

**MARCH 2, 2009**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call.** Village President called this regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Neil Michek, George Wallenkamp, Dennis Richgels, Doug Oleson, and John Kreul. Teresa Bomkamp arrived at 6:10 p.m. Deb Wolfe was excused. Tom Cody, Pat Benish, Ken LaBarre and Pat Hying were also present.

**Certification/Compliance.** Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on February 27, 2009. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. George Wallenkamp seconded. Motion carried.

**STH 80 Update.** There will be a STH 80 Public Informational Meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 at the Highland Fire Station. Consensus of the Board is to remove the pine tree in front of the Village Hall – it's too large for the space – before STH 80 construction starts. Consensus of the Board that property owners are responsible to pay cost for water infiltration from their property to go to the storm sewer system instead of sanitary sewer system (i.e. The Red Zone). Piping storm water run off into the sanitary sewer system is a violation of the Wisconsin Plumbing Code.

**CSM – Benish Estate.** Pat Benish presented a preliminary Certified Survey Map for Benish Estate, creating a trailer court and a house parcel. Currently the whole parcel is zoned R-4 Mobile Home District. The house parcel would need to be rezoned R-2 One and Two Family Residential District. Board questioned if there was a power line easement along west side of property. Per the legal description, the Benish property extends 16' into the Dodgeville Street right-of-way. Approval of the final CSM will be on the April agenda.

**CSM – Ken LaBarre.** On January 28, 2009 the Village Plan Commission reviewed the proposed parcel split. Ken owns parcel 136- 0284 and parcel 136-0285. There is a 20' access easement along the north side of both parcels. To meet Zoning Ordinance requirements, the question had been brought up if Ken needs 50' street frontage on parcel 136-0284 if he splits his parcels. The Plan Commission feels that as long as the westerly parcel remains Ag Holding, Ken has sufficient access to his property. The issue of street frontage should be resolved when the property is developed as it would be rezoned at that time. It would be a more appropriate to decide on all pertinent issues at the same time.

Ken is to supply the following: 1) the property description for the combined parcels 136-0284 and 136-0285 for a mortgage satisfaction. 2) A preliminary CSM splitting parcel 136-0285 (fronting Main Street) and parcel 136-0284. Lot 1 would include the ditch and property to the south of the ditch. Lot 2 would include the building and property to the north of the ditch. Lot 3 would be parcel 136-0284. Ken will need to keep the existing easement on the north side of the property for access to this parcel. 3) The legal description of Lot 1 for the warranty deed from Kenneth LaBarre to the Village of Highland.

**Economic Development.** Rick Terrien, Iowa County Area Economic Development Corp. (ICAEDC), talked about his role as Executive Director. He is hired by ICAEDC – not Iowa County. His job is to support existing businesses and start as many entrepreneurs as possible. Broadband internet is needed in the rural areas. He talked of a new possible project in Highland

– Highland Processing and Freezer Project. Mark Olson, Producer Rep. for Renaissance Farms was also present to answer questions.

**Insurance Renewal.** Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance package thru Baer Insurance Services, LLC. For \$13,629. Doug Oleson seconded. Motion carried.

**Ag Land Contract.** At the November 2008 Village Board meeting only one bid was received for renting 10.7 acres of agriculture land off Lagoon Road. The Village Board accepted Tom Hebgen's bid of \$75 per acre for a 5 year contract. Since then, Wilmer and Todd Roun (previous renters) approached Tom asking about assuming Tom's contract. Roun's work with an agriculture program and it is easier if they could rent from the Village of Highland instead of sub-renting from Tom Hebgen. Dennis Richgels motioned to approve agriculture land rent contract with Wilmer and Todd Roun for 10.7 acres at \$75 per acre for 5 years with the understanding that the Village may at any time terminate this agreement with respect to usage of land by giving notice to Wilmer and Todd Roun. George Wallenkamp seconded. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes/Pay Bills.** Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve minutes as presented. Neil Michek seconded. Motion carried. John Kreul motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$29,799.92; Water Account \$685.82; Sewer Account \$2,898.38; TID #2 Account \$20,409.23. George Wallenkamp seconded. Motion carried.

**Our Town Celebration.** The Board discussed whether to have the Our Town Celebration this year with the road construction. The Board will make a decision at the April meeting.

**Committee Reports.** Park Committee – damaged and rotten trees are being removed from the park; new trees need to be planted in 2009; the “old beer stand” shelter needs a new ceiling as there are many bees between the ceiling and the rafters in the summer time. Street Committee – will look at the LaBarre property and the ditch line. Fire District – the new truck chassis is paid for (\$78,000); \$147,648 is the cash balance; there is moisture above the fire station ceiling. Water Committee – about 8,000 gallons water *less per day* (about 3 million gallons per year) is being pumped from the well due to finding water leaks on Spring Street.

**Operator's License.** Teresa Bomkamp motioned to approve Operator's License for Taryne Kay Ramsden. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": George Wallenkamp, Dennis Richgels, Teresa Bomkamp, Doug Oleson, John Kreul and Neil Michek. Absent: Deb Wolfe. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Teresa Bomkamp motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. George Wallenkamp seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa C. Michek, Clerk-Treasurer

**MARCH 12, 2009**

**STH 80 PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Open Meeting Law Compliance. Notice of Public Informational meeting was posted on February 26, 2009 and published in the Dodgeville Chronicle on February 26 and March 3, 2009. Meeting is in compliance with open meeting laws.

Attendance: A sign in sheet was posted. Twenty seven people were present.

Project Construction. Phase 2 starts April 1, 2009 and is to be finished by July 1, 2009. It includes water main construction on Main Street from Spring Street to the north end. There is also the rural section of WIS DOT STH 80 construction project north of Highland which could begin mid May. On July 1 the urban section WIS DOT STH 80 construction project within the Village of Highland begins and is scheduled to be finished by the end of November 2009.

Discussion items:

- ✓ Water mains and services will be completed on the Main street business block to Dodgeville Street before proceeding from Dodgeville Street to 100' north of Industrial Drive.
- ✓ It is extremely important that basement storm water sump pumps are not connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- ✓ Water will be shut off periodically to make necessary connections.
- ✓ There will be pedestrian access to all businesses at all times.
- ✓ Bart Nies and Tom Hebgen will talk to the Post Master about temporary mailboxes for residents who have a mail box in the way of construction.
- ✓ Detour signs will be in effect April 1, 2009
- ✓ WIS DOT will place "Access to Highland –local traffic only" signs at Cobb (on STH 80), Montfort (on County I) and at the intersection of CTY Q and CTY G (on CTY G).
- ✓ Local traffic only means that you have a purpose, reason to be on, or destination in the Village of Highland. People may be stopped but not ticketed if they have a business to be in the Village of Highland.
- ✓ Various street sections may be entirely closed from time to time. Alternate routing within the village will be needed.
- ✓ Cooperation is needed from EVERYONE to keep as much traffic off the construction area as possible – it expedites construction and improves safety for drivers/passengers as well as construction people.
- ✓ Businesses may put up additional signage with a permit from WIS DOT (Tadd Owens) at their cost. It is most beneficial if all businesses work together on signage as there are limited areas where signs may be placed.
- ✓ Streets will not be dust free. Contractors may need to water construction areas from time to time if there is no rain for a few consecutive days.
- ✓ Construction meetings will be every other Thursday morning 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. Dates of meetings will be posted, emailed to general email list and announced on radio stations. Residents – especially business owners – are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn of construction updates and plans for the following two weeks.
- ✓ There will be no parking on streets while construction is on a given area.

- ✓ The Village of Highland has an easement from Kowalski-Kieler for a temporary construction road. It runs from Industrial Road to Cardinal Drive.
- ✓ Tower Road (from STH 80 to Dodgeville Street) and Dodgeville Street are designated as heavy traffic route during the construction project. Tower Road north of Dodgeville Street (maintained by the Town of Highland) is NOT designated as a heavy traffic route.
- ✓ Main Street from Dodgeville Street to Progressive Way will be constructed one side at time, leaving one lane open to north end businesses and residences.

#### **WIS DOT PROJECT SPECIFICS**

- ✓ WIS DOT STH 80 project will be let May 12/13, 2009.
- ✓ The project includes new pavement, curb & gutter, sidewalk where there is no grass meridian and some storm sewer.
- ✓ There will be no parking on Main Street while the contractor is working on Main Street.
- ✓ Businesses are encouraged to erect additional signs with a WIS DOT permit.
- ✓ There will be a center line shift to the west side of Main Street by Fillback Ford.
- ✓ Street lights (underground wire) will be on the east side of Main Street instead of the west side.
- ✓ Businesses will be informed as much as possible on closed and open streets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa C. Michek, Clerk-Treasurer

#### **Attendance:**

Bart Nies (Village Engineer), Tadd Owens and Dan Tyler (WIS DOT), Craig Hardy (Iowa Cty. Highway Dept.), Tom Hebgen (DPW), Neil Michek (Village President), Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Doug Oleson (Board Members), Kevin & Mary Jo Gundlach, Kevin & Trish Peloquin, Don & Tess Bomkamp, Jeff & Teri Michek, George Breiwa, Jim Drury, Kirsten Rusch, Danny Lettman, Matt Rosenbaum, Roger Koester, Al Michek (Village residents), and Mary Spurgeon.

**MARCH 17, 2009**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Call to Order/Roll Call.** Deb Wolfe, Chair, called this Public Property Committee meeting to order at the Highland Village Hall at 6:00 p.m. Committee members Deb Wolfe, Dennis Richgels and John Kreul were present. Doug Oleson and Officer Daniel Swinehart were also present.

**Certification/Compliance.** Notice of meeting was posted at 2:00 p.m. on March 16, 2009. Deb Wolfe motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

**LaBarre Property.** The Committee proceeded to the Ken LaBarre/Bear Pottery property at 827 Main Street. They viewed the LaBarre property, discussed possible options for clearing brush/debris along the ditch line. They also looked at the stakes placed by Schmitt Engineering for the proposed Certified Survey Map. There will be three lots on the new CSM for parcel 136-0285 fronting Main Street 1) lot north of the ditch line with including the buildings 2) lot with the ditch and property to the south and 3) lot for Park Street dedicated right-of-way.

**Apartment Lease Violations.** Officer Swinehart informed the Committee that he wrote a report regarding under age drinking at Cory Rundell's apartment. The Committee reviewed the apartment lease and decided Cory Rundell is in violation of his apartment lease in 3 matters: 1) use of premise for unlawful purpose – underage drinking 2) complaint on excessive noise which unduly disturbs the neighbors and 3) keeping a pet on premise. Deb Wolfe motioned to follow the guidelines in the apartment lease to enforce compliance or eviction. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Committee Meeting.** There will be a Public Property Committee meeting after the May Committee Appointments are approved to inspect all Village of Highland owned apartments and discuss/decide on 2009 apartment repairs.

**Adjournment.** Dennis Richgels motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa C. Micek, Clerk-Treasurer