

Town of Brigham Town Board Meeting Minutes

The Town of Brigham Town Board met on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Barneveld-Brigham Municipal Building meeting room in Barneveld Wisconsin.

Chair Jason Carden called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Besides Chair Carden – also attending were: Supervisor Jeff Zander, Supervisor Scott Gaffney and Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Rue. In addition, attendance included: Tim Liebmann, Bill Carden, Michael Straubhaar, Savannah Ernzen, Troy Maggied, Joshua Couper, Rachel Ransom, Tony Grabski, Doug Reeson, Mike Fenley, Jerry Davis, Mary Davis, John Neis, Abbey VanValkenburg, Al Feist, Steve Thoni, Sabine Lobitz, David Couper, Duane Elfering, Greg Hilden, Ken Hummel, Denise Hummel, Joe Karls, Bill Lorenz, Doug Carden, Jim Schwenn, Lora Schwenn and Russ Moyer.

The Public Notice was approved on motion by Supervisor Gaffney, seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

The March 8, 2017 meeting minutes (which include wording regarding the Liebmann variance) were approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, Seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried.

Public Comments: None

Application of David Couper and Sabine Lobitz to reconfigure existing parcels totaling 48 acres to create two lots, rezone approximately 24 acres from A-1 to AR-1, and create a new driveway for one of the lots off County Hwy K. The driveway for one of the lots already exists, as do the buildings on both lots: Plan Commission Chair Steve Thoni presented the case noting that Couper had withdrawn his request for a driveway to the 5 acre parcel (as they believed they already had a driveway). The driveway off Hwy K has been approved by the Iowa County Highway Commissioner.

Couper was told they need to have a driveway approved before they can rezone 5 acres to AR1. They need to go back to the Plan Commission.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zander to table the Couper/Lobitz application until they have been back to the Plan Commission. Motion seconded by Supervisor Gaffney. Carried.

Horribly Hilly Hundred Application for a Picnic/Operator License: A motion was made by Supervisor Zander to approve the picnic license. Motion seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gaffney to approve the temporary Operator's license. Motion seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

County Administrator Letter Shared: Iowa County is looking for a Town Rep to attend Economic Development Meetings. Chair Carden moved the Supervisor Jeff

Zander become our Town Rep and attend these meetings on the town's behalf. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried. Supervisor Jeff Zander abstained from voting.

ACT 211 Update: Town Building Inspector Mike Fenley was present to explain the changes as a result of ACT 211. He noted that all building applications for new homes will have to be filed with the State of Wisconsin beginning January 1, 2018. He said the applicant will be issued a code which the building inspector can then complete and file. A motion was made by Supervisor Zander to use the electronic form for building permit applications. Motion seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried.

Bidding Process for 2017 Seal Coating: Scott Construction has asked to store gravel on the Town lot. Chair Carden suggested possibly the use of the lot should be stated in the bid.

There was much discussion on this issue. Supervisor Zander made a motion to NOT lease the land for gravel and to put the bids for seal coating out the same as last year. Motion seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried.

Birch Lake Project Update: Doug Carden gave an update on the Birch Lake situation. Doug Carden gave Chair Carden a binder full of materials. He talked about public meetings and about fund-raising. Carden noted the tracking sign which has been put up by the U.C.C. Church.

Doug Carden noted they are looking for a Town of Brigham endorsement of this project.

Supervisor Gaffney moved that the Town of Brigham give the "Friends of Birch Lake Association" (FOBLA) the town endorsement of their Birch Lake Project. Motion seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Update: It was noted the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission meetings went well. The attendance was phenomenal! Chair Carden updated the people in attendance on the proposed process. There had been a meeting in February and one in March.

There were comments regarding prime soil and Nature Conservancy.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zander to set up sub committees to review the issues raised on the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Gaffney and Carried.

Broadband Update: Chair Carden shared that Iowa County is applying for a grant and will submit it once the State approves the grant money.

Vouchers: Motion made by Supervisor Gaffney to pay all vouchers presented. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

Future Agendas: Seal Coat Bids, Committee Members. The May meeting will be changed to the second week of the month, as Audrey is on vacation during the first week.

Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Gaffney to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer