

# Approved

Minutes  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Town of Polk Town Hall \* 3680 State HWY 60, Slinger  
Tuesday – March 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**Official Meeting Notice** was sent to the West Bend Daily News, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, WBDV/WTKM radio stations; posted on the Town's website and on the bulletin boards at Cedar Hills Subdivision, Roskopf's RV Center, and at the Town Hall.

**Roll Call.** Supervisor Robert Roecker, Chairman Albert Schulteis, Clerk Marlyss K. Thiel, Treasurer Tracy Groth. Supervisor Ted Merten has an excused absence).

**Public Comments. (15 minutes)** None.

**Approval of Minutes February 10, 2015 Town Board Meeting.** Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 with the correction of removing "without conditions" and adding "as presented". Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business – None.**

**New Business - Review/Action on the following items:**

**Operator/Bartender License.** Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded, a motion to approve the Operator/Bartender License as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution #2015-03 Town of Polk Opposes the Implementation of County Assessment in Washington County, State of Wisconsin.** Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded a motion to pass Resolution #2015-03 Opposing the Implementation of County Assessment in Washington County, State of Wisconsin. Motion passed.

The State of Wisconsin is proposing a change in the way our property taxes are assessed. This was tried a couple years ago, and failed. They want to move it away from local government (the Town of Polk contracts with Grota Appraisals out of Menomonee Falls) and to move all assessments to be done by the county. The county would then pass along expenses to the Town, and we would not have any bargaining power to make a better deal in the contract. That way, the state would only have to look at reports from 72 counties instead of ones from each municipality that is sent in. That is why we are opposing this, and sending it to our representatives. The Wisconsin Towns Association opposes it also.

**Resolution # 2015-04 Opposing the Petition Submitted to Commissioner of Railroads by Wisconsin & Southern Railroad LLC and Wisconsin Central LTD.** Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded a motion to pass Resolution #2015-04 Opposing the Petition that was submitted to the Commissioner of Railroads by Wisconsin & Southern Railroad LLC and Wisconsin Central LTD. Motion passed. Copies will be sent to the Railroad Commissioner, Attorneys for the two railroads, and Douglas Wood, Hearing Examiner. (Mr Wood conducted the Public Hearings here at the Town of Polk.) A number of residents have sent letters to us and to the Commissioner of Railroads opposing this closing of Fond du Lac drive at the tracks.

**2015/2016 Wisconsin DOT Salt Contract.** Chairman Schulteis stated that we contracted for 1200 ton of salt last year, and have 600 ton in inventory. Our contract for 2015/2016 is requesting an order of 600 ton plus a reserve of 120 tons.

Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded a motion to approve the 2015/2016 Wisconsin DOT Salt Contract for the Town of Polk. Motion passed.

#### **Recommendations from the Plan Commission**

**Revision of Business Use Permit for JFF Wood Products, Inc.,** in accordance with Section 3.08 of Town's Title X Zoning Ordinance to expand its current Business Use Permit to operate a pallet shop to include the manufacturing of wood mulch products. Business located at 3247 Sherman Way, Slinger, Washington County, Wisconsin, 11 Acres. Section 27. Zoned M-1 Industrial District. Tax Key T9-0814. Mark Wolff Business and Property Owner.

Supervisor Roecker moved to recuse himself from this decision due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Schulteis seconded the motion. Motion passed. No action was taken, for lack of a quorum.

**Site Plan Review for JFF Wood Products, Inc.,** in accordance with Section 3.08 of Town's Title X Zoning Ordinance, to construct a 30' x 40' Quonset hut for the purpose of storing wood mulch/sawdust materials. Business located at 3247 Sherman Way, Slinger, Washington County, Wisconsin, 11 Acres. Section 27. Zoned M-1 Industrial District. Tax Key T9-0814. Mark Wolff Business and Property Owner.

Supervisor Roecker moved to recuse himself from this decision due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Schulteis seconded the motion. Motion passed. No action was taken, for lack of a quorum.

**Preliminary Site Plan Review for Double J Transport LLC** located at the SW corner of Sherman Road and County Road P, Jackson, Washington County, Wisconsin, 19.08 Acres. Section 25. Zoned B-1 Business District. Tax Key T9-0768-00Y. Jerome Fechter, Business Owner. Patricia Hauser, Property Owner.

Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded a motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Double J Transport LLC as recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion passed.

**Business Use Permit Review for Double J Transport LLC** to operate a trucking company at the SW corner of Sherman Road and County Road P, Jackson, Washington County, Wisconsin, 19.08 Acres. Section 25. Zoned B-1 Business District. Tax Key T9-0768-00Y. Jerome Fechter Business Owner. Patricia Hauser, Property Owner.

Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded a motion to approve the Business Use Permit for Double J Transport LLC as recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion passed.

**Sheriff's Department Report.** Deputy Sheriff Jerod Cox reported, for the month of February in the Town of Polk, there were 508 incidents. These include activities on Hwys 60 and 41/45 in the Town limits. Of this, 14 vehicles went into a ditch, 4 deer kills, one accident with personal injury, and 7 with damage to properties. Interested parties in the garage burglaries mentioned last month, have been caught and being charged. The IRS has asked our County Sheriff's Department to interview our citizens who have been a victim of tax fraud. The IRS located these names when someone else used their social security number to file fraudulent tax reports requesting refunds. Citations were also issued for property clean-up in accordance with the Town ordinances.

**Chairman's Report.** Chairman Schulteis stated that he would like to thank the Slinger Fire Department and Riteway Bus Services for their attendance at the Railroad Public Hearing, and for what they said to help in this positive decision for the Town.

Slinger Fire Department people stated the fact that if there were a fire on the other side of the tracks, they need to get their water from the man-made lake called Chrystal Lake located on Hwy 175, which is on this side of the tracks, to put out a fire.

Riteway Bus people talked about the children that live on that road, and they need to be picked up for school. They even offered to give a list of these bus routes, when the railroad said there were no children on that route.

There will be an Informational meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. for the Hwy 175 projects. They requested bids, but now the bidders are being told they will not accept bids for another year.

Cedar Spring Church would like us to look into a solution/procedure for cleaning up Slinger Road for about a mile near them.

Representative Bob Gannon will be at the Town Hall on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report of Revenue & Expenditures.** Supervisor Roecker moved, and Chairman Schulteis seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of Revenue & Expenditures, with checks numbered 7796-7847. Motion passed.

**Adjourn.** Chairman Schulteis moved, and Supervisor Roecker seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlyss K. Thiel, Town Clerk