

**TOWN OF WARREN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
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SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

The Warren Town Board met Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Warren Town Hall. Chair Richard Meyer called the properly noticed meeting to order at 7:01 PM. A quorum of Kamm, Cowles, Hoyer and Elliott attended.

MOTION (KAMM/ELLIOTT) APPROVE AUGUST 17 BOARD OF REVIEW TO ADJOURN AND TOWN BOARD MINUTES; ACCEPT AUGUST 24 SESQUICENTENNIAL AND SEPTEMBER 8 PLAN COMMISSION, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report:

MOTION (KAMM/ELLIOTT) APPROVE AUGUST 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT, MOTION CARRIED.

Beginning Balance	104,571.74
Receipts	228,794.41
Disbursements	47,682.12
Ending Balance	285,684.03
Demolition Site	13,766.12
Fire Truck	95,560.74
Annexed Properties	64,321.81
LGIP Misc.	500.00
Clapp DNR Forest	12,990.12
Library Donation	20,283.99
Citizen MM+ Investment	417.49
Impact Fees	15,700.50

Old Business: 1) R-W Fire Association purchased 312 Warren Street. Town share is \$49,506.50. 2) Kamm – questioned status of Ron Erickson/Marianne Sager Property Violations – gave neighbor copy of County Zoning letters.

Correspondence: 1) Signage on 105th St. and tree trimming on 110th Ave. /105th St. Clerk to have Jim Harer correct situation. 2) Don Wilson - Request signage on 89th Ave. change 45 mph to dead end – dedicated town roads are unable to have lower speed limit signs. Town Park can be 15 mph since park laws differ from Ag/ Res, and 70th Avenue is 35 mph because it is annexed to the Village of Roberts. 3) Baldwin Woodville Summer Recreation Program requesting \$20.76 donation – denied because every community around us has recreation programs. They recommend charging the specific amount to out of area users, or control costs. 4) State DOT authorized Town to remove picnic tables and park benches from closed Hudson DOT Rest Area. Elliott, Meyer and Hoyer will review items for removal. 5) Dog Impound – Rat Terrier Mix.

Public Concerns/Comments: 1) Angie Goodwin, Roberts's engineer, distributed a map to add curb and gutter to Division Street, after 2010, depending on grant funding, from Tower Street to Highway 12. Kamm commented that the town does not require curb and gutter, and it is unfair to charge one Warren property owner for this Village required service. 2) Sharon Elliott, St. Croix Animal Friends, asked if board is receptive to allowing a shelter in Warren. Meyer appreciates how location is centrally located to service the county.

Building Inspector Report: The building inspector submitted \$ 1,326.00 for August. MOTION (COWLES/HOYER) ACCEPT AUGUST BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT, MOTION CARRIED.

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Dick Stout, 2-Lot and 1-Outlot, part of the NW1/4 of NW1/4, in SW1/4 of NW1/4, in part of SE1/4 NW1/4, in part of SW1/4 of NE1/4 and in part of NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Sec. 31, Edwin Flanum, NorthLand Surveying: The Plan Commission recommended approval with 100-foot setbacks. Ed Flanum changed the setbacks to 100-foot. MOTION (HOYER/ELLIOTT) RECOMMEND APPROVE DICK STOUT, 2-LOT AND 1-OUTLOT, PART OF THE NW1/4 OF NW1/4, IN SW1/4 OF NW1/4, IN PART OF SE1/4 NW1/4, IN PART OF SW1/4 OF NE1/4 AND IN PART OF NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SEC. 31, EDWIN FLANUM, NORTHLAND SURVEYING, MOTION CARRIED.

Special Exception Gerald and Connie Mueller, Northern States Power proposed construction of 115-69KV Three Lakes Transmission Substation, NW1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 2: Plan Commission recommended approval. At the state level, Northern State Power was told they didn't need local approval. They are well past the 100-foot setback required by the town. MOTION (KAMM/COWLES) RECOMMEND APPROVAL SPECIAL EXCEPTION GERALD AND CONNIE MUELLER, NORTHERN STATES POWER PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 115-69KV THREE LAKES TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION, NW1/4 NW1/4 SEC. 2., MOTION CARRIED.

Shannon Hagman, Request Donation for Non-Profit Youth Center in New Richmond: Shannon Hagman is working to create a Non-Profit Youth Center, called Landzkape, in New Richmond. She is looking for \$25 per child (\$7,500 to \$10,000) as a one-time contribution. They have proposed monthly expenses of \$15,000. Board recommended questioning school officials for their level of support.

Asil Design & Photo--Lisa Christensen, Proposal to re-create Town of Warren Logo: Graphic Designer Lisa Christensen is working with the Sesquicentennial group and has proposed re-creating the Town of Warren Logo in a digital format. Her expected fee is \$90.00. Elliott questioned if the designs are copyrighted. They prefer established 1860 vs. 150th Sesquicentennial. MOTION (HOYER/COWLES) APPROVE ASIL DESIGN AND PHOTO—LISA CHRISTENSEN RECREATE TOWN OF WARREN LOGO FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL AND FUTURE TOWN LETTERHEAD, CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF FINAL DRAFT AND NOT TO EXCEED \$90, MOTION CARRIED.

Authorize creating sesquicentennial merchandise for advertising and sale: The sesquicentennial planning group would like authority to create merchandise for advertising and sale. Board likes buttons, wooden nickels, can coolers, fans and stickers. They do not want to buy large quantities of t-shirts. Committee should make recommendations and present them to the board for final approval at next months meeting.

Jim Zeller, Annexation, Civility Month, Ag Use for Corn Maze and Events at 638 Hwy 65: Meyer said no special exception is planned at this time. Kamm and Elliott think it needs a special exception if this is an on going event center.

Roberts-Warren Fire Association Purchase of 312 Warren Street, property review: The R-W Fire Association is purchasing 312 W Warren Street and Roberts would like representatives to catalog inventory for future use or sale. Kamm will represent town during official inventory. Board would like to sell items and use funds for Fire Association. Clerk to tell Chief Jeff Vogt we should have silent auction for public as soon as possible.

Status of Ron Erickson/Marianne Sager Zoning Violations NENE Sec. 30, 80th Avenue: County Zoning is reviewing zoning violations every two weeks for progress.
Status of Dry Hydrant Installation: None.

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Review Nitrate Level Report: Currently, we have 544 water test records, 79 have nitrate above acceptable levels. Board requested report with well depth and age.

Update on Park Improvements: Elliott and Meyer will pick up free benches from Hudson Rest Area. Mike Fern from Softball League will install softball equipment. Cowles will donate 5" poles for volleyball net. Meyer will purchase weed whip from Menards.

Review DOT Roundabout Meeting Notes: There will be up to seven roundabouts from I-94 to New Richmond.

Review 2010 Budget: Sesquicentennial budget should keep \$15,000. Clerk to present final detailed budget for approval in October.

Any other proper business: 1) Bakke - cemetery ordinance draft – Town does not own a cemetery. Kamm clarified that we have an association owned cemetery. 2) Thanks to Roger Kubera, who donated conference tables and chairs from his federal office.

MOTION (KAMM/COWLES) ACCEPT SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS AND CHECKS TOTALING \$71,984.54
(DETAILED REPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (ELLIOTT/HOYER) ADJOURN AT 9:41 PM, MOTION CARRIED.
Deina Shirmer - WCMC, Town Clerk/Treasurer