

**MINUTES OF
THE LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009
WAUSAUKEE TOWN HALL – N11856 US HWY 141 – WAUSAUKEE WI 54177**

Members Present: Ted Sauve, Joe Policello, Alice Baumgarten, Jerry Pillath, John Guarisco, and Larry Nichols.

Members Absent: Karl Stibbe

Others Present: John Lefebvre, LID; Rick Strzyzewski, Arnie Behnke, Bob England, Jack Clark, Wayne Staidl, Jerry Heroux, Walter Peterson, Emmerson Behrens, John Gaffney, Joe McMahon, Gerald Stujenske, Vernon Gisenas, Karen Jarman, Gaylord King, Jeff Englemann, Bob Grandaw, Donald Limberg, Eugene LaCombe, Audrey Gusick, Roland Phillips, John Keeley, Robert Gehri, Cary Whiting, Russ Bauer, Ed Sedor, Clarence Coble, Herman Pottratz, Mark Monnette, Scott Durran, Marie Richter, Gary Richter, John Dobratz, Dean Zempel, Roger Leick, Vilas Schroeder, Harry Krass, David White, Steve Dill, Richard Wade, Steve Gostisha, Fred Smeester, Dave Setunsky, Bill Weissgerber, Allen Sievert, Charles Stanek, John Kanerva, Raymond Matrisch, Alvin Graetz, Kevin Schutte, Jim Holperin, and David Bedora.

1. Chairperson Sauve called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION (Guarisco/Policello) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, no negative vote.
3. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 9
MOTION (Policello/Nichols) to open public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried, no negative vote.

Public Comments:

Rick Strzyzewski

- If the County may charge a fee for road naming what will the fee be?
- Why does the Town need to provide road signage for both intersecting roads if one of the roads is a dead end?
- If a Town road intersects with a County or State Highway the County or State should pay for the road naming signage not the town.
- The Towns need to be permitted to issue sub numbers or letters onto fire numbers in highly developed areas.
- Town does not agree that the County needs to approve if the Town wishes to change its signage to a different style.
- Does the fire number need to have the road name printed on it?
- What does it mean when it says the County will verify the driveway points for new addresses when necessary?

- Special requests from the Towns to the County for map creation will be handled on an individual basis and may charge a fee? When is the County going to charge a fee?
- All these concerns I have expressed on behalf of the Town of Stephenson are irrelevant if the towns can opt out of these ordinance requirements and continue issuing addresses.
- Here is a copy of a Town of Stephenson Resolution # 1-2009 concerning road naming and addressing.

Arnie Behnke

- Towns are the closest form of government when it comes to dealing with the people.
- If the County takes over they will charge twice what it costs the Town to do the same job.
- Concerned with county's current change of address fee charge of \$5.00
- Town of Stephenson is willing to correct any problems that the County identifies but the County hasn't identified any problems that he is aware of.

Herman Pottratz

- Thanks for holding this public hearing in the evening out in the Town.
- Don't need any of this ordinance.
- Town can handle its own addressing.
- Towns don't have to tolerate the County telling them what to do.
- Everyone will have to pay more attention to what is being proposed.
- Sabbaticals that County employees are taking need to be eliminated. The County needs to take advantage of teleconferencing and reduce the travel and the over night trips.

Charles Stanek

- If it is the Towns responsibility for ordering and installation of the signage how does the Town get reimbursed?
- Fire # is required for each principle structure, what is the definition of a principle structure?
- County is not going to issue a permit until an address for the parcel is assigned.
- In the winter it would be difficult if not impossible to place the fire # within 30 days of issuance.
- How much County man power will it take to administer this ordinance?
- Individual Towns can and should correct mistakes.

Bill Weissgerber

- What is the definition of principle structure?

Jerry Pillath

- Meaningful responsibility.
- County is only assigning to those towns who wish only a small portion of the responsibility.
- How will the County accomplish with the existing staff and if the staff is currently available then we need to evaluate if we need them.
- If ordinance is adopted a reevaluation of staff will be necessary because of increased duties. Which will likely result in an increase in pay.
- Towns can do the work in a more timely manner.
- Addressing should remain with the Towns.

Clarence Coble

- Agree with all the negative comments.
- How will the Town do all this stuff without funding. If the County wants it all done they

should provide the funding.

- It should be the County's responsibility to maintain road signage with both intersecting roads listed if that is what they want.

Rollie Philips

- Believe there is a positive that would come from this.
- Town of Niagara has a total mess when it comes to fire #'s.
- Do believe the County should take over addressing but not in those towns that are doing a good job and are willing to continue.

Jack Clark

- What is the problem?
- Know Townline road between Grover/Pound and Grover/Peshtigo is a problem.
- Why is the County pushing this so hard.

Jerry Richard

- Do you know of towns that have problems with addressing?
- County should be working to get problems straightened out.
- Don't think an ordinance is required County should just assist towns.

Clary Whiting

- Town of Beecher fixed problems at a cost of \$21,000.
- Should not be in an ordinance.
- County should setup guidelines.
- Responsibility should be left with the Towns.
- Sherriff's Department made the Town of Beecher realize their problems that's why the town fixed the problems.

John Kanerva

- Lives on Old Highway C.
- Places a C in front of his address.
- Incompetence of the Land Information Office.
- Wrong names and wrong signs on his road.

Walter Peterson

- County should work with towns.
- Can't find any option for the Towns to opt out in the ordinance draft.
- It is critical that town is personally involved with residents during development of their parcels.

Larry Krass

- County doesn't need to stick their nose in.

Ed Sedor

- Town can handle its own problems.
- Believes the ordinance has some legal problems.

Russ Bauer

- Agrees with comments of everyone.

- Leave towns alone.
- If problems exist help towns solve the problems.
- Who is the County going to issue a citation for a violation of the ordinance to?
- Don't need to write a citation to the Town for a violation of the ordinance.

Vilas Schroeder

- Local level is doing a good job.
- Need a coach not a dictator.

Wayne Staidl

- Coach not a dictator.
- Agree with most of the comments.

John Dobratz

- Don't fix what is not broken.
- No need to show both road names at intersecting roads.

Gaylord King

- Leave responsibility with the towns.

Jerry Heroux

- Town would be for the County taking over addressing if it would result in a safer Marinette County.
- Not shown that adoption of the ordinance will result in a safer Marinette County.
- Who will be paying if a property owner has to change his/her address?

CLOSE HEARING

Chairperson Sauve called three times for additional public comment prior to entertaining a motion to close the hearing.

MOTION (Baumgarten/Pollicello) to close the public hearing. Motion carried, no negative votes. (Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.)

4. **ADJOURN**

MOTION (Nichols/Guarisco) to adjourn (Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried, no negative votes.

Respectfully Submitted



John Lefebvre
Director, Land Information Department