

Town of Onalaska Board Minutes
July 31, 2010

Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 11 am at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 SECOND STREET, Onalaska. Supervisors present were Paudler, Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels and Marc Schultz and Sandy Thompson. Clerk Sue Schultz was present.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve ordinance #2010-7-31-1 to restrict parking at W7061 Front Street, Onalaska. Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-7-31-1

AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT PARKING AT W7061 FRONT STREET

The Town Board of the Town of Onalaska do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 52-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Onalaska, Wisconsin, is hereby amended to add the following location:

W7061 Front Street

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska at a regular meeting held on the on the 31st day of July, 2010.

Once the ordinance is published it is effective. No public hearing is required. The Clerk will call the property owner and inform him.

Supervisor Steve Michaels made a motion that the subject of the matter discussion closed session (July 27, 2010) regarding the possible theft or misuse of employee benefits be referred to the Sheriff's Department for investigation and that Chairman Paudler and the Town clerk Schultz be authorized to release such information as is necessary to assist in that investigation. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote 3 (Paudler, Michaels, Schultz) to 2 (Fogel and Thompson).

Board Member Concerns:

Supervisor Thompson read into the record three emails she had received from individuals about Basil Frederickson's good work.

From a Concerned resident of the Town of Onalaska.; RE: Basil Fredrickson

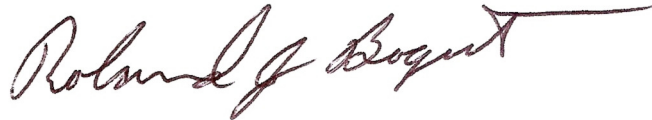
I have been a resident of the Town of Onalaska for 31 years.

Roland Bogert; N6169 Summerglow Trail, Onalaska WI. 54650

My concern not only is the loss of a highly skilled worker but why this seems to be a trend. In the last year we have lost 50% of our regular town work force. These positions take a person trained in the operation of dangerous equipment to comply with safe work standards. I think it is time for our town board to be recognizing our workers and rewarding them for a job well done. Contrary to what was reported to the media both of these employees have left the employ of the town of their own accord because of negative work conditions created by certain members of the town board.

I would like to support the personal and professional integrity and work ethic displayed by Mr. Basil Fredrickson throughout the 15 years I have known him. In his role as a Forman, Basil was

hard working, honest, respected and professional. I can note that over the years since Mr. Fredrickson has been foreman there has been a noticeable improvement in the town services. He obviously did an excellent job of directing the workers and getting the work completed. My suggestions to the board are that the accusations are dropped and Mr. Fredrickson be recognized for his years of excellent service to the town.
Sincerely,



From Mark Witte, N6377 Johnson Coulee Rd., Holmen: I have read in the paper that Basil has resigned and very sorry to hear that. He was a very hard worker and dedicated to his job. Cared for the towns people. How can we keep spending money that the tax payer don't ask for (lawyer fees)? How many dollars had Paudler spent on court fees, yet he has no one to answer to, but himself. It is time the board stands up for the whole town and not just the Prairie. Mark Witte

From Barb Pronschinske, Trempealeau. To Town of Onalaska Board-

It amazed me but did not surprise me about the letter that was in the Holmen Courier this week that there were some words that were omitted from the newspaper when Tom Keefer spoke on Basil's behalf.

It also was said that he would like to thank the town residents for all their support and kindness over the past 15 years and it was truly appreciated. He will miss working for the people and will also miss working with his co-workers.

Basil took a lot of pride in his job. And has enjoyed working for the residents of the Town of Onalaska. He would go that extra mile to help anyone, if anyone knows him.

You have lost a hard working foreman, a wonderful, caring person who did take a lot of pride in his job for the Town of Onalaska.

A letter from Tara Cook was read.

Supervisor Schultz said the weeds on the fence at Z and ZN have grown so that the block the vision of anyone stopping at the intersection. Chairman Paudler will contact LaCrosse County Highway Commissioner Dennis Osgood.

Supervisor Fogel expressed surprise that the board came to a decision so quickly.

Supervisor Thompson said she felt the situation was handled extremely poorly and mislead us/her.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM. Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz.