

## Vernon County Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes

UW Extension Meeting Room, Erlandson Building

January 12, 2010

Members Present: Jerry Cade, Leo Verbsky, Francis Hynek, Richard Brose and Ray Moser

Others in attendance: Susan Burkhamer, Zoning Administrator; Supervisor Dennis Brault and Vernon Broadcaster reporter Dena Harris.

Jerry Cade brought the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Burkhamer confirmed proper notice and posting.

Verbsky moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting (November) as mailed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hynek with all in favor.

Burkhamer presented the Work-Income-Expense report noting that it was relatively busy in the office in December. Burkhamer reported that the year ended with the department's normal expenses at about 4% below the budgeted levy. Moving to the voucher, Burkhamer said that a new file cabinet was purchased from Office Depot. Verbsky noted a "personal" invoice to Susan Burkhamer. Burkhamer said that at the request of the computer department she purchased batteries for the office phones on E-bay through her personal account and was the invoice was included for reimbursement. Brose moved to approve the voucher in the amount of \$1,191.09, second by Verbsky with all in favor.

Under old business, Burkhamer said that she had no new information on the Comprehensive plan and FEMA mapping other than what was mailed, but left it on the agenda for discussion. Burkhamer said she would be attending the ETN being presented by UW Extension on the Shoreland/Wetland Ordinance updates being requested by the DNR on Tuesday as the moderator is Brian Ohm (Attorney with UW that has been corresponding by e-mail regarding comprehensive plan issues) and Greg Breese of the DNR. These individuals have opposing views of the effect of the lack of a comprehensive plan on the County's Shoreland/Wetland Ordinance. Discussion followed on the various rules and potential effect this update had on the County. Burkhamer noted that although the DNR was "mandating" the ordinance update, it is questionable as to whether or not the shoreland zoning would be in effect in the County as the Comprehensive Plan statute specifically states that shoreland zoning must be addressed in the plan to demonstrate that the local ordinance is consistent with that plan.

Cade asked about the status of purchasing the Ford Ranger. Burkhamer said she had been in touch with the County Clerk regarding including the truck loan in the County's line of credit, but was told that that is not a general line, but specifically taken out for the dam projects and another item. Discussion followed on procedure for getting a loan by the department. Cade recommended the Burkhamer contact Corporation Counsel for guidance and check with Ford and local banks about a loan. The 2010 budget accounts for payments based on a four year loan.

Under new business, Hynek spoke about the Working Lands Initiative and the effects it would have on the residents of the County and land values. Burkhamer said that although the County is not zoned, the County Conservationist told her that because Coon and Harmony have town zoning, that would fulfill the requirements of the program. Burkhamer and Hynek plan to attend the meeting at the Coon Town Hall this afternoon.

The next meeting was set for February 9, 2010 at Room 310 of the Courthouse. Brose moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hynek with all in favor.

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Approved 2/09/2010 Moser/Brose  
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