



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: www.vienna-wis.com

March, 2020

April Election Information

The Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary will be held statewide on Tuesday, April 7th. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. Races on the ballot include the Presidential Primary, local Town Board Supervisor's and Incumbents Gary Endres and Ron Rupp. Also, DeForest, Lodi, Waunakee and Poynette School District have Board Races. Sample ballots by school district will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website as soon as they are available. Absentee or In-Person voting for the April election will be available in the Town Clerk's Office starting on March 17th through April 3rd, between the hours of 9AM to 3PM and Friday, April 3rd, the office will be open until 5PM for voting. You can also fill out a request to have the ballot mailed to you by filling out a absentee request. Absentee and registration forms are available online at vote.wi.gov, an easy to use site. They can also be obtained on our website or in the front vestibule at the town hall.

Election Inspectors for Hire

This year we will have a total of four elections, with one already completed in February. The two largest are the April and November when all of our election workers are scheduled. For those of you already working with us, we thank you for your services and dedication. For those of you interested, this is paid position with some required training and either a lunch or dinner included. We operate 2 shifts for each election, the morning is 6:30AM to 1:30PM and the afternoon is 1:30PM to 8:30PM (sometimes a little later). Please contact the Clerk's office at 608-846-3800 or stop in during office hours to inquire.

Adopt-a-Road Program

The Town of Vienna participates in the Adopt-a-Road program where a business, a club or a resident signs an agreement with the town to adopt a section of the road and become responsible for cleaning up both sides of the road every spring and fall. The town provides safety vests, trash bags, safety road signs and safety glasses. A sign is placed with the name of the participant on the section of road adopted in recognition of your time and contribution to this program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the office or check our website under the community tab for an application.

Building Permits

It is that time of year when new construction, remodeling or possibly adding an additional sunroom or family room onto your home begins. Building permit application forms can be located in our town hall vestibule at any time, day or night and also on Town's website. Any structural change to the existing property does require a building permit from the town and depending on where your property is located, either Dane County or Village of DeForest. Our building inspector, Kelly Green, can be reached at 608-697-7771 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Solar Panel Project Meeting

On Wednesday, February 19th, the town hosted a Special Meeting of the Electors regarding the proposed solar panel project known as the Great Dane Solar Farm project. There were over 200 people in attendance with standing room only to learn more about this proposal. Representatives of the Electors Petition spoke about their questions and concerns then Invenergy presented information. The meeting ended with a question and answer session for anyone that raised their hand. More meetings will be scheduled as this project progresses.

March 12th Tasting Event

Come enjoy a relaxing night of JAZZ MUSIC & TASTING LOCAL CHEESES with optional WINE and/or BOURBON PAIRINGS! The cheese provided by Ehlenbach's Cheese Chalet; The Wine provided by Drumlin Ridge Winery; The Bourbon provided by J.Henry & Son's Wisconsin Straight Bourbon and the Music provided by Swing Time Music. The event will be held on Thursday, March 12th at the Comfort Inn DeForest from 6:00-9:00PM. Purchase tickets online at www.facebook.com/VisitViennaWI or by email to viennatourism1@gmail.com.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes February 3, 2020

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Ron Rupp, Karen Ingalls, Gary Endres and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present was Resident Joel Lewis.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: Joel Lewis introduced himself as he is running for the Waunakee School Board seat this year against incumbent Joan Ensign. Lewis lives in Town of Westport and has four children in the district. He expressed some concerns with how some of the issues are addressed. Lewis will continue to attend local meeting to let the communities know who he is and what his values are.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Endres to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2020 town board meeting. Motion carried (4-0) Rupp abstained.

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with the DeForest Area Senior Center is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th. The Community Center is still looking for a resident to represent Vienna on the board. The seat has been vacant since Pulvermacher stepped down. Supervisor Rupp meeting with the Dane-Vienna Fire Department was held Monday, January 27th. The rescue truck was auctioned and sold for \$7,600. Supervisor Ingalls meeting with Waunakee EMS is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Area Fire Department was held Monday, January 27th. They had hired a part time person to do the books and are looking to hire a full time Chief next year.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark informed the board that the Electors Meeting on Solar Panels is set for Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 PM here at the town hall. The meeting will be held in the shop as it is anticipated to have a large turnout. Clark notified Invenergy Project Manager, Aidan O'Conner, about the meeting. This is an advisory meeting, not a board meeting but Chair Marx does lead the meeting. The main objective of this meeting is to address questions regarding the impact on the town and town residents so everyone is more informed as this project progresses.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Rupp to approve the current town bills as stated and submitted in the amount of \$58,938.72; Payroll \$16,509.37; Town Bills \$11,775.40; Utility 1 \$20,205.51 and Utility 2 \$10,448.44. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the February 17, 2020 Town Board Meeting

Town of Vienna Plan Commission Minutes Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Rescheduled from Monday, February 10, 2020

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Wednesday at 7:00 PM by Chair Brian Meinholz. Commissioners Cate Heath, Supervisor Karen Ingalls and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present was Jerry Marx and Resident Cory Clemens. Commissioners Jim Koch and Todd Mallon were excused.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: None

Approve the minutes: Motion by Ingalls, second by Heath to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2020 Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (3-0).

Discussion and possible recommendation on Clemens Rezone Application: Clark informed the commission that Clemens applied for a conditional use permit (CUP) to put up an accessory building on his land zoned Farmland Preservation (FP35), Agricultural. Dane County denied his request since some of his commercial equipment would be stored in this building as well. Only agricultural equipment can be stored in an Ag accessory building on land zoned FP35. Clemens does have a parcel zoned Limited Commercial (LC) but the maximum size of commercial buildings cannot exceed 10,000 square feet. The current building on this parcel is 7,800 square feet so there is not enough footage left on this parcel for another commercial building. The County suggested that Clemens meet with the town to consider rezoning a part of the FP35 along with the LC1 existing parcel to General Commercial (GC) only way this could be accomplished is by rezoning some of the FP35 land to accommodate the new building. The Plan Commission discussed the towns Comprehensive Smart Growth Plan which only allowed commercial zoning along the interstate area and in the Vienna Business Park. The towns Comprehensive Plan discouraged commercial zoning outside of the designated land use area. The plan commission directed Clark to contact the Dane County Zoning Administrator for other options such as maybe creating another LC parcel for the

new building to be placed on with deed restrictions placed on the parcel. Motion by Ingalls, second by Heath to table this item for more information regarding zoning options. Motion carried (3-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Heath, second by Ingalls to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Minutes February 17, 2020

The regular meeting was called to order on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Chair Jerry Marx. Supervisors Steve Ruegsegger, Ron Rupp, Karen Ingalls, Gary Endres and Clerk Kathy Clark were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment: Ruegsegger had some questions on the Solar Panels Project. He asked if the company was buying any land for the project and they are not, it will only be leased. Ruegsegger wanted to know what percent of the land would be solar panels and what other areas will be part of the project. At this time, it is only Vienna and best guess was a small percent involved. The zoning will stay agricultural and if a map becomes available, the board would like a copy.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Rupp to approve the minutes for the February 3, 2020 town board meeting. Motion carried (5-0)

Operator's License: None

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Ruegsegger meeting with the DeForest Area Senior Center was held Tuesday, February 11th. Supervisor Rupp meeting with the Dane-Vienna Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, February 24th. Supervisor Ingalls meeting with Waunakee EMS was held Thursday, February 6th. Ingalls was not able to attend. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Area Fire Department is scheduled for Monday, February 24th.

Town Clerk's Report: Clark reminded the board that the Spring Primary Election is tomorrow, February 18th and the office will be closed for an hour or so Wednesday, February 19th to deliver the election results to Dane County.

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses: Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Rupp to approve the current town bills as stated and submitted in the amount of \$971,397.81; Payroll \$5,459.81; Town Bills \$963,732.82; Tax Refunds \$1,285.94; Utility 1 \$787.29 and Utility 2 \$131.95. Motion carried (5-0)

Adjourn: Motion by Endres, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the March 2, 2020 Town Board Meeting

Additional Events & Dates to look remember

Spring is Here!

A reminder to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th for Daylight Savings Time. Also, this time of year places hardship on the roads. Seasonal weight limits will be imposed during the spring thaw. These weight limits are necessary to protect highways because during the thaw period road beds are weak due to excess moisture. A weaker road bed means the pavement is more easily damaged. With all the snow, this spring will present challenges so please be respectful of the posted weight limits.

Electronics Recycling Program

We will be having our electronics recycling day in **April!** No date has been scheduled yet but it will be after Easter weekend on a Saturday. As always, we will be using the cold storage building with drive up access off Norway Grove Road. Items accepted for recycling include: Desktop and laptop computers, computer printers, fax machines, scanners, copiers, computer monitors, televisions, keyboards, DVD players, VCRs and cell phones. **Please do not bring dehumidifiers or other appliances.** We will not be able to take items in advance, so if you are unable to make it please make arrangements with a family member or neighbor to have them drop the items off for you. This is a free recycling event and is limited to Town of Vienna residents. A firm date will be provided in the April Newsletter and on our website.

Brush Site Opening

On **Saturday, April 4, 2020** the Town of Vienna Brush Site will open for the season. The brush site will be open as usual on the 1st and 3rd Saturday. The hours will be Saturday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Wednesday hours will be recognized also, from 4:00PM-7:00PM. A schedule will be posted for your reference. Also the key is available during office hours Monday-Friday.

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 2, 2020

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7PM at the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for this meeting includes the following items:

Call the Town Board meeting to order

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment – Sherriff Bennett

Approve or amend the minutes of the February 17, 2020 Town Board meeting

Discussion and possible action on Renewal of outsourced Mowing services

Operator's License

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerks Report

Plan Commission Meeting – March 9, 2020

Adopt-a-Road Program

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses

Adjourn