

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

January 6, 2011

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Agenda Item #1: Call to Order. Chris Mayer, Chairman, called the Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. according to his watch on January 6, 2011 at the Town of Plum Lake Town Hall, 8755 Lake Street, Sayner, WI.

Members Present: Chris Mayer; Steve Favorite; Bob Egan; Ralph Sitzberger; Fred Radtke.

Others Present: Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; Tammy Baughman, Administrative Secretary; Laurel Carlson; Marshall Reckard; John Vojta.

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda. Motion by Steve Favorite, second by Ralph Sitzberger to approve agenda to be discussed in any order. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3: Approve Minutes. Chris acknowledged the meeting location change documented in the minutes from Lac du Flambeau to Plum Lake. Motion by Ralph Sitzberger, second by Bob Egan to approve the 12/2/10 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Review Town of Presque Isle Comprehensive Shoreland District and Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Agenda Item #5: Resolution: Town of Presque Isle Zoning District Map Amendment. Fred arrives at (8:58 a.m.) according to clock at the Town Hall. Chris said the amendment was brought last month but the committee was looking for the ordinance revisions, not just meeting minutes, which are now attached. Steve said the grammatical errors should be corrected and questioned whether the language should be consistent in 902.6.1 referring to "owner occupied living quarters" and in 902.6.4.2 referring to "residential purposes." Marshall Reckard, representing Town of Presque Isle, explained that Presque Isle's Main Street area is a Community Business District that allows a business with a home and the amendment will allow an accessory structure (garage) to be built if a residence is on the lot. He said the downtown area is becoming more residential. Ralph believes the garage (accessory structure) should be used for commercial purposes only in a Community Business Zoning District.

Motion by Bob Egan to accept the changes to the Town of Presque Isle Comprehensive Shoreland District and Zoning Ordinance with the grammatical corrections and forward to full County Board for approval, second by Steve Favorite. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #6: Review Town of St. Germain Sign Ordinance. Agenda Item #7: Resolution: Town of St. Germain Sign Ordinance. Fred Radtke said this ordinance is for off premise signs only. Steve confirms with Dawn that St. Germain has village powers, enacted town zoning; therefore, is coming to the county for approval. John Vojta, representing Town of St. Germain, said the intent for creating the sign ordinance was to regulate future billboard signs. Chris feels the County stands behind public safety and to promote tourism and our obligation is to each town in Vilas County to decide if they want a quite or tourism community. Steve questioned the authority that this committee has on changing any of the ordinance language presented. Fred said St. Germain has its own Town Zoning and when a change occurs it's brought to the County for approval; at this point they are not looking for further input. Steve said the minutes from the public hearing indicated public input was heard and addressed by the Town Board. Ralph finds the sign ordinance language confusing. Bob feels it's the towns ordinance and any issues will be with the Town of St. Germain; not the County. Steve said this keeps Vilas County from having a sign ordinance and shows that town's can regulate signs.

Motion by Bob Egan, second Steve Favorite to approve the Town of St. Germain Sign Ordinance amendment and forward to full County Board for approval. Discussion. Fred Radtke: abstains. 3 voted aye. 1 voted nay: Ralph Sitzberger. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8: Refund Request. Dawn read a letter by Kathleen Richter requesting a refund of \$571.00 for permit #85-10 dated October 26, 2010 and the permit was issued for a single family home. Fred said the permit was needed prior to applying for the housing loan and is a substantial amount; therefore, should be refunded.

Motion by Fred Radtke to refund the requested \$571.00, second by Steve Favorite. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #9: Land Use Plan. None.

Agenda Item #10: NR115: Dawn had a meeting last month with all the deputies reviewing NR115 changes. She discussed vegetative permitting within the 35' buffer area; fee for vegetative permit to be discussed at a future meeting. On January 25th the Zoning Department staff will have an Invasive Species Workshop/field training to be held in the spring by the Land Conservation Department; Dawn, in turn, will train the Land Conservation staff on NR115 updates.

Agenda Item #11: Letters and Communications. Steve requests that the Wireless Communications Ordinance be put on next month's agenda and Gary Peske receive a copy.

Chris read a letter from George and Marie Adams regarding Septage Maintenance Program and Septage Pumping on open fields. He said this is a DNR issue and is out of this committee's jurisdiction. The Zoning Office will respond to the Adams' letter in that regard.

Dawn read a letter received from the new Governor appointed DNR Secretary Kathy Stepp and the committee encouraged Dawn to meet her when she comes to the Rhinelander area.

Agenda Item #12: Public Comment. Laurel Carlson asked Dawn when she will be going through the NR115 changes with the committee; Dawn said April. John Vojta asked if St. Germain was the township where the refund request was approved; Dawn said Lincoln. John Vojta commented that people are not as concerned about the tree top canopy as they are about seeing the cell towers.

Agenda Item #13: Review Statistics and Budget. Total permits were up in 2010 from 2009, total fees collected were up. Dawn said we may have to do a line item transfer next month.

Agenda Item #14: Training and Out of County Travel. Steve asks for permission to attend NR115 code updates FEMA floodplain issues, and zoning related issues on wind towers on January 26th and 27th. The registration fee will be shared between the Forestry and Zoning Committees which his attendance benefits both committees. Dawn said we have money in our travel account in our 2010 budget to pay for the registration fee.

Motion by Fred Radtke, second by Bob Egan to approve half the cost of the registration fee. Discussion. All say aye, motion carried.

Dawn asks permission for Mary to attend the WCCA Executive Board Meeting in Mosinee January 20th & 21st.

Motion by Steve Favorite, second by Fred Radtke to approve as presented. All say aye, motion carried.

Dawn asks permission for her and Tammy to attend a one day Non Metallic Mining roundtable discussion in Menasha, sometime in February; subjects to include, but not limited to public hearings, common areas NR135 programs needing enhancement, and evaluations of reclamation.

Motion by Steve Favorite, second by Fred Radtke to approve out of county travel as presented. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #16: Confirm February 3, 2011 meeting. Chris scheduled tentative meeting locations through June 2011. February 3rd at Lac du Flambeau Town Hall, March 3rd at Cloverland Town Hall, April 7th at St Germain Town Hall; May 5th at Winchester Town Hall; June 2nd at Land O' Lakes Town Hall. All meeting locations are subject to change.

Agenda Item #15: Sign Vouchers.

Motion by Fred Radtke, second by Ralph Sitzberger to approve the bills. All say aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #17: Adjournment. Motion by Fred Radtke, second by Ralph to adjourn. All say aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.