

**TOWN OF WYOMING  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016**

The Town Board of the Town of Wyoming met at the Banquet Hall of JR's in the Village of Big Falls. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Brady.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**

**ROLL CALL:** Burton Brady, Jeremy Schoenike, and Margie Schmidt, all present. Also in attendance were: Carol Myers, Clerk; Mary P Miller, Treasurer; Sharon Radies, Jerry Radies, Dean Opperman, Jim Portnoy, Ed Kitzman, Todd Pamperin, Dave Schmidt, Paul Opperman, Jean Petersen, Jane VanZummeren, Jason Milanowski, and Sarah Moericke.

**OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:** Were met by posting at St. Peter's Church, Polk Rd, the corner of GC&E, and posting on the town website, [www.townwyoming.com](http://www.townwyoming.com). The agenda was also published in the Marion paper.

**AGENDA:** M/S/C to approve the agenda as presented; Schmidt/Schoenike.

**MINUTES:** M/S/C to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting as presented; Schoenike/Brady,

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jane VanZummeren thanked the board for saving taxpayers the \$1200 previously paid out for rent. She also commented that the plow truck stops plowing at Myers driveway on Pine Rapids, and doesn't go around the corner to do the cul-de-sac. Todd Pamperin thanked the board for the money saved on the Assessors contract, fire and ambulance, the recycling contract, the new facility, and being responsible in the way we are spending his money, he also said the roads need more sand. Jerry Radies also indicated the roads need more sand. Jim Portnoy said he was insulted that the clerk has been inquiring of the DNR about MFL payments which had not been received yet for MFL cuttings going back to 2012. The clerk informed him he was not singled out- the county issued him a cutting permit, along with many others, which were all being checked on.

**APPEARANCES:** No appearances. The DNR rep scheduled to appear was off due to MLK day.

**STATE INSPECTION OF JR'S BANQUET HALL AT THE REQUEST OF CONCERNED CITIZENS:** Jeremy reported that a State Building inspector was at the Banquet hall to inspect it, at the request of a group of concerned citizens. No written report has been received back as of this meeting. Jeremy thanked the citizens for their concern, and assured them that if there were any issues, JR's will make the necessary changes.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Action has created a form which will be sent to property owners of Ag land or presumed Ag land, which will be going out the beginning of February. Personal Property statements were mailed out the last week of December. One sale in the town (Peterson to Radies). Assessor responded to the assessment ratio questions which were raised at last month's meeting.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Chairman Schoenike reported there has been no activity for the committee, but there will be a meeting on Thursday, January 21 to review Board of Appeals guidelines, and the Cemetery Ordinance.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ending bank balance \$59,074.44. Yearend balance was \$7,817.97. There is presently \$14,424.89 in contingency reserves for election equipment, re-evaluation, and future emergency vehicles. Mary sent 318 tax bills out at a cost of \$175.46-if we had the county mail our tax bills, the cost would have been \$411.84. This saved the town \$236.38 as she bundles same owner bills together, and the county would send them all individually (858 bills). We received a \$717.50 payment from the county in error and will need to return it.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk is now emailing the Marion Fire Department report to board members as she receives it. Completed one special charges request and a tobacco survey. Issued a provisional bartenders license for Brett Radies. Paul Hanlon issued a building permit to William Radies for a 720 square foot garage. County cutting permits were received for Tigerton Lumber, sections 5&6, James Portnoy, section 1 and John and RoseMary Bazile and their various sub trusts. Clerk has been corresponding with Ben Baumgart, DNR forester regarding the stagnant MFL payments for past cuttings, as we still have some hanging out there from as far back as 2010, and the DOR says they have no paperwork on anything. Clerk asked Baumgart to get his paperwork done to get us caught up to date so we can get paid. W2-s and all year end paper work have been completed. Ambulance and Tigerton Fire contracts were given to the board to update their manuals, total cost of those this year is \$12,241.10, a savings of \$649.60 from last year. This does not include costs paid to Marion Fire Department, which will amount to approximately \$11,000. additional. We will have a primary on February 16. Laurie Miller and Charlene Haas have been trained as Chief Election inspectors. Larry Reid on West Hill has requested garbage service so Jeremy delivered carts on January 8. Margie will check to see if garbage carts are to be delivered to Radies' on C.

**PERPETUAL CARE ORDINANCE:** to coincide with the Cemetery ordinance, is being worked on, held over until next month.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT MOTION TO ADJUST YEAR END CHECKING BALANCE TO ACTUAL OF \$7,817.97.** M/S/C Schoenike/Brady.

**ROAD AND R-O-W- MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:** Brush and trees in areas on Hunting road needs to be removed. The tree on the corner of West Hill and Moericke has been removed. Margie contacted CWEC to remove some trees in the R-O-W with power line issues (Spaulding & West Hill); they will not cut the one on the Taufner property. Jeremy is working on a 5 year maintenance plan. Trees on Pine Rapids need to be removed.

**HELVETIA SHARED ROAD AGREEMENT:** Margie presented the agreement Helvetia would like to change to. Board asked the Clerk to scan and send to them. This will be discussed next month.

**LEGAL MEETING POSTING LOCATION:** At last month's meeting, Tom Miller said that if we used JR's as a posting site, it would not be legal because it is in the Village and not in the town. Clerk read email from WTA attorney, Carol Nawrocki, which indicated it was her opinion posting at JR's would likely give notice to persons affected. The law does not say postings have to be located in the municipality. M/S/C Schoenike/Brady, adopt the resolution regarding legal posting locations, resolution 01-2016.

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE POLLING PLACE LOCATION:** Email from WTA read, it is not necessary to adopt resolution for this.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:** M/S/C Schoenike/Brady to change the name of this committee from the Variance Committee to the Wyoming Board of Appeals, based on the issues it would be addressing. Jeremy put a draft of duties together, which will be discussed at the CPC meeting on Thursday, and at next month's board meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Made several calls to Lashua relative to the months plowing/sanding schedule.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Jeremy: Asked for a copy of the Petition which Supervisor Schmidt circulated relative to the location change. After last month's meeting, it was brought to his attention by a citizen that Margie may be a Trustee on the church Board. After researching the church website, he found Margie's name on there as a trustee. He inquired of the church as to who their trustees were. The Church did not respond to him, however, a few days after his request, Margie's name was removed from the Church website. Jeremy asked Margie if she was a trustee, and she responded that she was not, and hasn't been since February or March. Had she been a trustee, circulating the petition would have been a violation of ethics. His research on the petition showed that 55 of the 74 signatures on the petition have never attended a meeting since he has been on the board, and only 5 of them were at more than 2 meetings. Since that time, there have been 6 elections, and 36 board meetings; curiously, 15 signatures of the 74 came from people who have not attended a meeting since April, 2013, nor have they voted, so he was not sure what their basis for signing the petition. In the month's leading up to the board vote on this issue, he surveyed 51 people on their opinion on the location; 4 preferred to stay; 3 had no opinion and the rest were interested in moving if it meant savings to the town. Several folks were unaware of any petition going around, some said it was presented to them, but they did not sign it. Contacted Paul Hanlon relative to a construction project which was underway, but no permits were displayed- Mr. Hanlon verified the permits were issued. He was contacted by Jay Radies of JR's stating that Building Inspector John Anderson was out to inspect his building- he said the request came from a group of concerned citizens. Mr. Anderson was asked to include the town in on his report- at this point no report has been received. Listened to Webinar on Voter ID laws. Checked on Status of Jecevicus residency. Dropped off trash and recycling carts at Larry Reid's on West Hill. Contacted Chairman Brady to inform him plows and sanding needed to be done on town roads. Corresponded with the county regarding the Big Falls Cemetery. In looking back at previous town meeting minutes the CSM and conditional use permit did not show up in any of the town records from that time frame- there were several other CSM's that came before the board and were approved at the board level, and it was odd to him, that this particular one did not get treated the same as all the others. With the counties help, it was determined that the CSM for the addition was done in 2010 and the map was recorded with the Register of Deeds, the process for obtaining conditional use permits has changed since then- now requiring a recommendation from the CPC and the town board, so it appears that is all on the UP and UP, it apparently was just some missed paperwork or it was just not treated the same as the others for some reason.

Drove town roads; set up CPC meeting for Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:00PM. Contacted Sen. Olsen and Rep. Petersen and urged them to support AB561-SB434 on the changes to the MFL program. The proposed changes would significantly benefit the town as we have almost 13,000 acres enrolled in MFL. It would basically eliminate the severance and yield tax and get the town the closed acreage fees directly from the state. The DNR's estimated benefit of the proposed law, to our town would be a net gain of about \$12,000. Contacted the county relative

to cemetery ordinances and items for the comp planning meeting. Researched and drafted guidelines for the Variance committee. Has been working on a road maintenance plan. Questioned if garbage carts should be placed at the old Peterson place which Radies purchased.

Margie: In December received forms from CWEC to cut trees on West Hill and Spaulding, completed them and returned them. Listened to GAB webinar on Voter ID; Dolores Fournier called, said her driveway had not been plowed, Margie called Todd Pamperin and he plowed that out.

**PROPOSAL FROM TOWN WEB DESIGN ON TOWN WEBSITE:** Clerk presented an offer from the Town Web design company. Based on the new law which the town initiated regarding postings, Town Web Design offered Wyoming its services to create a website and host it for one year free. Charges after that would be \$49 per month. Presently we pay just shy of \$100 a year for everything, so the board decided to pass on this offer.

**MEMBERSHIP IN WTA URBAN TOWNS COMMITTEE:** This is a sub branch of WTA; cost is \$79 for the year, which includes the video's password (which the town presently pays \$50 a year for). M/S/C Schmidt/Brady, to accept membership in Urban Towns Committee.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS MEETINGS:** January 20, county wide discussion on trails, January 27, county wide discussion on Broadband Access, January 21, CPC meeting at 6:00; February 26, WTA District meeting in Shawano. Jeremy, Margie, Carol and Mary will attend Feb. 26. Board of Review training will be conducted. Carol presented the brochure from the UW extension on Local Land Use Planning and Zoning classes.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY CLAIMS** – M/S/C Schoenike/Brady, to approve the January claims as presented in the amount of \$27,893.67.

**BOARD DISCUSSION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Perpetual Care Ordinance; Board of Appeals guidelines and duties; Helvetia Shared Road Agreement; Road review projects for 2016; 5 year road maintenance plan; Happily Ever After Stipend for 2015; MFL- Portnoy/Baumgart issue; Operators license for Brett Radies; Garbage carts for Radies; Building inspector report on JR's.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, February 8, 2016, 7:00 PM, in the Banquet Hall of JR's, 120 N. Main Street, Big Falls, WI.

**ADJOURNMENT:** M/S/C Schmidt/Brady to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

Submitted,  
Carol Myers, Clerk