

# TOWN OF FULTON

Town Board & Fulton Sanitary District #2 Meeting  
2738 W Fulton Center Dr. Edgerton, WI 53534

Thursday, April 19, 2007  
7:00 PM

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Sayre at 7:00 pm Present were Sayre, Hull, Farrington, Christianson, Guisleman and Zimmerman.
2. **Confirmation of Meeting Notice** Zimmerman confirmed the agenda was posted at CKSD, Edg. City Hall, and the Fulton Town Hall, and published in the Edgerton Reporter.
3. **Approval of Agenda** motion by Christianson to approve agenda. Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.
4. **Approval of Mar. 15, 2007, Meeting Minutes-** motion by Hull to approve minutes of 3/15/07. Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.
5. **Public Participation**
  - A. John Eyster – advised today is Patriots Day. He asked the board to consider that we pay more attention to official acts and ceremony’s for a public swearing in. He also asked that the Town of Fulton open their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - B. Marilyn Eyster – urged that the Town Board will follow the will of the majority of the voters and advise the fire district representative to move to dismiss the lawsuit. She also urged the Town Board to consider a different attorney, she felt that the attorney is representing both sides in a legal matter.
  - C. Kathy Lichtfuss – following up with the board, about letter they sent the board in March, asking them to consider removing the Arnold Property and the adjoining property from the development map for future development. Lichtfuss wanted to know if that would be on the agenda at some point. Sayre advised he has copies of the letters for review, and he will be contacting Jerry Miles, and we most likely will have it on next month’s agenda.
  - D. Sandy Kraft-Rock Co. Board of Supervisors – gave an update on the emergency siren in Newville, in Rock River Leisure estates, 118 Meadow Lane. She advised the county legal council is working with the board of Rock River Leisure Estates to sign an easement agreement and an RFP has been placed out for the siren. She advised they hope to have it up early summer. She also advised that Rock Co passed a resolution to offer uninsured and underinsured a savings of 20% on medications through a Mayco Prescription Discount Card. She advised this card can be obtained through the Rock County Health Dept. She also stated she won’t be able to attend the town board meetings if they switch the meeting back to a night when the county board meets.
6. **Recommendations from Planning & Zoning Committee**
  - A. **Preliminary Certified Survey Map, Stone Farm Rd – Harold Long** – Motion to approve by Hull. Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.
  - B. **Final Certified Survey Map, Goede Rd. – Genesis 1 c/o Judy Nelson** – Motion to approve by Guisleman. Second by Christianson. Carried 5/0.
  - C. **Final Certified Survey Map, lot combination – Patrick McGuire – Third St. Indianford** – moved to table by Christianson. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.
7. **Ordinance Repealing Chapter 7, Section 3.a.(17) and Chapter 7, Section 3.q. of the Code of Ordinances(Driveway permits).** Farrington advised he is not in favor of this. He also advised he spoke to Hal at the Highway Dept. who advised he would have to take it in front of his board, and he isn’t even sure they would take it over. Sayre said in a previous discussion, someone said if we don’t like the way the County does it, we can take it back. Christianson addressed the Clerk and stated he felt this issue was taken care of last month. Zimmerman advised the motion was made to repeal the ordinance, and she called the attorney to advise him, he told her that even though the motion was made to do it the “clean/proper” way, the repeal wording should have been approved. Zimmerman advised the Repeal needs to be published once in order to make it official and we didn’t have the actual repeal to publish. Hull made a motion retain the control of the driveways. Hull rescinded and moved that the township reject the repeal and we retain the ordinance and control of the driveways. Second by Farrington. Carried 3/2, (In favor – 2, against – 2; the chairman broke tie with an in favor vote).
8. **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Placement of No Parking Signs on W Arroyo Court** –Zimmerman read the Resolution #07-1 out loud. Motion to approve the resolution by Christianson. Second by Hull. Carried 5/0. Christianson asked if we also had something similar near the railroad tracks at the end of Rock River. Blaine advised there was something done several months ago for the school bus to turn around there also.

9. **Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Publication, Filing, and Inspection of a Code of General Ordinances.** Zimmerman read the Resolution out loud. She advised she put the link on the website so they are available to the public, and there is a book here in the office for the public to view. Motion to approve resolution by Christianson. Second by Farrington. Carried. Walton asked about having a committee review both books. Christianson amended the motion to add, to authorize the Chairman to appoint an adhoc committee to meet at the chairman's discretion and offer final comments at the May meeting. Sayre asked for volunteers. They were Andy Walton, Dave Brown, Robert Ripberger, and Rob Teubert. Carried 5/0.
10. **Consideration for Manufactured Home Park Inspections** – Zimmerman advised she spoke with Sheryl Inman from the Rock Co. Health Dept. She advised the Health Dept. is contracted by the Dept. of Commerce and they complete Mobile Home Inspections on a yearly basis. Motion by Christianson that prior to issuance of the mobile home permits that the owners provide copy of inspection to the Township. Second by Hull. Carried 5/0.
11. **Revaluation for 2008 – Assessment ratio has fallen to 74%** - Zimmerman advised she mailed out 7 RFP's to different agencies and advised we have received 3 proposals from Gardiner Appraisal, Associated Appraisal, and Accurate Appraisal. Jim Danielson, Accurate Appraisal addressed the board. He advised they are our current appraisal service, and advised they put in a bid for an entire revaluation, which entails physical inspections of all properties, interior and exterior. He stated they also equip the tax payer with as much information as possible. He said they get all the information out there so that in the end, everyone feels that they have had a fair and equitable assessment. He advised their website houses all the data where citizens can look at their own data, and everyone else's data. He advised one of the biggest things is education to the public. He stated the assessment ratio could even be down to 60% by the time the revaluation is completed. He stated they usually have 4 per staff, and they want to maintain the same people looking at same type of property, to maintain consistency. Once all field work is complete, they will do open book and board of review.
12. **Discussion about drafting a Town wide survey on Transportation to/from work for citizens of township, and some other issues discussed for the Comprehensive Plan** – Sayre advised this was brought to our attention at the Annual Meeting by Ryan Garcia. Hull advised if we did this it would be a voluntary survey. Citizen Flippin asked if we could do the survey on line. Sayre said that is possible. Farrington said he thought the survey wouldn't be very accurate. Guisleman said we could also ask Ryan Garcia how other communities do surveys. Christianson made motion to table until Ryan Garcia can give more direction of what he is looking for. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.
13. **Consideration of moving monthly meeting date for Town Board and Planning & Zoning meetings** – Sayre advised at the Annual meeting there was a motion made to change the meeting night back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday or to schedule it so it doesn't conflict w/Towns Association meetings. Farrington advised he and Zimmerman went through the calendar and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday or 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, seem like the best possible nights. Farrington suggested polling the audience. Sayre asked if anyone in the public had a problem with the second Tuesday of the month. No citizen comment. Guisleman asked the planning and zoning committee members in the audience if Tuesday would work. Those present said it would work. Guisleman made a motion to change the meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. Second by Christianson. Carried 5/0.
14. **Discussion re: Regulating lighting in the Newville area (Sandy Kraft)** – Sayre advised we have been contacted that the Newville skyline gets lit up at night. Sandy Kraft advised she was contacted this past winter by citizens in the Newville area and asked to contact the county about the lighting. Sandy advised those residents she would bring it to the Fulton board. She advised she completed some research and found a copy of an ordinance online. Andy Walton advised the City of Janesville has an ordinance that is relatively reasonable to meet. Citizen Jill Wileman advised her family owns property on Ellendale Rd. and they were one family who contacted Sandy. She advised the lighting is like "Las Vegas". She stated she is asking that Fulton Township guides businesses on how much lighting needs to be used. Hull asked if there was anything the businesses could do to direct the lighting in different angles. Guisleman asked if we could review the minutes back when we approved lighting for Culvers, because he thought we did put restrictions on their lighting. Sayre stated we will look into this.

Sayre called for a 5 minute break.

**15. Appointment/re-appointment of various committees and commissions and re-appointment of the following:**

Sayre advised the clerk omitted the Fire District, and there will be a representative appointed tonight.

Move to appoint Sautin and Rebman to the Planning & Zoning Committee by Christianson – Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.

Building inspector – Christianson advised we have had a lot of issues with people having problems with complying or understanding the towns set backs and other things, and asked if we need to explore the idea of looking for another building inspector. Christianson said he doesn't want to look as if we are pushing Harold out, but stated that given some of the situations we have had, he feels we might want to look for fresher eyes. Farrington advised people have expressed their opinions to some of the board members of what they feel are faults. Farrington stated these are only people who have complaints. Sayre asked if we are looking at possibly

getting a trainee. Christianson asked if Harold has ever expressed a timeline for retirement. Sayre stated he didn't know. Hull said one thing you have to take into account is there is a lot of training, which Harold has. Sayre asked if there have been some problems, was Harold right or wrong. Sayre stated if his work has been what is legal and held up, even though the person didn't like it, that is beside the point. If Harold was properly administering the permits, and he knows the law, then he is doing his job. Christianson said he learned there are no state statutes that regulate building inspectors. Citizen Stockwell stated Harold is certified in structural, electrical and plumbing. Teubert said they do have to be certified. Rippberger said for State they have to be certified, but said he didn't know what is required for towns, he wasn't sure if there is any requirement other than what the Board would require for that person. Rippberger asked if the Board had a list of what Harold is certified in. Discussion. Christianson made motion to reappoint Harold Schrank as building inspector. Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.

Town attorney – Farrington made a motion to reappoint Mark Schroeder. Second by Hull. Christianson advised he feels it was inappropriate for the town attorney to draft the advisory referendum. Christianson stated that according to State ethics, it was unethical for him to draft the language on that. Roll call vote: Guisleman-yes, Christianson-no, Scott- yes, Hull- yes, Sayre- yes. Carried 4/1.

Newspaper – motion by Christianson to reappoint the Edgerton Reporter as our official newspaper. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.

Bank – Motion to reappoint the Bank of Edgerton a division of Milton as our bank by Christianson. Second by Guisleman- Carried 5/0.

Zoning board – discussion. Hull advised we could appoint a citizen member. Motion by Guisleman to appoint Farrington for PZ. Second by Christianson. Carried 5/0.

Emerg. Govn't Officer – Guisleman advised he has done two levels of the NIMS training and would only need to complete one more class which he could do on line. Motion by Christianson to appoint Guisleman the NIMS guy. Second by Hull. Carried 5/0.

Boat Patrol – motion by Farrington to reappoint Christianson. Second by Guisleman. Motion by Hull to appoint Farrington as an alternate. Second by Christianson. Carried 5/0.

Water utility – motion to reappoint Hull and Bittner by Christianson, second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.

Lake District – motion to appoint Guisleman by Farrington. Second by Christianson. Carried 5/0.

BOA – Sayre advised he has been informed that Krause was not interested. Motion to reappoint Lichtfuss and appoint Vietch to BOA. Second by Hull. Carried 5/0.

BOA - alternate – motion to approve Duane Murwin, and Robert Rippberger as alternates. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.

CKSD – motion to reappoint Farrington second by Hull. Carried 5/0.

Clerk/Treasurer- Sayre advised Zimmerman had to have a 6 mo. evaluation and he spoke to all but one member on the board, and they all said things were going fine, so Sayre advised he approved her 6 mo. probation period. Motion by Guisleman to appoint Zimmerman for 3 year term. Second by Hull. Carried 5/0.

Weed commissioner – motion by Hull to appoint Vietch as weed commissioner. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.

Fire Dist. – Sayre advised he would like to appoint Jim Linsley. Discussion. Christianson advised the appointment of the fire commission representative can be done by the Chairman. Sayre stated he would appoint Linsley with Hull and Farrington being alternates.

16. **Notification of meeting with Rock Co. Publics Works Dept. on 4/30/07 at 7:30 pm for TB members** – brief explanation that all board members are invited to attend. Sayre also advised they will be reviewing the roads on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm, and again all board members are invited to attend.
17. **Operator's License** – Richard L. Harris, Corrina L. Swanson, Michael A. Cassis, Angela Engstrom – Larson stated their backgrounds checked out ok. Christianson moved to approve the listed operator's license. Second by Guisleman. Carried 5/0.
18. **Building Inspectors Report** – Zimmerman advised Harold is at training out of the area and couldn't attend tonight.
19. **Police Report** – Larson advised of the Anchor Inn festival, and advised everyone was probably aware of the fatal accident. He stated they had some underage violations and also noise complaints. Larson will be meeting with SO when they are done with the homicide investigation. He indicated they will go over things and try to work out solutions to make it safer. He stated he will also check with our attorney to see if we can regulate no one under 21 can be on premises.
20. **Water Utility Report** – Hull advised nothing much new for the month. Rebman advised we are in the process of turning in the Drinking Water Quality Report and also the final report to PSC.
21. **Lake District Report** – Christianson advised there have been no recent meetings nor one scheduled.
22. **Boat Patrol Report** – Sautin advised the first meeting for this year is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Culvers

23. **Fire District Report** – Hull advised they came up with more figures for equipment and they also talked about acquiring a small lot next to them.
24. **Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary District Report** – Lichtfuss stated there were no new agenda items. Sayre stated will be in contact with her.
25. **Fulton Sanitary District Report & Auditor’s Report** – brief discussion
26. **Pay Bills**
27. **Approve Voucher list & Financial Statement** – motion by Hull to approve. Second by Farrington. Carried 5/0.
28. **Correspondence** Zimmerman read correspondence from the WI Dept. of Commerce about a Community Development Block Grant, a letter from the City of Edgerton advising us that the Town of Sumner requested to be excluded from the Joint Ordinance of the Municipal Court with the City of Edgerton, and also a letter of “thanks” from Beth & Roger Bunting for allowing their input for the Tub Run.
29. **Adjournment** – motion by Guisleman. Second by Farrington at 8:55 pm. Carried 5/0.

Submitted by,

Connie Zimmerman  
Clerk/Treasurer

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