Town of Montrose
Regular Board Meeting
1341 Dianne Ave., Belleville WI 53508
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 7:00PM
Bills will be reviewed by the Board after Board Meeting

Call to Order

Roger Hodel called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Meeting posted according to law.

Present: Roger Hodel, Town Chair; Dan Palmer, Supervisor; Randy Francois, Supervisor; and Jennifer Armstrong, Town Clerk/Treasurer.
Residents Attending: John Sayles, Jr Eichelkraut, Darren Eichelkraut, Brian Brown, Deb Brucaya, Tim Bahls, and Magdalena Wijaya.

The minutes of the January 2nd Regular Town Board meeting were read by Jennifer Armstrong. **Motion was made by Dan Palmer to approve as read. Randy Francois seconded. Roger abstained as he was not present at the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report was read by Jennifer Armstrong.

Motion made by Randy Francois to approve the Treasurer's report as read and to pay all bills. Dan Palmer seconded. Roger Hodel approved.

Announcements

Roger brought the monthly mailing received from the Wisconsin Town's Association from January 2024. Roger noted several items from the periodical, such as Act 73 which was newly signed by the governor, allows Class B liquor licenses requested by businesses may now be purchased by business owners from towns in whole or in part of the same county, no longer requires them to be contingent. As of January 2026, Act 73 will require wedding barns and those type of private venues to obtain a liquor license, even if the alcohol is served and not sold. Act 73 now allows for the recapping of wine bottles and recorking so that customers may take home unfinished bottles. Acts 73 also adds axe throwing to the list that may be conducted on the premises of a licensed alcohol establishment.

Also noted was that in the 72 counties of all tax levies combined in the State of WI for the year 2023, there was an increase of $ 63.5 million dollars, over $ 30 million of that increase was from Dane County.

There have been some changes in certification of Board of Review members. Roger Hodel will attend the Deer Valley certification in Barneveld on February 23, 2024, for $ 65. Jennifer Armstrong will be certified virtually in March 2024.

An inventory of culverts and bridges greater than 6' will need to be inventoried and reported to the DOT, and how the town will conduct that inventory needs to be reported to the DOT by April 15. The actual inventory and documentation needs to be completed by Dec 31. The town will receive $ 100 reimbursement for each culvert by the state. We can have Cody, someone else in the township, or a private company do the inventory. The DOT is conducting an initial webinar on Friday, February 9, Jennifer will connect with Cody and facilitate his joining the webinar in her office.

The Clerk made an announcement that our April Town Board Meeting will be on April 9 instead of April 2 due to the election and the annual meeting will be held on April 16th at 7pm.

Roger received a response regarding the necessity for the town to adopt an ordinance to post No Parking Signs – yes we do need an ordinance for no parking signs per WI State Statute 349.13 (1d). We will add the item of No Parking signs to the March board agenda.

John Sayles reported that water from the Verona sewage will not be returned to Badgermill Creek, the upper tributary of the Sugar River, it will now be retained at the Madison Metropolitan Sewage district plant and discharged into the Yahara basin. This retention could reduce the flow of the river up to 40%, depending where it is measured. John Sayles was one of the 14 speakers that spoke in favor of the water returning, 1 speaker spoke against it and that was the project's engineer.

AGENDA

1. Discussion and/or Recommendation to Rezone Petition at 7741 State Hwy 69, Belleville, WI by MorCoy Compound LLC, Paul and LaNay Morrison. Current parcel (0508-314-9000-7) is a two-home FP35 property with the second home under CUP. One home is the original farmhouse, the second is a 1984 secondary farm residence, the petition is to demolish the original farmhouse from the parcel, the secondary house (1984) proposed to remain and section off a 6.5 acre parcel as a new building site as replacement for the existing/eliminated original home.

The request was approved unanimously by the LUC committee. Jr Eichelkraut discussed the approval of the request would require the original farmhouse be demolished in order to use the split, the Morrison's will retain the secondary farm home, and then sell off the split for another residence. The plan is to use the same driveway off of Hwy 69. They had one split available, this rezone uses the final split.

Randy moved to approve the request from Paul and LaVay Morison for MorCoy Compound LLC to rezone to RR-4 (rural residential) approximately 6.5 acres of FP-35 (farmland preservation) land to create a buildable parcel in Section 31 at 7741 State Highway 69, contingent on the demolition of the original farmhouse. This will use up all the splits for this property. Seconded by Dan Palmer. Passed unanimously by Roger Hodel.

2. Discussion and/or Recommendation to Rezone Petition at 1240 N Gaffney Road, Belleville, WI by Baker Living Trust, Denny Baker, to reconfigure two existing lots (parcels 0508-094-8821-3 and 0508-094-8871-3) that are under two different zoning designations,.66 acres is currently zoned for RM-16, proposed zoning is to RR-4, and .63 acres is currently zoned RR-4, and the request is to re-zone to RM-16.

Jr Eichelkraut explained the purpose of the request was to reconfigure lot lines in order to get the shed on the same parcel as the residence for the purpose of getting the shed in compliance with zoning configuration. LUC unanimously approved.

Randy moved to approve Denny Baker's request to alter existing Lots 1 and 2 by rezoning .66 acres of Lot 2 land from RM-16 (rural mixed use) to RR-4 (rural residential) to add Lot 1 and rezoning .63 acres of Lot 1 land from RR-4 to RM-16 to add to Lot 2, all in Section 9 located at 1240 and 1232 Gaffney Road. Dan seconded. Roger approved.

3. Town Garage Building Committee updates:

A. Action and discussion to determine a designated pumper for the new town garage.
B. Discussion of actions to be taken regarding the existing well.
C. Construction progress report.

John presented the Building Committee update. Two new tanks are being installed – one for the sanitary system and one for the wash ward of the trucks. They require two documents – we have filed one certified document with the county and the other document needs a designated pumper. There was a discussion and overview of the final plan review. There is to be an increase in the mechanical room, windows in the overhead doors for light, fiber glass panels around the wash bay, a curtain installed that separates the wash bay, a plan to coat the concrete floors. Discussed the township purchasing a jib crane that would go between two of the bays and be able to service the crane. Brian and John plan to look at Town of Union jib crane again. Building to have 2' overhang. No windows in any of the man doors. Exterior doors to have latch guards. HVAC to be separate for office. Locked door between office and bathroom. Kelly Maynard and John had a zoom meeting with a UW extension local government person to gather information about the contracting and bid process. He suggested we hire a lawyer to review the final contract before we accept it. John and Brian will do some research on an attorney that could review the contract.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding contacting Dane County to place a streetlight at the intersection of Dianne Avenue and Highway 69.

Randy Francois stated several people have complained that it's dark at the new, unfamiliar intersection of Dianne Ave and 69. Approach Dane County for a streetlight. Jennifer Armstrong will begin contact.

Public input

Junior Eichelkraut stated the largest black walnut tree in the state is on the MorCoy Compund, 65" in diameter.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Randy Francois at 7:57pm, seconded by Dan Palmer, approved by Roger.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Armstrong
Town Clerk/Town Treasurer

The TOWN OF MONTROSE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services upon reasonable notice. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Town of Montrose, 1341 Diane Avenue, Belleville WI 53508, (608)424-3848 by the Friday prior to meeting.