

Town of Raymond Town Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2010

- 1.) **Roll Call:** Chairman Gary Kastenson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Present were Spvrs. Dave Lecus, Kevin Cantwell, Paul Ryan and Wayne Loppnow who was returning from a medical leave. Also present was Clerk Kari Morgan, Treasurer Lee Toll and approximately forty-five (45) residents.
- 2.) **Payment of Bills:** Paid for and authorized in the amount of \$64,756.48
- 3.) **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Treasurer Lee Toll as follows:
General: \$1,247,972.16; Money Market: \$3,313,558.67; Tax Investment: \$19,114.52; Community State Bank Bond Escrow: \$73,200.24; Stormwater Utility: \$222,309.49; LGIP Bond Escrow: \$20,200.29; Cemetery: \$14,283.55; Reserve (Equipment): \$15,807.29; Reserve (Land): \$22,760.82; RJM LLC Asphalt: \$32,309.26; Stone Creek Crossing: \$175,553.52. Spvr. Ryan moved, seconded by Spvr. Lecus to approve as presented, carried 5/0.
- 4.) **Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 28, 2009:** Spvr. Lecus moved, seconded by Spvr. Ryan to approve the minutes as presented, carried 5/0. Spvr. Loppnow stated that he was not present at the meeting so he did not abstain from voting.
- 5.) **Set Agenda:** None.
- 6.) **Fire Department:**
 - a. **Correspondence:** None.
 - b. **Discussion/Possible Decision on Ambulance Billing for Hardship Case:** Ch. Kastenson explained that this person is requesting the price be reduced. The bill is \$587. Spvr. Ryan stated that this is a non-resident claiming they are unemployed but there is no confirmation to that effect. Ch. Kastenson suggested a payment plan be set up. Spvr. Lecus moved, seconded by Spvr. Cantwell to set up a payment plan of \$50 with a minimum of \$25 until the bill is paid, carried 5/0.
- 7.) **New Business**
 - a. **Set date/time for meeting to address Time Transport, Inc. Rezone/Cond. Use:** Spvr. Ryan moved, seconded by Spvr. Lecus to set the date for January 21, 2010 at 7:00p.m. Ch. Kastenson stated that at that time the public will have their time to speak. The Planning Commission and Town Board will meet together and everyone will be able to speak, carried 4/0. Spvr. Cantwell abstained.
 - b. **Discussion/Amendment of Licensing Fee Schedule:** Spvr. Loppnow moved, seconded by Spvr. Lecus to cover the additional background check cost, carried 5/0.
 - c. **Discussion/Decision on Sewer Transport Agreement:** Ch. Kastenson explained that this is with Caledonia. Spvr. Ryan moved to approve the agreement with the mid-level flow and with the connection to be determined at a later date, seconded by Spvr. Lecus, carried 5/0. Spvr.

Ryan moved, seconded by Spvr. Lecus to authorize the town attorney to send the agreement over to Caledonia and Atty. Bjelajac for their review, carried 5/0.

8.) Unfinished Business

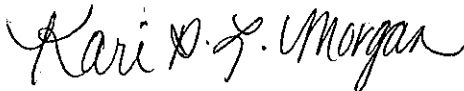
- a. **Discussion/Update on Re-addressing homes for DOT Project:** Clerk Morgan updated the board on this issue. At this time everything should be taken care of.

9.) Public Comment – Discussion of any matter raised by the public: Resident Bob Flasz read a statement in which he wrote to the board regarding his unhappiness with the legal and engineering bills he has received from the town as well as the treatment he feels he has received from the town. A copy of the letter is in the town clerk's office for review. Resident Lori Jutrzonka stated that she is protesting Caledonia's influence on the Town of Raymond and their influence on Raymond's finances. She feels that Caledonia is influenced by groups, they have problems of their own and Raymond needs to have the guts to stand up to Caledonia. She feels Caledonia took 1.2 million dollars out of her pocket, jobs, etc. She stated that projects such as these cannot be stopped and that Raymond should consider the project's merits and shortcomings on their own. Resident Rita Michel stated that she asked to be on the agenda and was told she had to speak in public comment. She questioned why the town chairman did not attend the important meeting in Caledonia. Ch. Kastenson replied that he was out of town. She also questioned what the Chair considers as spectacular use. She stated that Caledonia does not consider the property to be a spectacular use. She requested every board member to look into this and review what it is doing to their community. She stated that she hopes the board is accountable for whatever happens. Resident Sue Lenart stated that she hopes the board will take into their own thoughts what it would be like for their families to have this thing put up next to them. Resident Donna Dieter stated that she was really confused on a lot of things at the Caledonia meeting. She thinks there is some confusion as to who makes the decision on the cooperative plan. She questioned whose decision it is to approve/disapprove this submittal? She is hoping that everyone is on the same page as far as the cooperative plan goes. She asked if these items have been discussed with Caledonia. Ch. Kastenson stated that when the Town of Raymond went through the border agreement with Caledonia they discussed spectacular use and they are considering hotels, etc. as a spectacular use. As far as a relocation of a business, this was going to be left up to the Town of Raymond and all Caledonia wanted to do was be able to have their input to make sure that all the building specifications set up between Raymond and Caledonia would be followed. The town sent it to Caledonia for input. Ch. Kastenson stated that as a town, we have lost numerous places due to the DOT projects along the interstate. This is a very big cut in the town's tax roll. The town cannot just tell Time Transport to "hit the highway." The board has not reviewed their extensive plan and they are going to come on the 21st of January and give the board a presentation. The board has not even had a chance to sit down with the developers. Resident Greg Briscoe stated that one thing he wanted to mention is that no one wants this trucking company to go in. He stated that many lots in the

last year have been sold for residential and he is thinking as big as that lot is right now, they would get more revenue if it was sold for residential. He feels that for two homes on the property, it would generate more revenue than what would come from a transport company. He feels they can get income from homes instead of this. He stated that this thing would be in the middle of their residence. Resident Greg Michel stated that he has the plan on this and does not believe that the board has not seen this. Ch. Kastenson stated that all they have seen is what Mr. Michel was holding up, but they have not sat down and had it explained to them or discussed this with the developer. Resident Joe Pohlhammer questioned how this fits into the master plan with the I-94 corridor. Ch. Kastenson stated that it does blend into it because this is all zoned for business. Ch. Kastenson stated that the I-94 corridor plan goes in one mile. Mr. Pohlhammer questioned where it steps down because they allowed a home across the road. Ch. Kastenson stated that the town held a public hearing on this plan and only four people showed up for this meeting. Resident Al Miller stated that when he came to Raymond it was a very nice town and it was a wonderful community and the thought was to keep Raymond rural. Ch. Kastenson stated outside of the I-94 corridor it is. Resident Sharon Korponai stated that the land use plan for the I-94 corridor needs to be reviewed and it states that they have to develop the corridor one half mile at a time. Ch. Kastenson stated that Caledonia wants a lot of say in the ¼ mile, but does not care what they do any further.

- 10.) **Communication & Announcements:** None.
- 11.) **Adjournment:** Spvr. Lecus moved, seconded by Spvr. Ryan to adjourn, carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kari D.L. Morgan, Town Clerk