

SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 – TOWN BOARD MEETING

On Monday, September 27, 2010, the Town Board of the Town of Raymond held their monthly meeting. Chairman Kastenson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken as follows: Present were Chairman Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, Dave Lecus, Kevin Cantwell, Paul Ryan and James Phillips. Also present were: Town Clerk, Linda Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; and Fire/Rescue Chief, Alan Babe. There were also 6 residents in the audience.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Toll as follows:

COMMUNITY STATE BANK - GENERAL CHECKING

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$3,437.61
Deposits:	31,401.27	
Transfers in:	\$27,735.97	
Interest Earned	5.07	
Miscellaneous Credits		
Correcting Journal Entries made	\$510.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS:		<u>\$59,652.31</u>
Disbursements:	(\$56,433.47)	
Transfers out:		
Bank Charges & Miscellaneous Deductions		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		<u>(\$56,433.47)</u>
ENDING BALANCE:		<u>\$6,656.45</u>
OTHER ACCOUNTS:		
UNRESTRICTED		
COMMUNITY STATE BANK - MONEY MARKET		\$267,772.27
STATE LGIP FUNDS - TAX INVESTMENT		\$19,141.17
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>\$286,913.44</u>
RESTRICTED		
COMMUNITY STATE BANK - BOND ESCROW		\$65,281.25
COMMUNITY STATE BANK - STORM WATER UTILITY		\$125,395.20
STATE LGIP FUNDS - BOND ESCROW		\$20,228.45
STATE LGIP FUNDS -CEMETERY		\$14,303.46
STATE LGIP FUNDS - MUNICIPAL		\$15,829.34
STATE LGIP FUNDS - LAND		\$22,792.55
STATE LGIP FUNDS - RJM LLC ASPHALT		\$32,354.30
STATE LGIP FUNDS - STONE CREEK CROSSING		\$175,798.25
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>\$471,982.80</u>
ALL TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS		\$765,552.69

The Treasurer's Report was **APPROVED ON A LECUS/PHILLIPS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Chairman Kastenson questioned the payment to the County Treasurer for Extreme Fireworks Tax. It seems that last year, Extreme was over-assessed, and thus, over-taxed. The Town should be getting reimbursement for

that sum, by the State of Wisconsin. Chairman Kastenson would like the Town Treasurer to keep the Board informed on the refund of that money.

Treasurer Toll stated that when the State does reimburse the Town, it will be in the form of added monies to the other State Shared Revenues and State Road money that the Town receives. She will keep an eye on it.

The Bills paid from September 14th – September 27th, in the amount of \$56,433.47, were **APPROVED ON A LECUS/RYAN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Minutes from previous meeting of September 13, 2010, were **APPROVED ON A LECUS/RYAN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

SET AGENDA NOT CHANGED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: NONE

FIRE/RESCUE BUSINESS:

1. Communications and Announcements:

Chief Babe reported that they past all three for the pump testing.

Some repairs are needed on engine #2.

They are still waiting for gauges on the other engine.

Chief Babe stated that there were questions as to whether or not the department should be keeping with Federated Adjustments, or moving to LifeQuest. This would be for past-due bills that have gone to Court. Chief Babe decided to stay with Federated Adjustments for these past-due accounts. LifeQuest will remain the primary billing company.

Chief Babe reported that the department has recently received a donation from Greg & Betty Solfest, for the purchase of an ATV. In the past, Kansasville has donated their vehicle to the Town for the 4th of July Festival, as well as to the Racine County Fair. This ATV will be helpful in the Town of Raymond for snowmobile trails as well as horse trails.

2. Discussion/Decision regarding Life Quest Billing:

Chief Babe stated that the Town Board will need to decide whether or not to charge the patient a 3% "convenience fee" for being able to pay their rescue billing with a charge card. The amount would not exceed \$25.00.

Supervisor Lecus asked what LifeQuest charges the Town for billing?

Chief Babe said that there is one charge for initial billing, and then, another charge for bills over 120 days owing. There are different rates.

Supervisor Ryan stated that it would be no different than anyplace else.

MOTION TO PUT THE 3% FEE BACK ON TO THE PATIENT, MADE ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

STORM WATER UTILITY DISTRICT BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Decision regarding Storm Water Utility District Proposed Budget:

Supervisor Ryan stated that this is just the first draft. He would like the Board members to look it over and let him know if there is anything that they have questions about.

He also stated that, according to the 2011 proposed budget, they have reduced the Projects and Planning expense from \$45,000.00 to \$15,000.00. If the Town does the 7-Mile Road tiling/culvert project, it would need to come out of this line item.

Chairman Kastenson questioned the income being \$115,000.00; but their expenses being \$135,000.00.

Supervisor Ryan said that if anyone has any concerns or recommendations, please let the Storm Water Utility District know before their next meeting.

PLAN COMMISSION BUSINESS:

NONE

TOWN BUSINESS:

1. Update on 7-Mile Road Culvert/Tiling:

TABLE UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED, MADE ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

2. Update on 3-Mile Road:

TABLE UNTIL MEETING WITH PAYNE & DOLAN IS SET UP, MADE ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Supervisor Phillips asked who will the Town be meeting with, as he knows some of the Payne & Dolan executives, and said it would make more sense to meet with them.

Chairman Kastenson stated that the meeting will probably be during the day, and he would appreciate it if Supervisor Phillips could attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk will notify the Board members of a meeting date and time.

3. Discussion/Decision regarding water problem at 627-Shirley Drive:

Mr. Krause was present for the meeting. He stated that his lawn used to have a gradual incline, but now, it is too steep for him to cut the grass.

Chairman Kastenson said that Mr. Krause requested that his ditch be dug deeper, to alleviate a water problem that he was having. The Town has done that. He also stated that in the past, it's been the Town of Raymond that has cut his ditch.

Supervisor Phillips asked just what Mr. Krause wants the Town to do?

Mr. Krause would like the retaining blocks put back around his driveway to prevent a wash-out. There were three rows of blocks on both sides of his driveway.

It was stated that the Town's responsibility is 33 feet from the center line of the road. The Town is not in the practice of doing work on private property.

DENY REQUEST, MADE ON A CANTWELL/LECUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Supervisor Phillips asked if the neighbors are responsible for any of this?

Mr. Krause said that the neighbor had 10 feet of fill added to their lot. He did not have a water problem until they built their home.

4. Discussion/Decision regarding Credit Card Agreement with "Official Payments":

Treasurer Toll stated that this is the firm that the IRS, and other municipalities use. Right now, we are negotiating to bring the charge from 2.75%, down to 2.5%, which will be a cost to the individual using the card for payment – not the Town. She would also like a card scan here. This will also allow people to pay their taxes on the Town's website.

For payments other than real estate taxes, there would be a limit of \$500.00; anything over that, the person would have to make two transactions.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CHANGES THAT THE TREASURER SPOKE ABOUT, MADE ON A LECUS/RYAN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Chairman Kastenson questioned getting into taking charge card payments for things other than taxes.

Supervisor Cantwell said that maybe people would pay their engineering fees and/or attorney fees to the town with a charge card – this will allow the Town to get the money sooner.

5. Discussion/Decision regarding Countryside Humane Society Contract:

Chairman Kastenson asked who contacts Countryside to pick up animals?

Countryside stated that sometimes it is the Sheriff's Department; Police Department, or Residents.

Supervisor Cantwell asked how many calls they made for Raymond last year?

Countryside said they had 5-pick-ups; 19 emergencies; and other calls that included trapping animals.

Supervisor Phillips questioned the change in rate.

Countryside said that it is based on the usage.

Supervisor Ryan asked why there is no competition?

Countryside stated that a lot of people don't like the bad publicity that goes with this.

Chairman Kastenson asked if they also took care of horses; and, about how many of the dogs picked up get claimed by their owners?

Countryside does look at horse neglect cases. And, about one-half of the dogs picked up, get claimed.

Supervisor Ryan stated that the Town may need to update their animal ordinance.

Clerk Terry said that she spoke to the Town's Association; the Town needs to provide services for dog pick-up as long as that is in the Town's ordinance. Right now, the Town doesn't have an ordinance for cats, so, the Town should not be responsible for them.

TABLE THIS MATTER, MADE ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6. Discussion/Decision regarding Eliminating Accountant Position:

Chairman Kastenson stated that with Budget time coming up, the Board could eliminate this position now. The bills are getting paid by the present office personnel, and there is no need for an accountant.

APPROVE ELIMINATING ACCOUNTANT POSITION, MADE ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION.

7. Discussion/Decision regarding setting Halloween Hours:

APPROVE HALLOWEEN HOURS TO BE:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, MADE ON A CANTWELL/LECUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

8. Public Comment – Discussion of any matter raised by the Public:

Mr. Joe Pohlhammer

The as-builts are incorrect for Stone Creek Subdivision. He would like to get a set of corrected as-builts for this subdivision. He has page 9 of 12 – and he would like to get a corrected map.

He also said that there were no inspections done on the roads in that subdivision.

Who pays for the deficiencies?

Chairman Kastenson and Supervisor Lecus said that the bank that is backing this project, will be responsible for payments of deficiencies.

Mr. Ray Vogt

Stated that he has answered both of the Town's lawsuits – did anyone have any questions for him?

Supervisor Lecus stated that, due to the fact that it is in the attorney's hands, the Town has no comment.

9. Communications and Announcements:

Supervisor Lecus stated that next week Monday night, there is a meeting at Drought School regarding frontage road from 8-Mile Road to Highway 20. There will be an open house from 6:00 – 7:00 pm; and then, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

At 8:35 pm, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A LECUS/CANTWELL MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Terry
Town Clerk*