

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

January 4, 2018

6:30 P.M.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town of Omro Web Page and the posting board at the Omro Town Hall.

Present: Commissioners Chris Musha, Rich Kern, Brian Noe, Joy Schwarz, Barbara Meyers, Tom Tuschl, Larry Remer.

Chairman Tom Tuschl called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approve Minutes

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017. Joy Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements and Reports

- Town Board approved the Sandhill Farms Preliminary Plat
- Town Board approved changing the designation of the three roads Fenceline Ln., Marquart Ln., and Hayfield Dr. to Tier III roads.
- Tom has asked Catherine Nieswender at the County to hold some Network meetings for new planning commissioners.
- Ormond Beach, First Addition development may go into foreclosure.

Text amendment to County Erosion and Stormwater Management Code

Chapter 23 of this code allows a more liberal use of private property before a permit is required. A small discussion on this amendment occurred after Tom explained that a landowner will only need a permit "which increases impervious greater than 3,000 sq. ft."

MOTION: Rich Kern moved to ask the Town Board to approve the County's text amendment to ch. 23. Seconded by Larry Remer. Motion carried.

Discussion of the interaction between Town of Algoma Sanitary District and Town of Omro Official Bodies

Kevin Mraz, Utility Director of the Algoma Sanitary District, presented a comprehensive history, current service, and future plans of the District. Tony Daley, a reporter for the Omro Herald and Chad Hayes, an Algoma commissioner, were also present. The Power Point presentation included the Impacts of Consolidation of the Town of Omro and the Town of Algoma in 2012. This has decreased the water and sewer rates for the customers served.

MOTION: Tom Tuschl moved to continue the discussion for another 30 minutes. Seconded by Brian Noe. Motion carried. Maps of the sewer and water locations, fire hydrants, and projects were explained during the next interval. Sandhill Farms and Ormond Beach subdivision infrastructures were included.

A map of the City of Omro was detailed outlining the "Buffer Zone". Mr. Mraz expressed that there be clear communication between the city and town as to who will be responsible for developing the land inside this zone and the water and sewer implications.

MOTION: Rich Kern moved to extend the discussion for another 15 minutes. Chris Musha seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Mraz continued with the projects including installing permanent generators at the lift stations to prevent wastewater backup, and the addition of another well at Our Park when the customer base increases past 2,516 connections. Finally, he presented the plan to supply wholesale water service to the City of Omro, which would benefit all by lowering costs and improving the Algoma Water Utility's economy of scale.

Review of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Rich will be working on more chapters to discuss in February.

Parks & Recreation Sub-Committee:

2018 Goals

The goals compiled by the sub-committee will be submitted to the Town Board to be used as a guide. It is desired to increase the Friends of the Park's interaction with the projects proposed.

Regulating Hunting

After much research, Rich Kern explained that only the DNR can regulate hunting. As a Town, we can regulate the "discharge of firearms". He found that other towns do regulate this. Rich feels that we should limit the discharge of firearms and crossbows in our parks, especially Priske, because of its proximity to residential houses. Brian Noe reminded the commissioners that this is difficult to enforce and costs money, and furthermore not necessary since it makes us liable if we post an ordinance.

Adjournment

MOTION: Chris Musha moved to adjourn. Rich Kern seconded the motion. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Minutes by
Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary