

Minutes DCTA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Blooming Grove Town Hall, 1880 South Stoughton Road Madison, WI 53716

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Derr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests: Chad Lawler, MABA; Sheriff Mahoney

Roll Call: 14 towns present: Berry, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, Primrose, Rutland, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Verona, Westport.

Approval of 10-18-17 Membership Meeting minutes

Motion: Updike/Hampton. Approve minutes. Carried unanimously.

Sheriff Mahoney spoke about the jail project that is now in the 2018 budget. It will change the layout and add programming space to the facility. He also spoke to the heroin epidemic, overdoses and crime.

Meeting with Dane County Planning Dept. staff to review Chapter 10 rewrite and implementation process

Brian Standing, Dane County Senior Planner, gave an update. The Department has met with most towns and has 8 towns yet to go. New zoning maps have been sent out to all the towns. They have an hour - hour and a half presentation on the comprehensive rezoning. The presentation is on the county website along with district comparisons, indexed new code, maps etc. They are trying to make sure that everyone has access to information. A Public Hearing on the new code will likely be sometime in midsummer.

Renee Lauber commented that she has been getting questions on why the DCTA hasn't sent out much on the new code. She reported that she attended almost every committee meeting and commented consistently during that process. Her comments were well received and incorporated into the code. Mark Hazelbaker also reviewed the code and gave detailed written comments to Dane County and met with staff. Again his comments were well received and incorporated. There hasn't been much disseminated from DCTA because the content and process are going well. Also the County's decision to slow down the implementation and increase individual town outreach was well received. About the only part that the DCTA has not gone over is the sign ordinance - and we will do that.

Report from DCTA Audit Committee (Audit Committee: Lyle Updike, Kris Hampton and Mark Geller)

Lyle noted three handouts: UW Savings Account report, UW Checking Account report, and Summary of Lobbying Expense. The committee reviewed beginning balance and ending balance bank statements and then worked to fill in details. Kris Hampton commented that the committee requested that Exec Board approve all checks. Renee noted that policy has been implemented and started in Nov. 2017. The committee also recommended clarification of meeting per diems. In November it was clarified that DCTA Membership Meetings and town meetings don't qualify for reimbursement. Only Exec. Board meetings and those with an Exec Board function will be approved.

DCTA income was discussed. Renee noted that there is no detail in the records she was given on previous deposits - she can easily record income going forward.

Motion: Brixy/Jelle. Since no impropriety was found, DCTA will track income going forward and there is no need to go back to review past records. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pfeiffer/Pulvermacher. Give an official thank you to the audit committee for their work. Carried unanimously.

Consider By-Laws Revisions

Motion: Gibson/Hampton. Approve by-law revisions with the following edits:

- after 2/3rd on line 93 add "of the members present"
 - line 75 remove "Winsdor"
 - make editing and formatting typos at the top of page 2
 - at Article XI (a) after Revised and "Edition"
 - at Article XI (b) after Town Clerks add "and Town Chairs"
- Carried unanimously.

MSA Educational Seminar 6:00 PM at the town of Westport - next Thursday. The last one in Verona was well received. Differences of asphalt and new road techniques will be the focus. The goal is to have one or two educational meetings a year.

2018 DCTA action agenda - discuss what topics DCTA should engage in this year.

A handout of topics brought up at Dec Exec board meeting was reviewed. There was a detailed discussion of farmland preservation options, transfer of development rights, promoting Ag Enterprise Areas, and use of purchase of development rights. Having a unified advisory referendum to get a percentage of the new county wheel tax was also discussed. The money could be disbursed on a percentage basis and returned to towns for roads. If this is not done, towns will have no access to the funds and they might not be used for roads. The group decided to have Renee send the list of potential topics out to the membership. They will then be asked to rank the items on the list.

Updates: Wisconsin Towns Association, New attorney, CARPC, MMSD, Lakes and Watershed, DaneCom, etc.

- **WTA** - The Urban Towns Group name has changed to the Town Advocacy Council. Jerry Derr handed out a December 11, 2017 letter from the new group. District meetings were announced.
- **Eric Larson** is the new DCTA attorney - memos from Eric will be added to the website and sent to towns
- **CARPC** - Kris Hampton noted that the contract with the county for GIS staffing disallows that person from working with the 6 opt out towns. This is a significant issue.
- **MMDS** - Tom Wilson reported that things still run downhill. MMSD is meeting their phosphorus permits and the town of Burke has joined the program.
- **Lakes and Watershed** - Lyle Updike reported on a list of approved salt applicators on the salt wise website. The joint working committee with CARPC on stormwater is also making progress.
- **DaneCom** - Steve Anders talked about the funding formulas for DaneCom - pay to play assessment vs. assessed per capita. The next meeting is February 1, 2018. Billing models will be discussed. Renee noted an email from Doug Meier. He will be pursuing adding the number of radios to the billing model.

Motion: Hampton/Brixy. Adjourn 9:45. Carried.