

November 16, 2009

Town Board

Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Randy Leiker, Andy Peters, Mike Woods, Dan Garber, Tom Becher.

Public hearing – to consider proposed changes to the boundaries of the Greenville Sanitary District #1.

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

There was a question raised about the Sanitary District boundaries during our borrowing process and we realized there are two Sanitary Districts now so we needed to define each of them. Our map had not been updated to reflect the changes that were made.

Andy Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Tom Becher seconded the motion and it was carried and closed at 6:07 p.m.

Town Board consideration of order establishing and confirming boundaries of Greenville Sanitary District #1.

Tom Becher made a motion to approve the changes. Dan Garber seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion was carried.

Tom Becher made a motion to recess the meeting. Dan Garber seconded the motion and it was carried and recessed at 6:09 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

Meet with Fire Department/1st Responder officers to review address sign strategy.

We need to decide what direction to go to gain support. We need to go through a public education process and get the public to buy into this. As far as timing, we will not make it in time for the tax roll. If we do decide to go forward, we could use undesignated funds and put it on next year's tax roll. At the last meeting we talked about types of signs. Putting Greenville on the sign makes the sign bigger and the numbers smaller. The Fire Department and EMS would like just the numbers. Without Greenville on the sign it would be 4 X 10. That is a non-standard size. Because of that it is cheaper to put Greenville on the sign also. Keeping the sign bigger without Greenville on it would distort the numbers.

Are we moving forward or what? Randy Leiker stated he has had a number of phone calls and emails not in favor. Because of that we need to go forward with public education before another hearing. Randy stated that in looking at a number of ordinances, some areas have done a better job and there are some things that need to be included in the ordinance so it

reads what our intention is. One ordinance starts out with this is required for the health and safety of the public etc. and explains why they want the signs installed. Randy feels there are better ways of stating our ordinance. Every ordinance Randy has looked at offers alternatives. Instead of saying it has to be here or here, one states if your mailbox is in front of your house location, it can be installed on their mailbox. It says they all have to be visible from both sides of the street both day and night. It has to be on the mailbox or on a separate post but they gave options. There are things we need to look at to make it more palatable. People need a reason why we are doing this.

We could look for grant to help pay for the signs and have an email address where people can leave comments of this subject at comments@townofgreenville.com

Randy Immel questioned how the Town Board feels about the signs. Andy Peters questioned why are we back at this point? He got some comments about the signs. People want something that is more acceptable. They don't want to see a sign every 50'. Another problem is enforcement. In the Town of Dale everyone in subdivisions took the signs down – twice. How do we enforce it? We need to consider all the alternatives first before people would be satisfied. Vicki Prey stated that not all GPS systems work. She had an address on North Road that she could not find with her own GPS because it just stopped. Her maps are all updated. There are a lot of dead zones in this area. The County does not use them out here. Vicki stated they are looking for continuity and functionality. They want the signs in the same general location. As Randy had stated, the proposed ordinance should give options for placement. What is it we want to accomplish? The signs need to be visible on both sides from both directions. We need to give them the option for the mailbox or put in their landscaping. With what we have now, we gave them no options. We need the public to buy into this.

Vicki stated that the signs should all be placed horizontal. In some areas they are both ways. Dan Garber stated he had gotten phone calls. The number one concern was placement. No one was specifically against it. They want to feel they have a little bit of a say on placements. Dan asked some of those people how they would feel if they had a little give on where to put it. Many numbers he has seen in other communities are not reflective. We are making this more difficult than it needs to be. We are basically taking one new sign and replacing an old sign. We are doing this as a safety thing. Dan stated he called the Town of Neenah Fire Department and asked for his comments. The Neenah Fire Chief said at first there were negative people. There are always just a few who are going to come out and speak for the majority. It took awhile but then they were accepted. Dan feels in the long run it will be better for everyone. Dan's concern is that he personally has a big long driveway. His driveway is shared but a GPS unit will not locate his driveway. We also need to name our private roads. With a sign there is no question where to go. We need to move forward.

Tom Becher stated he did not get any negative calls. One person asked why we don't have them yet. Anyone Tom talked to was highly in favor of them.

Randy stated that Lange Enterprises who makes the signs stated that rural subdivisions could have the smaller sign or where the speed limit is 40 mps or less. Tom Becher would like to see the sign on a post behind the mailbox rather than on the mailbox.

Randy Immel questioned if this goes down could residents say they want one and buy it themselves to have it put up? That is a possibility. Randy Leiker will check the prices on the non-standard size sign. More public education will be in the next news letter on this subject.

Dan Garber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Deborah Wagner,
Town Clerk