

Town Board Meeting

February 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leon Schraufnagel at 6:30 P.M. Marcia took the minutes in the absence due to illness of Clerk Mark Young. A motion was made by Ed Emmer and seconded by Jeff Faber to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Faber and seconded by Ed Emmer to approve the minutes of the January board meeting and dispense with the reading. The motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Bauer was present representing Quad/Graphics Inc. to present a request that the Town of Lomira take back a portion of Badger Road which was Discontinued by the Town of Lomira and is a private drive which belongs to Quad/Graphics. The request is prompted by an order from the Commissioner of Railroads requiring changes to the railroad crossing guards for safety reasons. The change will cost Quad/Graphics a fee of \$5,000.00 per year. The Town Chairman Leon Schraufnagel pointed out that there were several reasons he felt this request was not appropriate. The most recent issue is the exemption granted to Quad/Graphics for the warehouse facility referred to as High Density Sequencing System (HDSS), retroactive to 2006. The effect of this will be a significant tax shift wherein the Town of Lomira, (specifically its already burdened citizens) will have to pay a large tax refund to Quad/Graphics. Quad/Graphics was unwilling to waive the interest on the money the Town of Lomira will need to borrow to pay them back. Mr. Bauer pointed out he was not involved in that "building" issue, but only the road. The board quickly pointed out that it was not a "building" according to the final ruling. Supervisor Ed Emmer also pointed out that the town spent \$116,000.00 reconstructing Industrial Drive in 2007, which is primarily for Quad/Graphic's use. Over the years, Quad/Graphics has not done anything for the town though they have made donations in many areas around the town for the arts, theatre etc. They have virtually ignored the Town in which they reside. The board told Mr. Bauer that they would not act on this request because it is something the town residents should decide. Therefore, it will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting on April 8, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Dan Plante, owner of Packerland Broadband Cable, was not able to attend the meeting but sent along some information. They are almost done with the wiring and hooking up the deadheads. They will be making a few adjustments to enhance the digital signal and should be ready to offer high speed internet service in 2 months. He is looking into adding a few more channels to the basic package, AMC for one. As far as the internet service, he is figuring on offering service at 3 Meg for \$39.95 or 6meg for \$49.95. Those are both significant improvements.

The town will be adding an additional dumpster to handle the increase in the amount of recycling materials we are handling.

A motion was made by Ed Emmer and seconded by Jeff Faber to issue a check to the County Treasurer in the amount of \$7.32 for tax due on parcel 030-1317-2743-001. The tax bill was sent to the wrong place due to an error in the County records. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Faber and seconded by Ed Emmer to appoint Sara Fry as an additional Election Inspector. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Emmer and seconded by Jeff Faber to issue Special Gathering Licenses to the Knowles Vol. Fire Dept. for the March 7, 2009, July 4, 2009 celebration and the November 14, 2009 Smoker. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Emmer and seconded by Jeff Faber to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$64,402.12 through check number 13496. The motion carried.

Marcia Valle presented the Treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements for the month.

Erma Franke gave the Assessor's report which included an explanation of the tax payment of \$7.32 mentioned above. She also reported a permit for Todd Ringle for a shed, \$200.00.

A motion was made by Ed Emmer and seconded by Jeff Faber to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

