OAKDALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oakdale Town Board was called to order by Chairman Jerry Bloom on Monday, October 8th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Bloom, Supervisor Tiber, Supervisor Dechant, Clerk Wilson and Treasurer Betthauser were present.

21 people were in attendance including 19 residents and 2 non residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions around the room.

Motion by Tiber, seconded by Dechant, to approve the amended minutes of the previous Town Board meeting held on September 4th, 2018. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dechant, seconded by Tiber, to leave Money Market account with Timberwood there for the time being as they offered to match our LGIP 2% interest rate. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bloom, seconded by Dechant, to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dechant, seconded by Tiber, to accept the Clerk’s report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiber, seconded by Dechant, to approve payment of bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wildcat Bluff / Jerry Pientok CUP application discussed. Jason and Lindsay Rezin would like to see some additional planning/research for the application. Lindsay Rezin appologizes for their tone at the last planning committee meeting which was unprofessional and unacceptable, emotions were high. Lindsay Rezin says detail is vague on application. Jason Rezin says local governments are responsible for the regulation of sand mining and would like some conditions on the CUP instead of leaving it vague like this. Jason Rezin doesn’t feel there was much consideration at the last meeting. The trucking proposal of 24-7-365 is concerning and some general road safety concerns. Statement that some residents feel cornered. Jason wants professional input on the slurrying system so this doesn’t feel rushed. Lindsay Rezin says she wants more research, isn’t against the sand mine, just wants more research. Supervisor Tiber asks Pientok to clarify slurrying of sand vs trucking. Pientok states the slurrying is most cost effective and various sand mining operations are using the slurrying method. Pientok states he’s been doing sand mining / these CUP’s for 15 years and is fully permitted on 1500 acres. Trucking will not help Pientok to be the low cost provider. Pientok wants the option of trucking to be prepared if it was needed. Rachel Muehlenkamp states this doesn’t have any conditions for trucking on the CUP and wants restrictions for trucking. Rachel Muehlenkamp states she’s not opposed to SmartSand. Wants the application to be more complete. Rachel Muehlenkamp states the CUP application doesn’t specify many details which were talked about at the planning committee meeting. We don’t know a lot of details from the application. Discussion between Rachel Muehlenkamp and Pientok. Water table is an issue to Muehlenkamp, she has a farm within proximity to SmartSand. Wants more research and states the application we have is not the one which was filed with the County. Supervisor Dechant mentions talking with Alison Elliott at Monroe County Zoning who told him the application is incomplete right now and will not proceed further until additional items are clarified. Pientok states he will talk with Alison to sort it out. Pientok states his other permits were completed the same way without having the operator listed and were approved. Chairman Bloom states we’ve heard some legitimate concerns here and on the planning commission. Biggest concern from the minutes of the planning commission meeting was road / haul route issues. Chairman Bloom describes the trip as a truck hauling sand on the proposed route. Chairman Bloom doesn’t think the rail spur is in a good location without guarantee of the slurrying method. Chairman Bloom highlights the history of Wildcat Bluff / Jerry Pientok CUP permits, currently he has 1413 acres permitted for non-metallic mining with the first permit dating back to 2008. Chairman Bloom states concern about the dogleg in road and safety of where rail spur is requesting to be located. Pientok states he’s had some line of sight discussion with the DOT and lowering the hill for more visibility. Pientok will clarify about the incomplete application. Chairman Bloom states the operator should be listed on the CUP and the assurance of slurrying are concerns. There isn’t a road use agreement yet but that could be addressed at any time in the future. Supervisor Dechant mentioned trying to get ahold of the DOT, they’re difficult to get ahold of. Chairman Bloom inquires if the new parcels, referred to as the ‘Beller’ property is for the new rail spur. Pientok states this property cannot be mined. Chairman Bloom states we’re moving on and the application is too vague at this point, if Pientok would like to separate the Hoag property which is contiguous to his current operation he would be okay with approving that at this point but the other properties he would like further clarification.

Chairman Bloom states he would like to see either;

1) further safety details on the haul route resolved including either removing a hill for visibility or changing the location of their road slightly

**or**

2) Details on the slurrying method being approved so there were assurances the hauling would be minimal

Chairman Bloom states that on the other permits there wasn’t really any sand being hauled on the roads and as such that is a new concern. Dan Hoag inquires if Jerry Pientok is still interested in purchasing his property. Craig Brockman states people have concerns but he has a house in Alaska and he wants to sell his land which is already permitted. Chairman Bloom says he respects Craig Brockman’s right to sell his property and it will be taken into account. Chairman Bloom states at this time there are too many unanswered issues. Pientok says he’s trying to plan for the worst.

Bloom motioned, seconded by Dechant, to relay to Monroe County Zoning that at this time we don't have enough information on the CUP permit application for Wildcat Bluff / Jerry Pientok and at this time the Oakdale Town Board is not in favor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Les Hoag talks about being neighbors to the sand mine, a lot of people ask him how he handles being so close to them, which he says it is change that you do get used to. Pientok states his intent on dredging which will have less effect on the water table. Chairman Bloom states that future CUP permits have a 3 year sunset clause if what’s being asked for doesn’t begin.

Discussion of changing Hudson / Horizon intersection road sign from Stop to Yield. Safety and visibility concerns, sign will remain posted as STOP.

Bridge inspection reports from Jewell Engineering discussed. Some general maintenance items necessary.

Supervisor Tiber discusses his contact with the DNR regarding creek next to Holly Ave which is approaching the road. Town would like to put some fill next to the road to protect it. Tiber states we can use some broken concrete if the rebar is nipped off and then place some landscaping rip rap on top so it looks natural. DNR requires the landscaping rip rap on top at minimum. There’s a 4 page application to be filled out with the DNR.

Supervisor Dechant states the Horizon and W street sign was ran into and needs repair, Dechant will notify the County.

Town Budget Workshop scheduled for October 18th at 8:30am, Clerk Wilson will post the meeting notice.

Correspondence discussed

Letter from Monroe County Highway Department, the Town will need to specify our Truck numbers and drivers permitted for hauling from the County Highway Department.

Motion by Bloom, seconded by Tiber, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.

Alex E. Wilson

Oakdale Town Clerk