-agenda items.

5. Announcements – Chairperson and Supervisors

- Newsletter articles to be in to Barb by March 26.
- Public Hearing at SPASH on March 23 at 7 p.m. regarding the request of Pete and Kerry Klismith and the request of Justin Callan to amend the comprehensive plan from Rural Residential to Commercial and change zoning from General Ag to Commercial
- Mike Splinter to hold a town meeting on March 10 to talk about the proposed court house and upcoming referenda
- Letter received from Bill & Jill Devito relating to outdoor wood boiler on Torun Road
- Finance committee will take up the proposed new building architect contract on March 30
- Mutual aid between Village of Whiting and Village of Plover going well
- Kessa Firkus has resigned from Fire Department
- Will set up a Water Ad Hoc Committee to look at data from Stevens Point

D Pederson, today's Building Committee meeting was canceled, will reschedule for middle of month.

6. Presentation by Jack Stoskopf Assistant Superintendent of Operations Stevens Point Public Schools, regarding April 6 School Referenda

Presentation by Mr. Jack Stoskopf:

- Following the mailing of 2009 tax bill's In December the number of calls I got from the Town of Hull taxpayers far exceeded anywhere else.
- The school tax levy the district levy's to all municipalities is the same.
- The Equalization aid formula from Wisconsin is what makes adjustments to those allocations.
- The district is given a certain amount of money that we must assess to each particular municipality, that number is received from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
- Based on whether there was a revaluation done can have a huge affect on property taxes.
- Another thing tied to that is the school levy credit. The district levied \$9.48 for this school year but nobody pays that much because part of that is paid through your school levy which the municipality gets from the state and they you send it to us.
- I understand the school property tax portion for the taxpayers in the Town of Hull was very high this year. People wanted to know why you charged me 18% for you school taxes and you only charged the people in Point 8%
- The district sets the mill rate and then it gets distributed based on a whole bunch of things that are completely out of our control.

J Holdridge, Hull's equalized value went up, therefore Hull picked up more of the piece of the pie. Would you favor a fairly state of education to get people to understand the property tax?

J Stoskopf, I would love for people to understand. I like the people who look at their property tax bill and understand exactly what it is telling them. One of the areas on the tax bill people don't get is the school levy credit. If you take the fair market value of your property and divide it by the \$9.48 we assessed per schools you will see that you did not pay that much, you were not billed that much. If you were to take that amount of your fair market value divided by the levy and then add to that the school levy credit you would have the total amount. The state paid a portion of your school property taxes for you. People don't see that, they don't care; they say what did I pay last year and what am I paying this year? It's 18% more and that is too much.

Jack Stoskopf:

- Last time the district was remiss on not getting out into our municipalities and giving them a chance to ask questions.
- Here as an Assistant Superintendent from the school district to provide information.
- Have lived in the Stevens Point/Plover area for 33 years.
- Went to school at UWSP.
- Has been a teacher at the Jr. High for three (3) years; teacher at Kennedy for three (3) years; teacher at McKinley for 15 years; a technology director for five (5) years before becoming Business Manager in July 2009; and hockey coach at SPASH for 18 years; wife teaches in the district and son goes to school in the district.
- Has a sincere interest in the district doing things right.
- Fifth Business Official of the school district in the last 8 years, that's difficult because:
 - We have upwards of one hundred million dollar budget.
 - We have all kinds of fiscal responsibility we have to take care of.
- Have looked at how we assess student fees and are we using them properly; are they being allocated properly; are we over feeing or under feeing? We are cutting fees in 2010-2011 because some stuff just rolls from year to year where we have to dive in to these things to find ways to save money. My hope is to have some sustained time so we can smooth out some rough waters that seems to be going like this with the change of Business Manager every 5 years.
- State law requires public school to pay for transportation to all private school kids.
 - Beginning with the 2010-11 school year the calendars between public and private schools will match almost perfectly.
 - On early release days for public schools, the catholic schools will declare those days no transport days.
 - We can save between thirty and fifty thousand dollars from a one (1) hour meeting of working together.
- (See attachment) – The items in green are a list of reductions the district has already made. We are short a little over seven million dollars for next year.
 - The last referendum failed, the community is saying no, you have to tighten your belt.
 - We are one of the few districts in the state who hasn't really had to pull the belt tighter.
 - Support of all of the educational programs because they are good for kids but times are tough.

- Don't want to make all of these cuts because they are going to affect my child too, but at the same time we can't afford all of this anymore.
- Districts all over the state are cutting programs, teachers and opportunities for kids.
- It's easy to blame the state and say the state is not funding education the way they did before.
 - The problem is last April the state received 35% less revenue than they expected to receive.
- School district was to receive forty-four million in revenue from the state but only received thirty-nine million. The district has now received the remaining amount paid with federal stimulus money.
 - This year the state aid for our district is forty-one million because they cut us 2.8, that is partly why taxes went up. The state said we are giving you less just pass it on to your taxpayers. Only 2.1 million of the forty some million they are sending us is of stimulus money.
- Economy is tough, it has made its way to the Town of Hull to the school district, everywhere, that is part of the problem.
- Some of the items in green on the handout are items that have been cut, others are reallocation of funds.
- During the last 2 years of the current referendum the district built its fund balance by over six (6) million dollars.
 - Should not be building fund balance with referendum money
 - From my perspective you are overtaxing people.
- The district had a 5.1 million dollar debt with the state that we were paying 5.25 percent on, our recommendation was to take that money that we collected and let's pay that debt off – get rid of the 5.25 percent and reduce our annual amount of expenses by \$527,000.
 - We will save 2.3 million dollars in interest and reduce our budget by \$527,000 now until 2,023.
- Fifty (50) teachers will receive lay-off notices as of March 15
 - If the referendum fails they will all lose their jobs and programs will be cut (see attachment page 2).
 - Kids will have five (5) classes and be sitting in a study hall at the Jr. Highs and the High School.
 - The recommendation from administration is to say, help us out with what is left, because from our perspective it would be dire from our perspective if we cut these things.
 - If the referendum were to pass I think the total teacher lay-off was going to be between 25 and 30.
 - If the referendum were to pass a large number of programs would be restored.

Fred Hoffman, do not want to see teachers gone. Why aren't the teachers willing to take a cut in pay so their fellow teachers who would lose their job could keep their job?

J Stoskopf, the teachers have a large union. There is a process for that to take place. Right now they are in the first year of a two year agreement. The last agreement approved by the School Board gave teaches a 2% raise next year with the following year a freeze in wages.

- If the Board wants to reduce their teacher's pay they need to do that through the process.
- The salary and benefits in the teacher contract and the other contracts are things that take place over a long period of time.
- If the district went to the teachers and said you need to take a 10% pay cut because we are in tough budget circumstances and that went to arbitration, the district would lose.

F Hoffman, could not the teachers step forward and say we would like to do this because if we want the taxpayers to be concerned about the teachers losing, why don't we show the taxpayers we are equally concerned.

J Stoskopf, the teachers could do that and there are some that are willing to do that and there are some that will not go there.

- A report just came out saying our teachers are at the high end of teacher pay.
 - They had 6 years in a row of 3% increase per cell. That was something the board agreed to.
- There are people who complain about the administrators 8 year contract. I voted against the 8 year contract because I think that is too long for a contract but that is what the board offered and that is what they agreed to.

F Hoffman, teachers are not showing me the same good faith they want me as a taxpayer to show.

J Stoskopf, on the teacher's behalf a freeze from a union that large and that strong is rare. Presentation continued:

- I cannot advocate for or against the referendum in my position, I can only give you information.
- I will tell you we would not have recommended the referendum if we didn't think it was valuable for our student's success.
- When talking about the referendum saving teacher positions, I'm not sure we should state it that way.
 - The referendum will allow us to continue to offer programs for kids.
 - If we have 8 additional teachers that get cut at the high school if the referendum fails, they each teach 5 classes. That's 40 classes for students that would be gone.
 - If all of the teachers teach a different course each semester, it would be 80 class opportunities for students that would be gone.
- Taxes will go down whether the referendum passes or not.
 - All the people in business management in school districts around the state say don't put a mill rate out there because it is not going to be right.
 - In the next breath they will say you have to put a mill rate out there because everybody wants a mill rate.
 - The amount taxes will go up or down will vary per municipality. The distribution of school levy credit changes for every municipality.
 - The tax bills that were received in December 2009 that were too high, for most of you in the Town of Hull, \$2.05 of that was for the current referendum.
 - We could have levied 11.4 million dollars this year we had that authorization. When I started in July the first thing was to tighten up the budget to the point

where we could levy as little as possible, so we tightened it to \$8,045,000. If we have levied the full 11.4 million you would have paid \$75.00 per one hundred thousand value. Taxes would have been even higher.

- That \$2.05 went toward the referendum.
 - That referendum disappears, it goes away.
 - It expires, it is non-recurring.
- If the referendum were to fail, the estimated taxes next year would be \$7.76 per thousand of valuation.
- If the referendum passes that would cost you about 74¢ per thousand or \$74.00 for a one hundred thousand dollar home.
- Taxes will go from approximately \$948 on a \$100,000 home, down to \$850 on a \$100,000 home – you do not pay that much as school levy credit pays about 15% for you.
- In general in our school district you pay about 25¢ per million.
 - Levying 2.9 million dollars for the referendum is roughly 74¢ per thousand.
 - In the following year that 74¢ disappears because it is non-recurring. The 4.2 million costs about \$1.07 per thousand
 - The General Levy this year of \$7.43 goes to \$7.76 in 2010 and \$7.91 in 2011.
 - These things completely out of our control. It is all based on the state revenue cap.
 - We have control over our spending and we are trying to reduce the spending so that we don't have to ask for as much in referendum.
- Taxes will drop more if the referendum does not pass.
- All the printing costs of the brochure were donated by Spectra Print, Corp.
 - The district is allowed to spend money to distribute referendum information. The district would not have spent money on a colored brochure.
- Received over 100 hundred calls from Town of Hull taxpayers, some of the people who called were on how we could save money here or there – all was written down. I want to hear from the taxpayers.

J Holdridge, the disc golf course across the street from Hull's building 1) to bus students out is expensive and 2) childhood obesity is on the rise. It's hard to rationalize why the district would pay to have kids throw a disc and then walk to pick it up.

- Do not like to see teachers cut
- Maybe programs have to be changed

J Stoskopf, curriculums are being looked at, physical education was redone 2 years ago. Is disc golf part of the phy ed curriculum?

J Holdridge, I do not know if that is part of that curriculum and wonder why are they still coming out to the disc golf course?

J Stoskopf the district is driving kids to the bowling alley for bowling, there is a 3 week bowling unit as part of the leisure sports. That is costly. The kids pay the fees for that. How much exercise do they get from bowling, some people say they get exercise others say they do not.

J Holdridge, the leisure things are great but we have a real health crisis in this country and the schools have to be part of the solution.

Mark Kluck, is there a possibility of the schools starting something like 60 minutes of exercise? A report on CBS news in Illinois to reduced traffic accidents by teenagers by 52%. The kids are now sitting at home twittering and on face book and talking to their friends that way so they don't need driver's licenses. Now they don't do anything, they sit there and eat.

F Hoffman, a pet peeve is to hear comments indicating the referendum would have passed if it hadn't been for outlying townships.

- Maybe it's time the school started making the outlying townships part of it.
- If SPASH wins the state championship, the Stevens Point Mayor welcomes home Stevens Points heroes, never says the Stevens Point area welcomes them home.
- Unless I'm mistaking it's SPASH but a lot of those kids are not from the city limits.
- We're made to be just people whose kids go to Stevens Point schools and not part of it.
 - How about developing a better relationship for people in the outlying areas>

J Stoskopf your comment is one of the exact reasons that I had our Public Information Director send a letter to all of the outlying areas saying "book me, I want to go talk with all of them." We need to make this connection and, it needs to be more often rather than just when we have a need.

- Another example, when talking with the Catholic schools about the bus project we are working on I asked the Administrator of the Catholic Schools when their Commission meets and, has anyone from the public schools ever had a chat with you folks?
 - Answer, not in all of the years he has been here.

Dave Wilz, how long in years have we had referendums so we could make payroll?

J Stoskopf, it's not just for payroll it's for meeting other expenses. This is the 6th year in a row. Prior to that we had increasing enrollment, we had less. Our revenue is based on enrollment. There were referendums when the district did sixteen million dollars for renovations of boilers and major district wide updates

D Wilz, when there were major components brought from the state that said how they were going to change the funding of education, it was almost doomed at that start. There would be shortfalls over time. What are we doing either locally or statewide with all educators, with all school districts to have our Governor listen or to come up with something different on how we fund our government education right now? It's not public; it's run by the government. What is being done to either reinvent it, to tax it a different way so it can be funded instead of putting on the burden of people that own property and then another tax on top of that called a referendum.

J Stoskopf, of 400 school districts, over 200 of them are in the survival referendum mode.

- Most districts in the referendum mode that are behind, not having enough money to pay their expenses based on the revenue caps and the state aid they get, were responsible spending districts in 1992.
- Our district was a very responsible spending district in the early 90's.
 - We started out with a lower base than other districts.

- The irresponsible wildly spending districts in the early 90's have benefited from this all the way through.
- Our district is involved with the WAYS and SAS group, serve on these committees to communicate with the state.
- There is a massive effort called "A Penny for Kids". They want to raise the sales tax a penny (1%). This would bring in about \$850,000,000 which would allow many districts to get increased revenue from the state and either not go to referendum or lower property taxes.
- The bottom line is our district has to cut our spending. We have to tighten up how we do things.

D Wilz, the initial thing in 1993 was probably a good thing because school districts were pretty fat cats at the time and it put the burden on them to clean up their acts.

J Stoskopf it did that because our mill rate in 1993 was \$18 per thousand and it went down to the upper six dollar. It did what it was supposed to do.

D Wilz, but the formula does not work anymore. What types of things are you seeing, revenue enhancement, have you investigated revenue enhancement or cost savings through privatization of services where it is appropriate?

J Stoskopf, the district is contracting some transportation now.

- As custodians leave the district hires contract services that come in. It saves a lot of money but there are some issues with that too.
- We outsource the high end tech services. We are having a hard time finding a network engineer to replace the one who just took my job a year ago.
- Food service – have talked with a company about providing some help with food service. A lot of people like to keep those programs in house but when you add the salaries and benefits of employing your own people sometimes it is less expensive to pay a flat fee to have someone come in.
- We are not really in the transportation business.
- We are not really in the caring of buildings business.
- We are not really in the food service business.
- But all are a part of what we do.
- Revenue enhancements with athletics and extra-curricular. There is a study committee starting in April. Not that our extra-curricular activities are that expensive and many people see the great value in those things, but people will have to start paying to play. The study committee will set fees; either transportation fees, user fees, facility rental fees.

D Wilz, trying to do a clean budget is going to hopefully take care some of this. Please explain how the health insurance issues work. The teacher doesn't need a benefit and what is paid to them in lieu of taking health insurance? What cost savings does this derive to the district?

J Stoskopf, in the district if you do not need the health benefit that is afforded to you, you don't take the health benefit, the district will pay you cash in lieu of health insurance. Contractually everybody that signs the contract that has that benefit coming to them has that benefit coming to them. We have 128 employees who do not take health insurance. The district is not paying

health benefits for those people. A little over \$5,024 goes in to an annuity for people who do not take health (\$643,072). If those people wanted single health at \$9,000 a year it would cost us \$4,000 more per person, about a half million dollars. If they took family it cost about 1.2 million dollars more. The blended number between single and family coverage is about nine hundred thousand dollars that the district saves.

D Wilz there is this misunderstanding that if I don't take the family health and it costs the district \$25,000 a year, you are going to give me the twenty-five thousand. The answer is no, I will get a portion of it.

J Stoskopf, Sentry just had their open enrollment for health in December. The district had 2 people who were getting the annuity (\$5,024) come in and say the health plan at Sentry has gotten such that I'm better off taking the district insurance and forego the \$5,000. They did this for benefit reasons.

Mel Bembenek, when employee reaches age sixty-five (65) are there any benefits?

J Stoskopf, it depends on what employee group you are in. Teachers, if after 15 years in the district they reach the age of 57 years old and they can retire, they get 8 years of health paid for them. There is nothing beyond 65.

- Teachers don't pay the full amount of the benefit (8%).
- When they retire, whatever the district is paying for their health, which is 92% of the premium at the time they retire, they are frozen at that number.
- There is a misconception that the district is fully paying people's health benefits for those 8 years.
 - There are teachers who retired 4 years ago, but because of the drastic increase in health cost, they are paying \$700 or \$800 a month in retirement for their health.
 - They are capped.
 - Is it a good benefit? Absolutely.
- My view, our post employment benefit obligation for the district for new employees all the way through current employees and current retirees is \$81,000,000.
 - We are a pay as you go district. We pay retirement benefits. We pay as you go in the district budget 2.7 million dollars for all of our current retirees from all of the work groups. We should be funding about five million but we can't afford to now, the difference is what we will have to pay for the new employee we just hired thirty (30) years from now. All of this has to be rolled in to the formula.

M Bembenek is there supplement insurance after 65? Does the person have to pay their own supplement insurance?

J Stoskopf, the supplement insurance must be fully paid by the individual.

J Holdridge the Medicare supplement is paid after age 65. I pay for my wife and I and it is \$284 a month through the WEA.

J Stoskopf, they can buy in to it. It costs the district nothing.

J Holdridge, there are 2,020 households in the Town of Hull. Each household pays fifty (50) percent of property tax goes to support the public school.

- Guess is that you have 25% or less of the households that have kids in the public schools.
- What is going to happen in the long term in terms of public education? That is what somebody should be talking about.

J Stoskoph, the state says they paid two-thirds of the cost of education and the property tax payers pay the other third. That currently is not happening.

J Holdridge, the schools are complaining about the lack of state aid. We, the Town of Hull, got cut in state aid every town in Portage County got cut.

- Simple fact the state doesn't have money.
- The idea of going to the state and trying to get money, all that does is take the money from somewhere else and we don't really try to resolve the problem.
- How many students are at Kennedy School?

J Stoskoph, 210 students at Kennedy with a half time Principal starting next year. There will also be a half time Principal at McDill, at the Alternative School, at Jefferson and Kennedy starting next year.

J Holdridge is that a full-time equivalent position but only half time as Principal?

J Stoskoph, no half time Principal. The Principal will be between McDill and Kennedy (50% at each). Also 50% at the Alternative School and 50% at Jefferson and a 50% reduction in Assistant Principal ship at SPASH.

J Holdridge, the Administrators as part of their retirement do they get dental and vision coverage?

J Stoskoph, I think so.

J Holdridge, some of those costs somebody should look at.

J Stoskoph, the district has a long term care benefit that is unusual. It's \$80 a month per person. You get nursing home care for 3 years as long as you keep that funded until retirement.

J Holdridge you actually pay it in retirement. I pay \$70 a month.

J Stoskoph, you choose to keep that. If we want that we should choose to pay for that. I went to the group and said this report came out that said our teacher's are very well paid, they compared 12 districts. Our Administrators are well paid. Of the 12 districts we were third in pay. The district pays us fairly however, one of the things people don't look at is the fact that our administrative staff is very, very thin. Example, Wausau has 1,000 more kids than Stevens Point, they have 39 Administrators and we have 29, we are cutting back to 26 the year after next. The report showed that as far as ratio students to Administrators we are at the bottom,

we have the smallest ratio, meaning we have more kids per Administrator than all of the other 12 districts. However in pay we are the third from the top in comparison to the rest. Idea:

- Because we are fairly paid but let's take a freeze for another year or let's take a cut. Let's do something.
- In July I went to the Superintendent and said if we want the teachers to take a pay freeze we have to do it first. As Administrators we have to take the lead.
- If we would not have taken the freeze the teachers never would have.

There is a benefit that was written in to the administrative contract a long time ago that said when you retire there is a formula used to calculate an annuity that you would get to help with your health care costs when you retire. Over time additional regular benefits were added to the program and that was left there. We have agreed to do away with that benefit. They grandfathered all of the people who were in the program who met the terms of that arrangement but we now have 7 or 8 administrators and all new administrators in to the future who are hired will not get that benefit. We are saving about seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in the future. As everybody goes away, that benefit will be gone. These are big changes.

F Hoffman, does the alternative school provide GED? If that is the case they are duplicating that offered at Mid-State Tech.

J Stoskopf, there are a lot of kids at the Alternative School, the majority, have very little lack of support from home. Some come from homes with discipline and no control what so ever. For a lot of kids the Alternative School is helpful. There are three (3) different tracks at the school:

- 1) GED track
- 2) School to work track

Dave Pederson taught at the Alternative School.

- There is a GED program
- A Return program, if you are behind in credits you can return to the regular school once you go through a semester or two.
- A third program for students that can't be managed because of behavioral problems either at the Jr. High or Sr. High. There are programs in those schools for students like that but they can't be managed there either so they are at the Alternative School

J Stoskopf, how much does the Alternative school cost us? Part of it is, that building the revenue that we get on the building from rent covers all of the utilities and all of the maintenance costs, all the cleaning costs. We basically have the facility, with the current tenants we have upstairs, at no charge. The only cost to that program is programming costs.

- If those students were moved to the High School we would still have the same programming costs, they would have to go with the kids.
- It's not that the Alternative School is free, it is not, but there are some unique things that happen with the YMCA, with the library, with kids being able to work downtown.

J Holdridge, how do citizens get input in to the school district?

J Stoskopf the easiest way is going to the web-site and send an email, by calling or sending a letter.

- There is an idea we don't take people's ideas. We get a lot of good ideas.
- Some ideas are not realistic as they don't understand the whole picture.
 - An individual suggested going to the county, they should give the 7.3 million dollars needed, and then during those 2 years you (district) get your act in order and cut your budget.
 - This suggestion would not work.
 - Another suggestion was if the district requires our elementary school students to walk 2 miles to school, then why don't we require our secondary kids to walk 2 miles to their nearest elementary school and then shuttle those kids to secondary as opposed to going and picking them all up.
 - We did a study on it. It would probably save the district \$49,000.

J Holdridge, did anyone coordinate the county and school district referendums so there would not be 2 referendums at the same time?

J Stoskopf, do not believe so. There are people who feel we should have waited until November. Scenarios on the referendum: No to both the county and the school; Yes to both the county and the school; A split.

D Wilz, real disconnect between what is happening in the school district and the voting public that are kind of in the know. I think there is a feeling out there amongst voters that you guys just aren't getting it. The comment that there is an unprecedented 0 increase on the union, who cares, the district needs to understand that. You have to do more. You have to get those people to the table. Wherever the opportunity is that's been considered the sacred cow it's time, people are tired, people are losing their jobs, they are losing their benefits and they do not want to hear that it is unprecedented they took a 0 increase, my wife just took a sixteen percent decrease.

J Stoskopf, I understand but to say it is unprecedented is fair because it has not happened before. The School Board just agreed to the teacher contract in October, 2009. If we are going to bargain in good faith, if the board didn't like the contract then they should not have agreed to it. That would have been scary financially for the district because we would have lost in arbitration. Some board members want all of the groups to reopen up their contracts in the middle of their contracts – my response to the board member is, while you are serving on the board, I would hope that in the future, future boards will look back and respect the body of the work that you did and know that you did it all in good faith and above board. Just as I hope you would respect the body work previous boards did but you have to do it in good faith. Asking people to open up their agreements in the middle of their agreement, from my perspective, is not in good faith. The next time around there are things the district really needs to do.

- A health study committee will be starting we can change the benefit plan where it affects nobody's benefits we just have an increase in out of pocket deductible. Those people who do not fully use their insurance, the district could save that money.
- Six hundred thousand to 1.5 million dollars we could save with no change in benefit to anybody through the reimbursement account.

J Holdridge, looking at the election my guess is that the turnout may be 30%.

J Stoskopf, think the turnout may be higher, you have the County Executive, the courthouse, the school district.

J Holdridge if you have 35% turnout and have 25% of the households with kids in the public schools, and you politicize the parents that referendum is going to pass. The numbers are there. The problem the school district has is never having a uniform approach particularly the core group. Your core groups are parents and other sympathizers. Sympathizers might be university people, school district retirees, people who generally support education.

J Stoskopf, at the last referendum, the organization that was in support of the referendum and calling all of our families encouraging them to vote, 40% of the families they called in November did not know there was a referendum taking place.

To Jack Stoskopf, thank you for attending the meeting and the presentation.

7. Request from Jody and Jorja Zoromski, 1447 Torun Road, to terminate outdoor wood boiler operation – John Holdridge, Chairperson Town of Hull

Jody and Jorja Zoromski present.

- Hope the situation ends here
- Do not want to shut down but the cost to fight is more than it is worth
- The boiler is drained, still standing but no longer is use (as of February 28, 2010)
- Will take down sometime this summer → will be gone before next fall

Fred Hoffman many residents have camp fire pits in back yard → have smoke as long as it is burning.

J Zoromski, they also have a fire pit and their neighbor was complaining about it.

J Holdridge the town will check it out if get complaints regarding other Outdoor wood boilers or fire pits.

Following discussion motion by Supervisor Brilowski, second Supervisor Wilz, based on the fact the Zoromski outdoor wood burner is inoperative and will be removed by September 1, 2010 the case is closed. Motion carried.

8. Review of resurfacing of Granite Ridge Road North – citizen concern about effect of summer 2009 seal coating – Pete Kaminski, Hull Road Foreman

- The area of concern was viewed by Pete Kaminski and town engineer Dave Glodowski.
- The chip seal is cracked in certain spots
- Someone in the area has done damage to the shoulders
- Road is structurally sound
- There are a few low spots that seem spongy
- Will meet with Bill Plucker of Scott's Construction

D Pederson Granite Ridge Road N is in much better condition now than it was before the roadwork was done.

- Let the Gagas family know when meeting with representation of Scott's Construction

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept the report. Motion carried.

9. Ray and Mary Klismith request that Town of Hull take over a 1 foot wide and approximately 723 feet long strip of land along Fox Ridge Road – John Holdridge
At the time Sandy Hills Subdivision was put in a 1 foot wide by approximately 723 foot long strip of land was retained by Ray and Mary Klismith. This spite strip was kept to prevent truck traffic from property south of Sandy Hills' going on to Fox Ridge Road. Ray and Mary now want to deed the land to the town.

Attorney Konkol has issued an opinion that the town can accept the land and retain the restriction from vehicles going on the Fox Ridge Road from the south.

D Pederson the town has not adopted a driveway ordinance/permit and possible should.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept a Quit Claim deed from Ray and Mary Klismith for this small strip of land. Motion carried.

10. Renovation (partitions) at Hull Municipal Building – space/separation
Vaneese Bembenek, with partitions up along the east wall of the meeting area, offices for Assessor/Building Inspector, Treasurer and Clerical, and more chairs can be put up for people in the board meeting room.
- Like the look
 - Sliding doors do not lock
 - 68" high partition vs. the 60" currently in use
 - When needed the partitions can be removed and set up in another location

The higher partitions and sliding doors will provide adequate privacy and prevent people from wandering in to areas they should not.

Motion Supervisor Brilowski, second Supervisor Wilz, order partitions as per quotation of Vaneese Bembenek from Emmons Business Interiors in the amount of \$3,270.73. Delivery and installation is included in the cost. Motion carried.

11. Carbon monoxide detectors required for all public buildings by April 1, 2010 – Nick Proulx, Fire Inspector, Hull Fire Department
- Need 3 carbon monoxide detectors
 - o 1 for office area/meeting room
 - o 1 for Pete's office
 - o 1 for F.D. meeting room

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, approve purchase of 3 carbon monoxide detectors. Motion carried.

12. Contract for DS200 voting equipment – Janet Wolle, Clerk Town of Hull
The contract for new voting equipment has been reviewed by Attorney Bob Konkol. My primary question to him was am I missing anything relating to training? His review found nothing in the contract relating to training. I asked if there was anything else he noted that I

should be addressing. Bob indicated no there was not, but when attorney's look at contracts such as this it is pretty one sided, generally the way this type of contract is.

Town of Hull is receiving trade-in allowance of \$1,000 for 2 Optech IIIPE Eagles. You will note we have 3 Eagles. One Hull does not own.

ES&S will upgrade our AutoMark at no additional charge. This is so stated on the Sales Order Agreement. The AutoMark is the marking device we are required to have for disabled individuals. Thank you to Shirley Simonis, PC Clerk, for passing along the information she learned about the necessity for the upgrade to the AutoMark.

Also noted on the Sales Order Agreement is that ES&S will pick up the 3 Eagles we are trading in.

The training cost is \$1,575.00 per day, please note on the February 15, 2010 3:12 p.m. email from Tina Pick. The City of Stevens Point and Village of Plover are going to the new equipment as well. We would hold training in one location and share the cost. I have also heard the Town of Dewey will be purchasing the DS200 but I don't know when. If the time frame is the same as the rest of us I would think Dewey would want to share in training as well.

Delivery of equipment and training will be sometime this summer. The equipment will be used for the first time on September 14, 2010 Partisan Primary Election. We have \$15,000 in the 2010 budget for this equipment.

With each election we were becoming more and more concerned about the tabulators running/counting correctly. We now only have April to get through. From all of us who test equipment, making sure things are fine prior to elections, and all who work at the polls on election day, thank you.

Motion Supervisor Pederson, second Supervisor Bembenek, approve the purchase and the training as outlined in the memo. Motion carried.

13. Web-Site time line – Jim Kruziki , Treasurer Town of Hull
Jan. 31, 2010 – Develop WEB page outline plan
Feb. 22, 2010 – Meet with MSTC student intern to discuss development of WEB
Feb. 24, 2010 – Finance committee approval of Chad Ratelle, student intern
Feb. 25, 2010 – Chad to begin development of WEB page
Mar. 31, 2010 – Review of WEB home page
Apr. 14, 2010 – Review of WEB data pages
May 10, 2010 – Presentation and approval of WEB
May 26, 2010 – Completion of staff training for WEB maintenance
June 1, 2010 – WEB opens to public

Estimated costs:

Intern stipend	\$200.00
Alternative domain name (5 years)	\$ 88.00
Software to maintain WEB	\$300.00
WEB hosting (Fibernet)	no charge

The work being done by Chad Ratelle will be done in conjunction with a class he is taking at Mid-State Tech.

Motion Supervisor Wilz, second Supervisor Bembenek, accept the report. Motion carried.

14. Review & approval of cash transfer to CD investments – Jim Kruziki
Transfer of savings from Chase to CDs, 12 mo, 1.25%, 2/22/10 \$250.000 – River Cities Bank

Designated Accounts

CDs, 14 mo, 1.25%, 2/22/10	\$250,000.00 – River Cities Bank
Business savings, .75%	4,450.91

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept the report. Motion carried.

15. Appointment of Patty Amman as Deputy Treasurer – Jim Kruziki
Jim Kruziki received a recommendation to have a Deputy Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer, primarily for signature on checks. Recommend Patty Amman as Deputy Treasurer. Feel she would do a fine job.
- \$10.75 hourly wage

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Wilz, approve appointment of Patty Amman as Deputy Treasurer with wage of \$10.75 an hour when serving as Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried.

16. Road Checklist – Pete Kaminski
All routes (4) will have a checklist for every spring and fall that will include:
Cutting & trimming of overgrown vegetation; Address Vision Triangles; Removal of dead trees; Shouldering where needed; Sign replacement & posts; Check culverts & ditches for drainage; Check for failing roads (Big Dips, Cracks, Potholes); Objects in the right-of-way (Flower gardens, Fences, Rocks, Other); Speed limit postings on roads (painting required); Guard rails & posts; Check French drain covers – working properly?; Other.
Each check list has an area for date and location of action.
Definition of right-of-way for removal of vegetation is 4' off the shoulder.
It is important to pay attention to visibility of street signs.
Road Committee should review the checklist at their next meeting.
Upon completion of work the form should be signed and dated.

Motion Supervisor Brilowski, second Supervisor Bembenek, accept the report. Motion carried.

17. Weight limits for Hull Roads – Pete Kaminski
Dale Peterson of Portage County Highway Department will not post roads for another two (2) weeks (March 15).
Due to problems on Granite Ridge Road N, the road should be posted with 7 ½ tons now.
Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, Road Foreman Pete Kaminski monitor and post roads as see fit. Motion carried.

18. Furniture & Appliance Mart – Request override spring weight limit – John Holdridge
Furniture & Appliance Mart has requested, if at all possible, a written variance for the upcoming spring season and the weight limits. They are asking for these variances before weight limits go up to make their delivery process smoother for their customers and to avoid multiple calls to your township during the weight restrictions. All delivery trucks leave from our warehouse located in Stevens Point WI. All delivery trucks are 7 ½ ton single axle straight trucks. Patty Rottler is the Routing Coordinator. Contact information 715-254-1241 or patty.rottler@bostoninc.net. Local address: 2917 Business Park Dr, Stevens Point WI 54482.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, not to grant a blanket permit to Furniture & Appliance Mart during the 7 ½ ton special weight limit posting. Motion carried

19. Board of Review date for 2010 – John Holdridge
Board of Review will be held on Wednesday June 9, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

20. Date for Spring Christmas Party – Hull Board of Supervisors
John Holdridge, the town should have a celebration inviting those who do the Adopt-A-Highway, Park Commission, Plan Commission, F.D., etc. A group will put together and plan.

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, accept the idea of a celebration. Motion carried.

21. Hull request for “Proposal for Financial Audit” and other review – John Holdridge & Jim Kruziki
The letter of intent is to be in by March 15, 2010.
3rd page from end – Section V - Specific Audit and Investigative Approaches: a. Examination of financial records including, at the very least Revenues/expenditures, reserve funds, debt schedule, etc.
b. Identification of an Inventory Control System
c. Description of assistance in preparation of Form “C” Report
d. Review of bill paying procedures for control and accountability
Section VI – Cost of audit.
Identify the costs of each of the four audit investigations and the total cost of your firm’s engagement – 1. Financial Audit; 2. Inventory Control System; Add 3. Completion of Form C; 4. Bill Payment Procedure; 5. Total Cost of Engagement.

Move Mailing of proposal section to the end of the proposal.

Time:

March 5, 2010 – Issue “Request for Proposal”

March 15, 2010 - Return Letter of Intent to submit “Request for Proposal”

May 1, 2010 – Request for Proposal due

May 15, 2010 – Selection of Accounting firm

June 30, 2010 – Completion of audit and report to Hull Finance Committee

Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, approve the corrections to the “Proposal for Financial Audit” and forward to auditing firms as noted. Motion carried.

22. Reports:

Supervisors – No report

Treasurer - See attached

Road Foreman – Pete Kaminski

- Begin process for sweeping of roads – put on bid
- Started May 5 in 2009
- Talk about at the Roads Committee meeting
- Sweep approximately 32 miles of subdivision streets
- Gather information and get back to Town of Hull by March 31
- To be on April agenda

Fire Chief – Mark Kluck

- At the end of May there will be a metro discussion at SPASH between Town of Hull, Villages of Plover and Whiting and the City of Stevens Point
- The event will last between 2 – 3 hours including a cookout
- The advantages to Village of Plover and Whiting have been great
- There would be a massive change in ISO rating
- Cost savings small
- Services are the big benefit

Thank you to the road crew for installing new ballists and bulbs at the F.D.

EMS – No Report

23. Adjournment: Motion Supervisor Bembenek, second Supervisor Pederson, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Janet Wolle, Clerk