

Draft Minutes
10-20-10
Membership Meeting
Dane County Towns Association

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Pres. Derr.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Derr.

Guests: Bob Salov, Sheriff Mahoney, Bill Clausius, Duane Gau, Topf Wells, Roger Lane, Al Matano, Pat Downing

County Budget update:

Topf Wells –
Manure digester has been started in the town of Vienna.

- Highest count of highway spending - major repair and improvement projects
- Towns came in with a record number of bridge projects - \$600,000 and they're all in the budget
- Move to an annual inspection of CUPs – DCTA legal council has raised questions and they have been brought forward to Corp Council
- Trying to maintain services
- 2.9% levy increase
- An audit has been done of the sheriff's department and there are some efficiencies that need to be addressed. There will be some cuts, but no cuts to rural patrol. GPS units will be placed in some of the sheriff's vehicles.
- The CUP fee is being proposed in the budget. Nothing has been passed at this time.

Comments:

Public hearing on the budget will be held on Monday, October 25. It will be held at the City County building, room 201 at 7pm.

Roger Lane: Currently 2100 CUPs. They've been issuing them since 1972. Unsure how many are still active (possibly 500 are active). Would like to start a database to keep track of CUPs. Charge a fee to document the database and do an inspection.

If anyone needs to contact Topf, he can be reached at 266-9069.

Dane County Radio Update

- The county would like a response by the end of the month if possible.
- The county will re-bid for it.

- They need 70% county participation, currently ~50%
- If this goes through, DCTA Legal council will approach the Dept of Revenue about the levy limits and making changes to them.
- Comment: Add a line deduction on the tax bill so everyone can see it.
- Under Federal regulation, the new system must be in place by 1-1-2013.
- The VHF system is being proposed because of the interoperability between counties and statewide.
- If we fall back to the 6.9 million system and then later turn to another system...we've wasted 6.9 million as the new system would not be added to the current system.
- As it stands today, the \$825,000 is capped. This number should be good for 6-8 years. There may be upgrades to the system between 8-10 years.
- The critical vote will be on the intergovernmental agreement. Once this contract is signed, the \$825,000 is locked in.
- 14 county board members voted against this.
- The Dane County website has a list of the municipalities and there is a check mark next to those who have passed it.

OA Updates

OA 10: amended by ZLR. Will go back to towns for a vote.

OA 16: Getting amended to meet the working lands initiative. Out to towns right now.

OA 17: going to ZLR on October 26 for public hearing.

OA 23, sub 1 – Zoning fees

- 7 towns are currently opposed to this OA.
- There are a lot of conditional uses that would need to be reviewed as they may not fit the new outline.
- Currently postponed at ZLR
- Currently it's a complaint driven system.

Motion (Kris Hampton): That the DCTA oppose the proposed additional \$55 fee for CUPs.

Second: Mike Fonger

Motion carried.

Comments:

If land divisions are down and the economy is down, the zoning dept should have all kinds of time to catch up on back log. If it comes to a point to create fees to keep people working, we're better off to cut staff.

Roger Lane:

The planning and zoning staff is down to 8. Staff has been reduced over the last two years.

There are about 400 violations a year. These are not revenue driven.

Other Business

Wind towers:

- Currently on the list to be reviewed by the Chapter 10 committee.
- Proposal of 50 turbines between Cross Plains and Mt. Horeb.
- State rules are not currently in effect. Local rules could have an impact.
- Currently 5 towers approved in the Town of Springfield. Construction has not started.
- Legal council should provide an opinion on moratoriums.

Sheriff's Report:

- Budget – it will be a robust conversation with the county. Proposed to eliminate 10 county deputies. The sheriff is asking that no reductions be made.
- If we eliminate 2 detectives, that will impact public safety.
- There have been 3 officer involved shootings within 6 weeks. One suicide in the presence of an officer. Three of the four situations were suicide by cop.
- October 26 at 5:45pm at the City County building, PB&J will vote to reintroduce those positions.
- Public safety is our number one priority.

Roll call: 13 towns present

Next member meeting will be January 19, 2011.

Motion to adjourn: Kris Hampton

Second: Lyle Updike

Motion carried.