

Monthly Town Board Meeting: November 9, 2015

This meeting was properly posted according to Wis Statutes and Open Meeting Law. The building is handicap accessible. It was posted at the Landing, County Y, Schaefer's Wharf, County L, and the Nokomis Town Hall posting boards.

**Attendees:** Bette Stillman, Supervisor  
Brian Schmidt, Supervisor  
John Bowman, Chairman  
Wendy Smith, Clerk  
Judi Asmondy, Treasurer

**Call to Order:** John Bowman, Chairman, called meeting to order in accordance with the open meeting law at 6:00 p.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** 1. M/M Bette with residents to be able to discuss ATV Trail 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Approve Check and Vouchers Void Check 13889:** 1. M/M Bette to approve checks and vouchers and void check 13889 2. M/M John All in favor

**Approve October Financial:** \$1,119,370.06 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Public Comments:** Anything needed for the tax statements is needed 1<sup>st</sup> week of December

**Accept/Deny Building of Nokomis Trail, Gary Baier Memorial along County L:** No longer a carryover item. When it gets closer will be listed on agenda.

**Approve minutes 10/12/15:** 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Public Works Freeman Bennett and Oneida County Chairman of the Public Works Committee to hear views on proposed ATV trail:** Freeman Bennett and Sonny Pazek in attendance

Trail is public works project explanation by Town Chairman as to why with example of installing sidewalk. Chairman read about Lake District and first time hearing of trail.

Steve Shumaker-facts sheet handed out

According to the Nokomis ATV Public Document, the East side of County L has no opposition to the ATV trail 12 of the 19 property owners on the West side oppose the trail.

Four wetland areas will be impacted by a trail on the West side. Two cannot be skirted.

Only two wetland areas will be affected by a trail on the East side.

Two homes are within 20 feet of the ROW of the West side.

The number of driveways or intersections on both sides of the road are about equal.

The ATV club plans to connect to the snowmobile trail on the West side of the bridge, however, Minocqua Timbers will not provide an ATV easement to use the trail.

The Nokomis Town Board and Nokomis ATV Club were told in July of 2014 to contact the property owners on County L. The property owners were contacted in August of 2015.

An alternative route with no cost to the taxpayers would be to use 0.7 miles of County L between Rocky Rd and Lakewood Rd as an ATV Route. County has approved.

All property owners of ALL four phases have yet to be notified of the proposed Multi-Use trail plan.

The trail is being called a Multi-Use Trail, yet only ATV club members have been involved in the planning.

Oneida County would support the trail only if the property owners affected approved of the construction of the trail.

The Town of Nokomis is responsible for the maintenance and safety of the trail and must conduct regular inspections.

The Town of Nokomis must carry Liability Insurance to cover the risk involved with operation of the trail.

The Town of Nokomis held a budget meeting in Nov of 2014 where \$10,000 was provided to the Nokomis ATV Club to use for any ATV trail development in the area.

There will be an increase in noise and trail dust due to the ATV trail traffic.

All driveways will have the need for constant upkeep due to ATV traffic.

Homeowners will need to be cautious entering and exiting their driveways if a trail is constructed.

Oneida County Trails Coordinator denied the construction of the proposed trail in 2014.

There is an existing snowmobile trail on the east side of County L linking Branch Rd and the Bearskin inn.

#### Points of Dissent:

Concern of conflict of interest.

No grant money has been approved

Destruction of trees and beauty of the north woods.

Not allowed to discuss trail at Sept 3, 2015 ATV Public Information Meeting

Concern of the ATV Club asking for more money

Larry Rydberg: Not looking to cross Minocqua Timber Company. Not sure where they go from Lakewood. Nokomis would be responsible for maintenance and insurance and grant would reimburse town.

ATV noise is less than other things.

There are areas that have had no driveway damage.

Explained County Y issues and how they were addressed.

Would like to talk to property insurance agent to discuss Wisconsin Statue 895.952.

Would be by high lines so minimal tree removal.

Trail will be highly signed.

Dust and dirt of outside wood burner or burn barrel is just as bad.

How are wet lands addressed with 40 ft. ROW. John will draw plans. Wet lands could be avoided.

Trail design would be submitted.

Why a trail vs road? Thought a survey is needed. Committee would open section from Rocky to Lakewood the Lakewood to Branch to Forest Ln? Need approval from State to cross land.

Discussion of using road vs building a trail.

Sounds like opposition is damage to environment ATV owners aren't looking to destroy environment as much as enjoy it.

Don't want to ride on paved roads. Staying off pavement makes them not a danger. They just want to get to a trail.

More trails means increased tourism.

Maintenance and insurance wasn't figured into Town Budget.

ATV not allowed on state land.

ATV's have the roads and owners don't want to be on a 4 season trail.

Question on alternative route. Chances are good to open section on L.

ATV sport is safe.

Owners bought land because they didn't want ATV or snowmobile trail. Find it annoying and want peace and quiet.

Discussion of trail proposed in 2005. Citizens didn't want at that time and many still don't.

Map submitted is from information provided by public scoping document.

Why can't all of L be opened? County is concerned on safety. Open roads to get from point A to point B from route to route and trail to trail.

Would need full approval from Town Board then would be reviewed.

Opening roads is based on Safety and County can shut down at any time.

Riding on shoulder created maintenance issues.

**Fire Department Update:** None

**Cemetery/Deeds Update:** 1 burial

No sales

February 9<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Meeting

**Update on Road Construction and Road Issues:**

Sunset Complete Bid was \$132,814.15 and actual is \$124,473.39. Discussion of holding money back for porous pour.

Uniform service have agreed to rewrite 2 yr. contract cheaper. 1. M/M Bette to enter into contract 2. M/M Brian all in favor

**Park Updates:** None

**County Issues:** Report submitted and available for residents review.

**ATV Trails/ATV club:** Nothing

**Operator License:** 1. M/M Bette to approve 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Exploratory committee for Public Safety Building:** Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Resolution 11/9/15 Dog License Change:** 1. M/M Bette to approve 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Resolution 11-9-15A Cemetery Board:** 1. M/M Brian to approve 2. M/M John All in favor

**2016 Don Lintereur Run:** Dates August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>. Need to coordinate rental. 1. M/M Bette to approve 2. M/M Brian All in favor

**Future Agenda Items and Dates:**

All carryover items

**Public Comments:** Ironic that an ATV member who is so adamant to cross others ROW has a cable keeping people out of his.

Thanks to people in attendance

\$10,000 raised for food pantry benefit.

Board needs to be neutral

**Adjourn Meeting:** 1. M/M Brian 2. M/M Bette All in favor

NOTE a complete recording of town board meetings are available for residents review in the clerk's office.