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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING
CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Government Center
County Board Room
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
9:00 a.m. Wednesday May 20th, 2015

Purpose: Review and action on selected items as listed below
Documents: Minutes of May 6th, 2015

ITEM	LEAD PERSON
Call to order	Committee Chair
Approval of agenda	
Approval of minutes for May 6 th , 2015	
Public comment	
New business	
1. Shelter Community Action Team (SCAT) Resolution and Solution	Tanya Borg
2. St. Croix Falls Ordinance(s) passes	Director of Land and Info/ Sara McCurdy
3. Monthly and quarterly reports schedules for Lime, Extension, Register of Deeds, Buildings, Land Info and Land and Water	Committee Chair
4. Gandy Dancer Trail	
5. Consider and recommendation on transferred certain assigned functions from committee to other standing committees.	Corp Counsel Jeff Fuge/ Finance Manager Maggie Wickre

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential

<p>6. Develop Report and Consider Final Recommendation to County Board on Polk County Zoning Ordinance, A Comprehensive Revision.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 59.69(5), the Committee will develop its report and recommendations to the County Board on the proposed ordinance. The Committee may review public testimony on the proposed draft ordinance; receive staff recommendations on same and direct further modifications to the draft ordinance prior to forwarding recommendation to the County Board.</p>	<p>Committee Chair</p>
<p>7. Future agenda items- Next meeting June 3rd, 2015</p>	<p>Committee members</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	



MINUTES

Conservation, Development, Recreation and Education Committee

County Board Room
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 6th, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman O'Connell @ 9:02 A.M.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Present
Craig Moriak	Vice Chair	Present
Warren Nelson	Supervisor	Present
Dean Johansen	Supervisor	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Dale Wood	FSA Rep	Present

Also present Tammy Peterson, Executive Secretary, Dana Frey, County Administrator, Jeff Fuge, Corporate Counsel, Tim Anderson, County Planner and Nancy Snouffer, Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda: Chairman O'Connell called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. **Motion** (Edgell/ Wood) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15th, 2015 meeting. **Motion** (Nelson/ Edgell) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: William Johnson spoke on Tourism, Recycling and Gandy Dancer, Gloria Lansin from Amery Women's Club spoke on recycling, Ken Sample provided hand out and spoke on Gandy Dancer Trail and Brock Wallin from Luck spoke on Gandy Dancer Trail.

New Business:

County Administrator Frey went over questions on issues as contained in written monthly reports. Mr. Frey stated the Solar Study is in its first draft for initial and review for future County Board meeting.

Director of LWRD, Tim Ritten spoke on the Resolution to Authorize Polk County Land and Water Resources Department Director to enter into Cooperative Agreements and Professional Service Agreements. **Motion** (Johansen/ Nelson) to send and recommend to County Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Corporate Counsel, Jeff Fuge discussed the Recommendation on Resolution to Authorize a 1 year Lease Agreement Concerning Part of Highway Gravel Pit Lands Located in Town of Lorain. The land is 10 acres at \$40.00 per acre in the amount of \$400.00.

Motion (Wood/Edgell) to forward to County Board as is. Motion carried by voice vote.

Oliver Aune from Clear Lake and Jerry Martin from Luck discussed the Veterans Memorial. They would like to enter into a lease agreement with Polk County owned land of approximately 35 acres located on Highway 8 in St. Croix Falls, WI. Deb Peterson, Director of Buildings will work with them and look into plans.

Director of Buildings, Deb Peterson provided handout and discussed the Tax Deed Properties that will be going up for sale on website. **Motion** (Johansen/Edgell) to approve as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

WDNR Wildlife Biologist, Michelle Carlisle provided handouts and an update on an agriculture damage claim. **Motion** (Edgell/ Nelson) to deny River Valley Dairy Agriculture damage claim. Motion carried by voice vote.

Corporate Counsel, Jeff Fuge spoke on the consideration and recommendation on transferred certain assigned functions from committee to other standing committees. Administrator Frey answered questions and stated keep in mind the functions, funds, classifications and similar programs. The committee decided to continue this topic at the May 20th meeting. The committee has requested the Finance Manager, Maggie Wickre to be present to answer any questions.

Chairman Kim O' Connell stated the committee will review and discuss preliminary changes to home enterprise language.

Future Items: Next meeting May 20th, 2015

Motion (Nelson/ Johansen) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

TOWN of ST. CROIX FALLS

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April 20, 2015

STEVEN PALMER, CHAIRMAN
JAMES H. BEISTLE, SUPERVISOR
FRANK BEHNING, SUPERVISOR
MICHAEL DORSEY, SUPERVISOR
ERICK VITALIS, SUPERVISOR
JANET KRUEGER, CLERK
MAXINE (MAX) SPIESS, TREASURER

Land Information
Sara McCurdy, Director
100 Polk County Plaza, Ste 130
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

RE: Amendment to Town Zoning Ordinance

Dear Ms. McCurdy,

The Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls passed Ordinance 15-03 amending Chapter III of the Town's Zoning Ordinance No. 1 at their March 18, 2015, meeting and passed Ordinance 15-04 amending Chapter V of the Town's Zoning Ordinance No. 1 at their April 15, 2015, meeting. The summary of the amendments are:

- Chapter III, section C.3.b to allow types of temporary sales through the Temporary Vendor Ordinance.
- Chapter V, section B.2.c, with the elimination of evidence of insurance.
- Chapter V, section F.2, to reduce revolutions per minute on flashing or moving signs.
- Chapter V, section J.3, amending regulation of off premise portable signs.
- Chapter V, section K amending regulation of signage for Integrated Shopping Centers.
- Chapter V, section L.2 amending regulation on signage in the commercial district.

Please present the Town of St. Croix Falls Town Board approved ordinances Ordinance 15-03 and Ordinance 15-04 amending the Town's zoning ordinance to the Polk County Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Sincerely,



Janet Krueger
Town Clerk

Enclosure

Ordinance 15-03 Zoning Ordinance No. 1 Amendments & Resolution 15-09
Ordinance 15-04 Zoning Ordinance No. 1 Amendments & Resolution 15-15

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TOWN
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Polk County, Wisconsin

Resolution 15-09

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE 15-03 AMENDING ZONING
ORDINANCE No. 1**

WHEREAS the Town Board for the Town of St. Croix Falls has village powers under Section 60.10(2)(c), Stats., that grants police powers as set forth in Section 61.34(1), Stats., to act for the good order of the Town, for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS the Town of St. Croix Falls adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 1 on August 5, 1965, amended in its entirety on May 12, 1994 and subsequent amendments including the amendments on March 20, 2001; January 16, 2008; February 18, 2009; May 20, 2009; October 21, 2009; March 17, 2010; April 21, 2010; August 18, 2010; March 16, 2011; April 20th 2011; October 19, 2011; November 16, 2011; August 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls deems it advisable and necessary to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 1 to include provisions for a temporary vending licenses as follows:

- Chapter III, section C.3.b. was altered to allow temporary vending permits; and

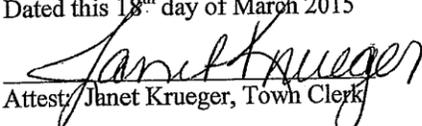
WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on March 11, 2015, and the first reading of the proposed amendments on December 17, 2014, and a second reading was held on March 18, 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does approve Ordinance 15-03 amending Zoning Ordinance No. 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls hereby petitions the Polk County Board of Supervisors to concur and ratify the amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ordinance 15-03 become effective upon passage and publication and/or posting according to Wisconsin State Statute.

Dated this 18th day of March 2015


Attest: Janet Krueger, Town Clerk


Steven J. Palmer, Chairperson

Approved by:

Roll Call Vote:
5 Yeas; _0_ Nays; ___ Absent

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**AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE No. 1 ENTITLED "TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE"
ORDINANCE 15-03**

Section 1: Purpose

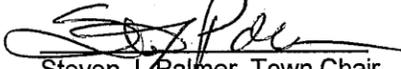
The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter III General Zoning, Section C Districts, 3 Commercial District, b. Permitted Uses as follows:

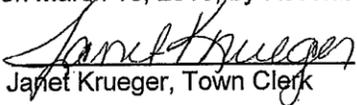
- b. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses must abide by all Town Zoning Ordinances including a. of the Commercial Zoning District Ordinance. Requests to the Town Zoning Administrator in the Commercial Zoning District shall meet the requirements of Chapter I, Section D, g. (1) through (4). Permitted uses shall be reviewed by the Town Zoning Administrator for verified compliance with ordinances, Town Commercial Design Guidelines, and any applicable regulations from both State and County agencies. *If a proposed use will involve the selling of goods for a temporary timeframe and meets all of the requirements of the Temporary Vendor Ordinance then that ordinance will govern the proposed use.* The following are permitted uses, provided that the business will be selling goods for these uses that are primarily new items:

Section 2: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and legal publication.

Adopted on March 18, 2015, by Resolution 15-09


Steven J. Palmer, Town Chair

Attested: 
Janet Krueger, Town Clerk

Posted on March 20, 2015, at the following locations:
Super America
Lampert's
Town Hall

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Polk County, Wisconsin

Resolution 15-15

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE 15-04 AMENDING ZONING
ORDINANCE No. 1**

WHEREAS the Town Board for the Town of St. Croix Falls has village powers under Section 60.10(2)(c), Stats., that grants police powers as set forth in Section 61.34(1), Stats., to act for the good order of the Town, for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS the Town of St. Croix Falls adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 1 on August 5, 1965, amended in its entirety on May 12, 1994 and subsequent amendments including the amendments on March 20, 2001; January 16, 2008; February 18, 2009; May 20, 2009; October 21, 2009; March 17, 2010; April 21, 2010; August 18, 2010; March 16, 2011; April 20th 2011; October 19, 2011; November 16, 2011; August 21, 2013; March 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls deems it advisable and necessary to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 1, Chapter 5 to eliminate discrepancies and clarify regulations regarding signage; and

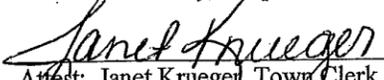
WHEREAS the Plan Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on March 11, 2015, and the first reading of the proposed amendments was had on March 18, 2015, and a second reading was held on April 15, 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does approve Ordinance 15-04 amending Zoning Ordinance No. 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls hereby petitions the Polk County Board of Supervisors to concur and ratify the amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ordinance 15-04 become effective upon passage and publication and/or posting according to Wisconsin State Statute.

Dated this 15th day of April 2015


Attest: Janet Krueger, Town Clerk


Steven J. Palmer, Chairperson

Approved by:

Roll Call Vote:
5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Absent

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AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE No. 1 ENTITLED "TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE"
ORDINANCE 15-04

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section B, 2. Application for Permit, with the deletion of c.

~~e. Evidence of liability insurance policy or bond as required by Section B.6 of this chapter.~~

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section B, with the deletion of 6. Insurance.

6. ~~INSURANCE.~~

~~Every sign contractor shall file with the Zoning Administrator a Certificate of Insurance indicating the applicant holds a public liability and property damage policy specifically to include the hold harmless clause with bodily injury limits of at least \$300,00 per occurrence, and \$300,000 aggregate, and property damage insurance of at least \$100,000 per occurrence and \$100,000 aggregate. Such insurance shall not be cancelled or reduced without the insured first giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to the Clerk of the Town of St. Croix Falls of such cancellation or reduction.~~

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section F. Prohibited Signs, 2 as follows:

2. ~~FLASHING OR MOVING SIGNS.~~

~~Flashing signs are prohibited. Signs with physically moving components visible from the public right-of-way are not permitted except for those which revolve around a vertical axis at speeds less than seven (7) six (6) revolutions per minute.~~

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section J. Special Signs, 3 as follows:

3. ~~PORTABLE SIGNS.~~

- a. ~~Permit.~~ Any person wishing to place a portable sign on his premises ~~or the premises of another~~ shall first obtain a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Permits shall be issued for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days in any calendar year. Any sign remaining on the premises for more than thirty (30) days in any calendar year shall be deemed to be a permanent sign and shall meet all requirements for a permanent sign.
- b. ~~Size.~~ No portable sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and no portable sign shall be over seven (7) feet in height from grade level.
- c. ~~Setback.~~ All portable signs shall have a minimum setback from the property line of fifteen (15) feet or an additional setback as deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator for the safe flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- d. ***Off Premises Portable Signs*** *Portable signs may be allowed on off-premise locations to advertise for civic, philanthropic, fund raising, or charitable events. Signs may be placed up to twenty-one (21) days before the event and must be removed no more than seven (7) days after the event. Signs are limited to thirty-two (32) square feet and must be placed at least fifteen (15) feet from the property line. No more than three (3) such event signs may be placed on any one parcel in any calendar year.*

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section K. Integrated Shopping Center, 1 as follows:

1. Each business or office shall be eligible for one attached sign. ~~The area of such sign shall not exceed, in square feet, two (2) times the lineal front footage of the business or office.~~

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section K. Integrated Shopping Center, 2 as follows:

2. One ground sign for shopping center identification with the height limitation of twenty-five (25) feet is permitted. If the shopping center is on a corner, either one (1) corner sign or two (2) signs, one on each street is permitted. If two (2) signs are installed, they must be placed at least two hundred (200) feet from the lot corner at the intersection. The area of such sign shall not exceed, ~~in square footage, the lineal front footage of the lot or two hundred (200) square feet, which ever is less~~ **one hundred (100) square feet per facing, with a maximum of two (2) facings**. No sign shall be closer than twenty (20) feet to a property line unless the adjacent property is a residential, transition, agricultural or conservancy district in which case the sign shall be set back five hundred (500) feet and no sign shall be placed between the highway and the frontage road.

And amend Chapter V Sign Regulation and Restrictions, Section L. District Regulations, 2. Commercial District as follows:

2. COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

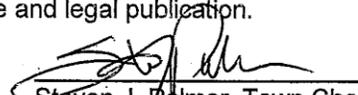
In the commercial district, signs shall be regulated as follows:

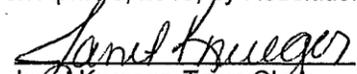
- a. Permitted signs. Wall, window, ground and directional signs. ***Each parcel shall be allowed shall be allowed one (1) wall sign and one (1) window sign.***
- b. ~~Area~~. The gross area in square feet of all signs shall not exceed two (2) times the lineal front footage of the zoning lot, however, the gross surface area of all illuminated signs shall not exceed two (2) times the lineal front footage of the zoning lot, not included in an integrated shopping center.
- c. Ground Signs. The area of a ground sign shall not exceed two hundred (200) **one hundred (100)** square feet **per facing, with a maximum of two (2) facings**. Only one on- premise ground sign shall be permitted for each street frontage of the zoning lot **parcel**. No ground sign shall project higher than twenty-five (25) feet above grade. No sign shall be closer than twenty (20) feet to a property line unless the adjacent property is a residential, transition, agricultural or conservancy district in which case the sign shall be set back five hundred (500) feet and no sign shall be placed between the highway and the frontage road.
- d. Special Exceptions ***An affected party may apply for a special exception to allow additional signs per parcel or to allow for signs larger in square feet than the ordinance allows for on premise signs. The special exception will follow the procedure outlined for other special exceptions in this ordinance. Any other request for relief from any other portion of this chapter will be made as a variance request to the Town Board of Appeals.***
- e. Off-premise Signs. Off-premise signs shall be permitted in conformance with Section J. 4 of this chapter.

Section 2: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and legal publication.

Adopted on April 15, 2015, by Resolution 15-15


Steven J. Palmer, Town Chair


Attested: Janet Krueger, Town Clerk

Posted on _____, 2015, at the following locations:

Super America
Lampert's
Town Hall

Shelter Community Action Team

An alternative companion animal shelter program for Northwest Wisconsin

scatwi@live.com

715-501-8488

Building a More Humane Community

Solutions

We've heard our open admission humane society's protest that they do not like killing animals, that they have no other options. There are too many animals needing help, it's inhumane to keep them locked up in kennels for the rest of their lives, there are not enough resources, etc. The Shelter Community Action Team has a solution.

Our community has a dozen animal welfare organizations more than happy to help re-home these animals. SCAT is offering our open admission shelters a way to stop killing animals for lack of space or for length of stay. Here is how it works.

If impound dogs are not reclaimed by their owner within the seven day holding period and are deemed "unadoptable" animals, the shelter can transfer the dog to an area rescue instead of killing them. Dogs not returned to an owner or deemed adoptable who are not re-homed within 30 days at the shelter can be transferred to area rescues instead of killing them. These rescues have hundreds of fosters, available funding resources, transport volunteers, and outreach adoption events. They have more than enough resources and they want to help.

If our humane society is truly honest about not wanting to kill animals, they can stop hiding behind the word "unadoptable" and utilize the resources that are available to them.

The SCAT organization is preparing a resolution requesting the Polk County Board of Supervisors to instruct our humane society to utilize area rescues and transfer these dogs out to organizations that have more resources. This is how we save more lives.

Tanya Borg
Centuria, WI

Office of the Supervisors of Polk County.

Resolution

The Arnell Memorial Humane Society (AMHS) is a private organization who is not required to reveal the status of animals in their custody, however because local government is mandated by Wisconsin statute to provide impound for at large dogs, and this duty has been delegated to the AMHS, the public has a right to access this information.

Whereas, five to six hundred animals enter our county shelter every year; and

Whereas, two to three hundred healthy, treatable, animals who are labeled unadoptable are killed in our shelter every year; and

Whereas, the shelter is a private organization it is not required to provide numbers or statistics to the general public; and

Whereas, the shelter provides only adoption and impound services to the public; and

Whereas, various rescue organizations within our community provide services proven to re-home all types of pets; and

Whereas, the shelter is contracted by the Polk County Board for impound services for dogs; and

Whereas, Polk county citizens provide funding to care specifically for impound dogs through dog licensing fees; and

Whereas, the county forwards 90% of the dog licenses fees to the shelter for impound services; and

Now therefore be it resolved that impound dogs not returned to their owner within the seven day holding period mandated by Wisconsin State Statute are deemed unadoptable animals, shall be transferred to area rescues instead of killing them. Dogs not returned to owner or deemed adoptable who are not re-homed within 30 days shall be transferred to area rescues instead of killing them.

The AMHS will provide the county with statistics from impound dogs weekly including, number and identification of dogs entering the pound, number and identification of dogs returned to owner, number and identification of dogs exhausting their seven day hold, number and identification of dogs deemed unadoptable, number and identification of dogs pulled by local rescue organizations.

Signature _____ Date _____