Ashippun Town Board Meeting September 11, 2014

Chairman Steven Panozzo called the monthly Town of Ashippun board meeting to order on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashippun Town Hall. Pledge to the flag was recited.

Clerk Michelle Liesener verified that meeting notices were properly given and posted at the Town Hall, the Recycling Center, the Ashippun Post Office, emailed to the Watertown Daily Times, the Oconomowoc Focus, WTTN radio and on the official website of the Town of Ashippun.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Steven Panozzo, Supervisor Norman Greeb, Supervisor William Bremer, Supervisor Ryan Jacobs, Supervisor James Meyer and Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Liesener as being present.

Approval of Town Board meeting minutes from the town board meeting on August 14, 2014. Supervisor Meyer moved and Chairman Panozzo seconded to approve the meeting minutes. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Input: Wayne Uttke County Supervisor District 11 stated the Dodge County highway Safety Committee will be having a hearing on October 14th in regards to the intersection of County Hwy O & County Hwy P. Tom Jordens asked if there is any new information on the old Ashippun Bank building.

Police Report ó Officer Schultz reported on the activities for the month of August.

Fire Department Report ó Chief Eske reported there were 6 EMS and 6 Fire calls for the month of August. The Ashippun Fire Department received a Life Safety Achievement Award. October is Fire Prevention Month. The department will be hosting an open house October 12th. More information to come.

Clerk/Treasurerøs report and presentation of bills. Clerk Liesener gave the Treasurerøs report for August. Deposits, disbursements, and interest for the month were reported. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to approve the August Treasurer's report. All in favor and motion carried. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to modify check #4908 to Ashippun Sanitary District from \$22,176.21 to \$12,176.21 with the balance of \$10,000 to be paid in October and approve the September bills to be paid. All in favor and motion carried.

Building Inspector ó Inspections were read by Chairman Panozzo.

Highway Department Report óFinishing up with summer projects and getting ready for winter. Parks, Recreation & Visionary ó Community Park was rented 2 times this past month.

Town chairman/supervisors reports ó Chairman Panozzo gave an update on the old Ashippun Rec Center. Work continues to be done with anticipation of completion in about a month. The future of this building has not been determined. Supervisor Jacobs reported he is working on how the ambulance bills are being handled.

Planning Commission minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2014 were read by Clerk Liesener.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on Davy Creek project for 2013. No new updates. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to remove this item from the agenda. Voice vote: Panozzo-aye; Greeb-aye; Bremer-aye; Jacobs-aye; Meyer-aye. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business: Discussion and possible approval for a picnic license for Zion Lutheran Church on October 5, 2014. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to approve the picnic license. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of New Operator's License through June 30, 2015 for Elizabeth Howard, Saloon 67. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to approve the new operator's license through June 30, 2015. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of MSA engineering proposal for Washington Road bridge repaving for the amount of \$3,075. Discussion followed. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to remove this item from the agenda. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval to award the construction contract for the Jefferson Road culvert replacement project to Wondra Construction Inc in the amount of \$76,148. Supervisor Meyer moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to hold this line item over to the October Town Board meeting. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval to set budget workshop meetings for 5:00 pm on September 24, October 8 & 15. Discussion on dates and times. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to set the budget workshop meetings for September 24th at 5:00 pm, October 8th at 5:00 pm and October 22nd at 6:00 pm. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion only on Town Insurance. The insurance policy with The Horton Group has been renewed with effective dates of 9/1/2014 to 9/1/2015. Insurance rates have increased.

Discussion and possible approval to replace the culvert on Harding Road. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Bremer seconded to replace the culvert on Harding Rd in the amount of \$8,000. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval to increase the wage for Jesse Raddatz to \$18.00 per hour after a successful probation period. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Jacobs seconded to increase the wage for Jesse Raddatz to \$18.00 per hour. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion only on permit request from Time Warner Cable for underground communication cable installation along Oak St. The paperwork is on file in the clerk's office for viewing.

Discussion and possible approval to re-issue tax refund checks to Matt Lubitz from 2011 & 2012 for the amount of \$293.77. Chairman Panozzo moved and Supervisor Meyer seconded to re-issue a tax refund check to Matt Lubitz from 2011 & 2012 for the amount of \$293.77. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution #2014-005 to transfer \$32,439.05 from New Equipment savings account to be put towards payment of the new mower tractor. Clerk Liesener read Resolution #2014-005. Supervisor Bremer moved and Supervisor Greeb seconded to approve Resolution #2014-005. All in favor and motion carried.

Correspondence by Chairman or Supervisors: Chairman Panozzo received a letter stating the County bridge inspection was completed. Clerk Liesener will distribute a copy of the County bridge inspection to all Town Board members. Chairman Panozzo received a Conditional use Permit notification from Dodge County for Peter Graetz. Chairman Panozzo asked Clerk Liesener to forward a copy to all Town Board members and all Plan Commission members. The following are on file in the Clerk's office for viewing: State Controlled Access letter dated August 15, 2014 and Wisconsin Dept of Revenue equalization letter dated August 15, 2014. Supervisor Bremer posted an article on the bulletin board in regards to Town of Polk wants to double tax rate.

Public Input: Tom Jordens would like to know what needs to be done to locate people who do not pay their ambulance bills. Terry Norton asked what the average cost of an ambulance bill is. Tom Jordens asked why the price to replace the culvert on Jefferson Road is so expensive.

Announcements: Chairman Panozzo reviewed the calendar items. Indian Summer Event is October 3rd, 4th & 5th. Fall Clean Up on October 4th & 11th. Plan Commission meeting on October 2nd at 7:30 pm. Town Board meeting on October 9th at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Panozzo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Supervisor Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michelle Liesener, Clerk