

An onsite was conducted by the Committee prior to the Public Hearing at the Presque Isle Fire Department, 8310 School Loop Rd., Presque Isle, Wisconsin from 9:25 a.m. – 9:36 a.m. No testimony or public comment was taken during the onsite inspection.

**Members Present:** Chris Mayer, Chairman; Steve Favorite, Vice Chairman; Chuck Hayes; Lorin Johnson; Kathleen Rushlow.

**Others Present:** James Janet, Deputy Zoning Administrator; David Sadenwasser, Administrative Secretary; J.P. Galloway, Agent for Applicant; Dale Slotow, Vilas County Sheriff's Department; Jim Nelson, Presque Isle Volunteer Fire Department; Eric Johnson, FYI Northwoods News.

Chris Mayer, Chairman, calls the Public Hearing to Order at 9:01 AM at the Conover Center, 4665 E CTH K, Conover, Wisconsin.

**Members Present:** Chris Mayer, Chairman; Steve Favorite, Vice-Chairman; Chuck Hayes; Lorin Johnson; Kathleen Rushlow.

**Others Present:** Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; David Sadenwasser, Administrative Secretary; J.P. Galloway, Agent for Applicant; Dale Soltow, Vilas County Sheriff's Department; Dave Leack, PSC Alliance; Steve Rhode, Town of Conover; Marshall Reckard; John H. Barnekow; Rich Martinson; Judy Johnson; Norm Johnson; Jerry Fohr.

The secretary reads the public notice.

The Committee and Zoning Office staff introduce themselves.

The Chairman notes that an onsite was conducted on August 28, 2012 and that no testimony or public comment was taken at that time.

The secretary swears in J.P. Galloway, agent for the applicant, of Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Mr. Galloway testifies that any fencing around the proposed towers will be six feet in height and topped with barbed wire for a total height of eight feet.

The secretary swears in Marshall Reckard, of Presque Isle, Wisconsin.

Mr. Reckard testifies that the existing tower on site has natural gas monitoring control and asks if the new tower will allow the same capability.

The secretary swears in Dave Leack, of Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

Mr. Leack states that WE Energies will be able to utilize the proposed tower for gas monitoring control.

No one else wishes to testify.

The hearing is closed to public comment.

Mr. Mayer explains that the Committee will now deliberate and come to a decision.

Ms. Rushlow asks if the security fence will surround the entire property or the tower location only. Mr. Galloway responds that it will only surround the tower location.

Discussion regarding the effects of the Town of Presque Isle repealing their ordinance regarding communications towers.

The committee members completed the findings of fact decision form regarding the standards of issuance for the Conditional Use Permit as follows:

1. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort, or general welfare because it will improve public safety through better communications for emergency services and it is being placed in a low residential use area that is already used for municipal functions.

2. The uses, values, and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall in no foreseeable manner be substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use because the proposed tower is being used for municipal operations and is replacing an existing tower used for similar purposes.
3. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district because the established use is a municipal use which already supports a tower and the proposed tower will not affect the existing pattern of development in the area.
4. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or will be provided because adequate utilities, roads, and drainage already exist on the site.
5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets because said property is a public property that has already been improved for such uses; no additional traffic will result from the proposed tower.
6. The conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located because this use is supported in a Community Business (CB) district and through the Wireless Communications Ordinance with the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion by Chuck Hayes, seconded by Steve Favorite, that Conditional Use Permit #2012-04 be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Any fencing erected shall not exceed 8 ft in height.
2. Appropriate signage must be in place which meets all applicable regulations.
3. All uses and structures are subject to any applicable town ordinances.

Roll call vote:

Chris Mayer - Aye

Steve Favorite - Aye

Chuck Hayes – Aye

Lorin Johnson – Aye

Kathleen Rushlow – Aye

Motion carried unanimously; permit granted subject to conditions.

The Chairman adjourns the public hearing at 10:31 AM.

*Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.*