

TOWN OF SCOTT, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. Call To Order: The July 21, 2011 Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in the Town Hall by Chairman Mike Van Lanen. Present were Chairman Mike Van Lanen, Supervisor Ken Jacobs, Supervisor Colleen Harris, Supervisor Jeffrey Zlatohlavek, Supervisor Cyril Van Laanen, Clerk/Treasurer John Roth, Town Building Inspector Brett Jensen. Approximately 30 residents were present.

2. Affidavit of Posting: The Affidavit of Posting indicating that the public notice of the Town Board Meeting was posted on July 19, 2011 was presented by the Clerk.

MOTION KEN JACOBS /CY VAN LAANEN to accept the Posting Affidavit. Vote: Aye-5. No-0. Carried.

3. Specific matters for discussion and possible action by Town Board:

A. Informational meeting and possible action in regard to drainage issues/needs on Edgewater Beach Rd/Swan Rd:

Chairman Mike Van Lanen: there are drainage issues all along the road. The road was re-black-topped 7-8 years ago, and that the poor drainage is degrading the road. There are severe drainage issues. We have had some significant amounts of precipitation the past two years. The Town had Mead and Hunt do a drainage study in response to the concern of the residents of the area. Town Engineer Scott Brosteau discussed the drainage study and issues and possible solutions, as there are flooding problems, the area is very flat. People also have been dumping leaves and grass clippings in the ditch, installing ‘bridges’ in the ditch, etc, which has blocked or slowed the drainage in the area.

Town Engineer Scott Brosteau provided a large aerial view of Edgewater Beach Road, generally showing the drainage basins, existing problems, potential/possible drainage easements, and possible solutions (see map), and asked for comments from the residents.

The following residents expressed the following comments:

Karen/Rodney Hinz: 5097 Edgewater Beach. Spoke in regard to the drainage/flooding problems and submitted a letter (see copy of letter).

Milt Gilsoul: 4965 Edgewater Beach (near Hafeman Rd): discussion of drainage/driveway issues. He said that he would be willing to remove his small culvert.

Frank Moon: 4969 Edgewater Beach: Is the Town planning on tearing out driveways? Brosteau stated that no, but some driveway culverts need to be fixed and the driveways repaired. There was some discussion as to who would pay for the repair of the driveways.

Mike Van Lanen: now that we have a building inspector on staff, culverts should be being installed properly.

John Stefl: 4843 and 5055 Edgewater Beach: ditches full of snow, need a culvert there also.

Peter Behnke: 4805 Edgewater Beach Rd: still having problems with water over the road

Robert Lund: 4803 Edgewater Beach Rd: the water comes down and crossed the street, and it also does not flow toward Volks Landing. Brosteau stated that he would look at it. Brosteau stated that there is virtually no “grade” in the ditch in this area. If the ditches were made deeper, the water would still not drain but the water would stay in the ditch. What is needed are additional drainage easements to the bay.

Rob Gollman, 4809 Edgewater Beach: is the Town planning on excavating the ditches? Can you adjust the grades? Brosteau stated that we can do some of this. Van Lanen stated that we will need easements. Then the Town needs to decide either open ditches or culverts. These easements would not be a “public access” to the Bay.

The Edgewater Beach Association will also be meeting to discuss the drainage problems on this road. Chairman Mike Van Lanen asked for suggestions from the Association.

John Stefl: 4843 Edgewater Beach: we did give an easement to the Town. The drainage has worked in this area.

Chairman Van Lanen: the Town is trying to work with the farmers to stop the erosion.

Herb Cuene. 5091 Edgewater Beach (near the intersection of Stone Pillar Road). He submitted a letter and pictures, explained their unique problems in this area, including problems with the road being slippery in the winter. He suggested that the Town rebuilt the intersection. He realizes that there is a problem due to Stone Pillar Road also being in the Town of Green Bay. The Town only owns 50 feet of the road. He also complained that cars are not stopping even though there is a stop sign there. He suggested that the intersection be rebuilt as part of a storm water project.

Bonita Bruun: 4856 Edgewater Beach: water can’t get through our area. It is a swamp in the back yard. She stated that the water in her ditch in the front yard does not drain property due to obstructions in the ditch.

Chairman Mike Van Lanen or a Town Board member should be called when there are water/flooding issues.

Frank Lemieux: 4975 Edgewater Beach: there should be a consistency of culvert sizes. This needs to be monitored.

The Town needs to clean out the ditches.

Chairman Mike Van Lanen: a permit is required for a culvert installation: Town and DNR.

Brosteau: the Town Board will need to look at the potential ways to fix the problems and find out the costs and see what money is available in the budget to fix the problems.

Chairman Mike Van Lanen: the Town will also need to get DNR approval in regard to anything the Town does.

There is a problem with the lots not being wide enough for drainage easements. Brosteau will be contacting the property owners to see if any are willing and if there is enough land for easements. Van Lanen also stated that he would like to see some of the quick and easy fixes done this year. We will need another meeting in regard to these drainage issues. We need to get one DNR permit for the whole area. It is possible that the DNR may not let the Town do anything.

Frank Moon, 4969 Edgewater Beach: questioned the removal of culverts on Milt Gilsoul's property. Is there maintenance on the ditches and culverts? Van Lanen stated that the Town and Storm Water Management Committee is working on a maintenance schedule for this.

Karen Hinz: 5097 Edgewater Beach: more than ditch cleaning is needed. Are we going to have another meeting?

Mike Van Lanen: the Town will consider doing that the Town Engineer says/suggests.

Supervisor Ken Jacobs: in the past 25 years, there have been a lot of homes built, large homes. This has increased the drainage problems.

Neighbors on Swan Road complained about the flooding. Brosteau stated that the culverts are undersized and need to be replaced.

Chuck Ramsey: trees hanging over Stone Pillar Road. Supervisor Ken Jacobs stated that is in the Town of Green Bay. Chairman Mike Van Lanen said that he will talk to the Chairman of the Town of Green Bay in regard to the Stone Pillar Road issues.

Karen Hinz: suggested a "Stop Ahead" sign on Stone Pillar Road. We need to clean up the area of the stop sign.

Rob Gollman: 4809 Edgewater Beach: at an earlier meeting it was brought up about people dumping in the ditch.

The Town needs to trim back the brush in the ditch, clean out the ditches, excavate the ditch, etc.

Chairman Mike Van Lanen: the water table is so low in this area. The Town is going to clean up the Town's right-of-ways.

Possible solutions suggested by Town Engineer Scott Brosteau:

- Replacing some culverts with larger culverts.
- Install another culvert across the road to the Bay.
- Acquiring easements for more drainage pathways to the Bay.
- Larger culvert in the area of Stone Pillar Road.

4. Meetings/Adjournment:

MOTION KEN JACOBS/CY VAN LAANEN to adjourn Vote: Aye-5, No-0. Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

John Roth, Clerk/Treasurer