

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002**  
**Rockford Township**  
**Regular Meeting**

The February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002 regular Township meeting was held at the Rockford Town Hall. Members present were Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

The Board reviewed the agenda and adopted it as printed. The minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting were distributed to all Board members prior to the meeting for review. There was a request to add a change to the minutes under Supervisors, under Karen, which was the following: Discussed the Highway 55 meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, talked about preserving the corridor and how much road right-of-way the project may need, which could be anywhere from 150 foot – 300 foot and where the road will go. Also, the Highway 55 collation will expect money from different Government bodies. Motion by Beise second Taylor to accept the February 26<sup>th</sup> 2002 minutes with the changes. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

**Continued Items: Wayne Jacobson:** Was not present. Motion by Beise second Walker to work with Wright County's Soil & Water when needed. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

Valhalla Land Company was in attendance to present plans for splitting 1-acre with a building off their 5-acre lot located in Dickinson Springs Industrial Park. There is enough road frontage, and the building is for "cold" storage only. Motion by Beise second Taylor to go along with the plans for the split, as long as it follows the County Planning & Zoning requirements. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

Mary Ann Peterson was in attendance to request from the Board approval for a driveway coming onto 30<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The land has an old easement coming onto Calder, which due to physical characteristics of the land to build a driveway would need a great quantity of fill. Motion by McDougall second Walker to recommend abandonment of the old easement to parcel B that comes onto Calder, and establish new easement that comes onto 30<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

Judy & Mike Magsig were present to request from the Board approval for a variance on a set back for a new house located at 26<sup>th</sup> Street SE & Jansen. Set back should be 130 feet from County road 20; Magsig's are requesting 95 feet. Magsig's stated they meet the river requirements, but not the road. Motion by Beise second Taylor to approve a variance for a new house, as long as requirements from the County Planning & Zoning, along with the County Engineer are met. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

Malinak's Pro-Kare Landscaping was present to discuss the renewal of their CUP. The Board inquired if their plans have changed regarding business, retail etc. The Malinak's stated they were able to get back to part of their land, and this summer would be moving

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the dirt piles from the front of their house to the back of the lot. Motion by Beise second Taylor to approve the renewal of Pro-Kare Landscaping's CUP for 2-years. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

The Stewart annexation was on the agenda for approval and signatures. There was some discussion regarding the other 2-parties that were on the agreement whether or not they had expressed interest. The agreement stated that when the other 2-parties would have to submit a request in writing when ever they wanted to annex into the City of Rockford. until that time they are still in the Township. Motion by Beise second McDougall to sign the Stewart Orderly Annexation Agreement which goes along with the Annexation Policy of a flat fee of \$300 or 5 times the taxes which ever is greater. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall and Walker. Opposed Taylor, motion carried. Taylor's reason for the opposing vote was he doesn't believe the annexation agreement should include 2 other parties with out being sure it's what they want. The owners should have a say.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Kilian from Halsey Avenue SE filled out a Public Comment form to discuss what he says is an on going mailbox v/s snowplow problem. Mr. Kilian informed the Board his mailbox has been hit 4 times in 5 years. The Crew was not present at the meeting, the Clerk told the Board the Crew informed her that the mailbox is not up to Township standards. Motion by Walker second Taylor to send Mr. Kilian the mailbox standards, and when he is ready to install another post have the Crew help to get the post and mailbox up to standards. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

Finalizing the 2003 proposed budget and discuss items for the Annual Meeting agenda was brought up. The Clerk reported back regarding a couple questions the Board had on unemployment and diesel fuel. Motion by Beise second Walker to accept the proposed 2003 budget. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried. The Clerk informed the Board that per the Pay Equity personnel, that putting the Clerk's salary adjustment toward her health insurance instead of a per hour raise was in conflict with pay equity unless a cafeteria plan was established. The Clerk did not want to do a cafeteria plan with only 3 employees. Motion by Beise second McDougall to approve the across Board salary increase of 3.4%. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried. The Clerk and Board discussed possible agenda items for the Annual Meeting. The Clerk will try to get overheads ready for certain items to be brought up by the Board.

Discussion regarding attorneys was brought up. The Board all agreed to handle this item after the Annual Election.

**Supervisors:**

**Matt:** Nothing to report.

**Karen:** Nothing to report.

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**Dennis:** Nothing to report.

**Jim:** Brought up road restrictions and how the Board wanted to handle the calls for “permits” to drive on the Township roads over the 5-ton weight restriction. Motion by Beise second Walker to follow the County’s policy regarding road restrictions in that the only exceptions are to be emergencies such as well and septic. Voting in favor Wetter, Beise, McDougall, Walker and Taylor. Opposed none, motion carried.

**Wetter:** Passed out information regarding a mowing service for the Township ditches. The mowing cost would be \$45 per mile of road (1-swath), and the Township has roughly 55 miles of road. The price for 2-swaths is also \$65 per mile.

**Maintenance Crew:** Not present.

**Clerk:** Brought up an informational notice from Planning & Zoning regarding a Go-Kart track 500 feet from Township land.

Motion by Beise second Taylor to approve payments from 2/13/02 through 2/26/02 totaling \$6,045.24 paid by checks #10396 through # 10422.

All agenda items being completed and no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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**Chair**

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