

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**Vinland Town Hall 6085 County Road T Oshkosh, WI 54904**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:45 PM**

**DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

CUP Application: Atlas Capital RE/ 0260524

Public hearing was called to order at 6:45 pm. Chairman O'Connell asked the audience for public input. S. Schutzendorf expressed her concerns stating she wasn't made aware of the school that is building on Indian Point Rd. She stated that she lives on Indian Point Rd and that there is a lot of traffic already and by adding a school that will make more traffic. She is concerned because it is hard to get onto State Hwy 76 and that there is already traffic that gets backed up due to a combination of traffic lights and US 41 on and off ramp. She states adding 100 cars would be crazy. A. Iverson, with Ganther Construction/Architecture, retorted that he doesn't feel there will be an additional 100 cars at the same time. Adding to his comment was Acton Director that said many of the students are in the same family and would be using one vehicle to enter and exit the school along with carpools. She added that the current drop off time is 30 minutes long and that helps to spread out children getting dropped off all at the same time. O'Connell asked what the busiest hours of the day are when the traffic is backed up. The concerned resident replied Am, noon, PM and when there are shift changes at the prison and at the mental health institute. Devens informed the resident that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on the school and that all agendas are posted on the town's website and if she would like to be added to text and/or email notifications that the office would help her get signed up.

O'Connell asked 2 more times for any other comments from the audience. No other public input was received. **Motion made by Devens to adjourn/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**  
**Public hearing adjourned at 7:00 pm.**

**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7pm**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman O'Connell and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Devens and Frakes, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Starr, and 12 others.

Fire Dept Minutes: Devens wanted to make a note that the Jiffy Ice Drill he donate for the future raffle was for the cost of his drinks and the raffle tickets he purchases. The words "raffle tickets purchased" were omitted from the FD minutes. **Fire Dept Minutes were accepted with the amended wording by Frakes/seconded by Devens.**

First Responder Minutes of Jan 9<sup>th</sup>: **Accepted as submitted by Devens/seconded by Frakes.**

Building Maintenance Committee Minutes: **Accepted as submitted by Frakes/seconded by Devens.**

Approval of Town Board Minutes:

Board Mtg minutes of 1/8: **Approved as submitted by Devens/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**

County Supervisor Report: Co Supervisor Farrey reported that the Co Supervisors continue to be busy with ARPA and SPIRIT funding meetings. He did say the Town of Vinland keeps being mentioned that we haven't allocated the Spirit funds. Starr informed him that we have used funds towards the repair of Grundman Ln leading up to the boat landing and that Brazee spoke with the Co Finance Dept about waiting to submit for reimbursement until 2024 so she wouldn't have to change the 2023/2024 budgets. The finance director was ok with that.

Devens asked what the county receives for the sex offender housing on Cty Rd Y. Farrey said not to quote him but he thinks roughly \$1,400/month/resident. Devens said that last month Farrey said the housing cost \$1 million for 3 buildings. Devens replied that he read it cost around \$800,000 for the 3 buildings. Also there is a front porch on them and the resident isn't allowed to sit outside. Farrey said others have made the same observation.

Public Input:

Winnebago Cty Sheriff was present and asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns. Hearing none, O'Connell thanked him for joining.

C. Maertz the chair of the town building maintenance committee noted that the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm. All are invited to attend. RJ Albright will be doing a walkthrough of the town hall and fire barn.

S. Schutendorff asked if there is a town ordinance regarding keeping farm equipment, cars, trucks, large machinery, etc. on your property. O'Connell asked if they are usable and said the town has a nuisance ordinance. He also encouraged her to file a formal complaint.

M. Biggar thanked O'Connell for making time to discuss amending the short-term rental agreement. He has been in the business for 10 years and has information regarding different platforms he uses that he will bring to the office.

Building and Zoning: No questions or comments.

Financial Report: Deputy C/T Starr quoted the total of all accounts of \$2,140,078.20 with \$2,272.29 in outstanding checks and also noted that more than \$1 million will be sent out this week to the County and school districts from the January tax collections. **Motion to approve the financial report as submitted made by Frakes/seconded by Devens. Motion carried.**

Discussion/Take Action Items:

1. Invoices and payroll: **Motion made by Devens to approve/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**

2. CSM application for Cowling Properties/ 026053401: O'Connell stated the PC recommends approval of the CSM with an understanding that the land owner will file an easement with the county. Devens asked if D. Cowling has asked the Co about putting in a culvert with access from Cty Rd A. Cowling will file the easement with the Co and has spoken with the Co about access from Cty Rd A. He has the paperwork but because the speed limit is 45 MPH the traffic

will back up and the Co has denied access. **Motion made by Devens to approve the CSM/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**

3. CUP application for Atlas Capital RE/ 0260524: The following conditions are to be applied to Acton Academy as recommended by the Plan Commissioners:

1. Fence in any dumpster(s)
2. 200' on either side of entrance/driveway damaged from heavy trucks from the construction will be repaired at applicant's expense.
3. Regular operation of hours will be 6:30am to 8pm. Special events held monthly will be 3pm to 8pm. Driveway/loop will keep continuous flow for traffic during student drop-off and pick-up.
4. Any trees planted along the east side of the property will be kept 20' off of the property line.
5. No more than 100 vehicles are expected during school day sessions.
6. Any traffic concerns will require a speed/traffic study at the applicant's expense.

O'Connell noted that with concerns brought up in the public hearing he would like to get traffic counts Indian Point Rd. Devens will reach out to Mike with the Co Hwy dept about doing a traffic study and O'Connell will check with the sheriff's dept to see about doing a speed study. **Motion by O'Connell to approve the CUP with provision that the town does a traffic study currently and what the impact would be with the addition of maximum 100 cars a day on Indian Point Rd/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**

4. 2024 Road review/projects: O'Connell has been approached by Fahrners to see if the town needed any of their services. Devens heard back from the Co and he was told it is too early for them to plan road checks to reach back for the March meeting to set something up. O'Connell made mention of a number of things coming up including Ag Road Improvement Grant. Devens took care of that for Sherman Rd and the Co is doing that. There is State money available to do an inventory of all of the 6-20' culverts on all of our town roads. We have to identify them and get them on a list and do an assessment of their condition. The ones that are in need of repair there would be money available to have them replaced. Every town throughout the state is required to do the assessment. It can be done by the town or hired out. O'Connell recommends that since the state will reimburse us for money spent, that we hire it out. The set amount is \$100/culvert. There will be more info at the WTA. Residents have approached O'Connell about road issues including excessive stones on Thornberry Trail. J. Cowling commented that Woodenshoe Rd is an issue for bussing. The ditches are overgrown and when 2 buses meet they can't make it through without hitting brush. Devens agreed that there is an issue and that it becomes a matter of which town should take care of it; Town of Vinland or Town of Neenah. O'Connell will meet with TON Chair Bob Schmeichel to discuss if needed. Lastly, WAPA seminar is March 13. O'Connell and Devens will be attending and Frakes will let the office know by the end of the week. Devens had a complaint that Spiegelberg Rd isn't being plowed all the way. He will look into that. Also, he spoke with Paul Kuehnl with Turf Works and he will no longer be doing our ditching. Starr said she may know of someone who would be interested.

5. Amend Short Term Rental ordinance: O'Connell went over 2 amended sections of the ordinance to be more accommodating for home owners who have been doing this for years. He does want to have owners apply for licensing each year. Frakes asked how the town is going to identify rentals. The board answered by word of mouth, neighbor complaints, and the ordinance will be posted on the website. Frakes said she would do some research and see what she can find on the rental websites. We can then send a mailer to owners informing them of the new ordinance and the town's expectations. **O'Connell made a motion to amend the short term rental ordinance section 335-3 A and 335-3B/seconded by Devens. Motion carried.**

Sharing of correspondence:

**Devens:** There is a town board meeting held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm and the agenda is posted on the website.

**Motion to adjourn made by Devens/seconded by Frakes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Starr  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Don O'Connell/Chairman