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Chairman Dave Paudler called the Town Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Hall, W7052 Second Street, Onalaska, WI. Supervisors present were Paudler, Frank Fogel, Steve Michaels, Marc Schultz and Sandy Thompson. Clerk Sue Schultz was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the board minutes of February 22, 2011 with corrections. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the bills.
Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Citizens' Concerns:

Jim Nissen, Fish and Wildlife Service, spoke on the progress of the facility being built on Brice Prairie. He also asked that comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for Habitat Management, Facility development and Wildlife be submitted by April 4, 2011.

Randy Paine, W7613 County Road A B, Onalaska spoke on property assessment policies and building permits. He provided a contract that the Town of Shelby uses for their Assessor.

Harry Helfrich, N5597 Cheyenne Drive, Onalaska spoke on the refuse pickup.

Tim Carrier, W5835 Koss Road, Onalaska asked what is happening with the Bud Raymer dispute?

Gary Fischer, W7573 ZB , Onalaska, spoke on the Town Emergency Plan, a Town Audit and property assessment and PA 500 cards location.

Rich Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska asked about the assessor situation.

Mike Temp, Town Accountant, gave a presentation on Town Accounting System. The Town uses a modified accrual basis of accounting. Monies are reported as they come in such as for state aid and grants. Expenses are recognized when incurred not when received. The Town follows state law in regards to its accounting practices. In the Budget, general categories must have enough money, not line items. There is no punishment if the Town overspends in an area or category. The Budget is a plan, things can happen to change it.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion seek candidates for Summer Temporary Help through a temporary agency for park mowing. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Holmen Youth Baseball use of Sandy Knolls and Apple Valley Baseball fields for the Summer 2011 Baseball Season. The motion was amended to include and share one half of the port-a-potty cost. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Joint Powers Agreement for 2011 with LaCrosse County Emergency Services.
Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Filzen read a letter from Steve Johnson, President of the Brice Prairie Time Trails asking for support. Gail Filzen spoke as a member of the Tourism Committee and recommended taking the \$500 out of the Tourism Budget.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to support the Brice Prairie Time Trials. Asking for use of the town's Sweeper must be asked of the Stormwater Utility Board as the sweeper belongs to them. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 (Paudler, Michaels, Schultz) to 2 (Fogel, Thompson).

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to allow Michael Moeller, N5751 County Z, Onalaska, request for a third dog. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve a contract for 2011 Official Town Map with Schreiber/Anderson Associates, Inc., not to exceed \$6,000. Supervisor Paudler seconded the motion. Supervisor Thompson contacted LaCrosse County Zoning and said they can provide the Town a map for less. Motion failed 0 to 5.

Board Resolution 2011-3-29 finalize 2010 Budget was introduced.

TOWN OF ONALASKA BOARD RESOLUTION 2011-3-29

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska, believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Onalaska and considers it sound financial management of the Town of Onalaska's December 31, 2010 budget, hereby resolves to:

- 1) Increase the Public Safety Expenditures Budget by \$400,
- 2) Decrease the Public Works Expenditures Budget by \$400.

Be it resolved this 29st day of March, 2011 by a 5 - 0 vote of the Town Board of the Town of Onalaska.

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-3-29. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Supervisor Thompson made a motion to adopt the Town's Capitol Improvement Plan as presented as a plan/guideline going out to 2015. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Paudler reminded those present that the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Habitat Management, Facility Development and Wildlife comments are due April 4, 2011. Information is available at Town Hall or on the web.

Committee Reports:

Plan Commission

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve Green Earth Compost, N6631 Hwy XX, Holmen, Tax # 10-1453-0, CUP #827. Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. The Plan Commission recommended approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Michaels made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Gavaghan, LLC. Wildwood Valley Subdivision.

Supervisor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 (Michaels, Paudler, Schultz) TO 1 (Fogel) with Thompson abstaining.

Supervisor Fogel introduced something that was part of the Sun Valley Development and asked that it also be included in Wildwood Valley. This will be on the April Plan Commission Meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Gavaghan said he had met with Dennis Osgood of the LaCrosse Highway Department and the entrance into the development was approved by Osgood.

Citizens' concerns:

Sandy Sebastian, N6773 Sun Valley Drive, Holmen asked is Paudler is representing Bud Raymer in his law suit? Paudler said he was only interviewed by the newspaper reporter and he does not represent Raymer.

Rhonda Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska asked why wait to hire a new assessor. Where are the Town's Pa 500 Cards? Does Mr. Raymer have a CUP to operate out of his home?

Rich Rayburn, W7765 Schaller Drive, Onalaska, asked will a date be set tonight for a meeting with Bud Raymer?

Gary Fischer said the Town has not been in the news and to keep it that way by doing Assessor assessments properly.

Board Member Concerns

The Town of Onalaska has been invited to start a Boundary Area Agreement with the Village of Holmen.

Chairman Paudler presented four dates as possible times to have a meeting with Bud Raymer, Assessor. The date of April 18, 2011 was set. Chairman Paudler will check with Raymer to be sure he is available. Supervisor Thompson asked if the meeting with Bud Raymer will be open

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or closed. Chairman Paudler said to protect Mr. Raymer, the discussion will be in closed session and any action in open session. Supervisor Fogel agreed.

Supervisor Schultz reported that a silver maple tree was down on CORE land by Mosey Landing. It will be removed.

Supervisor Fogel said any contract going forward should be put out for bids. Supervisor Thompson has a concern as this can slow down the process when you put it out for bids.

The Comprehensive Plan was not on the agenda. It will be on April agenda as it needs to be cleaned up as to what has been done in the last five years.

Tim Markgren, W7069 County Road ZN, Onalaska, Tax #10-538-0, can obtain a building permit for his house with does fit into the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Correspondence was emailed to the board members prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Fogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Supervisor Thompson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Sue Schultz.

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