Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County, Wisconsin
N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse, WI 54601
Town Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Mader. Supervisors Rhonda Helgesen and Thomas Jacobs were present. Clerk Lois Meinking and Treasurer Mary Leuck were present. The pledge of Allegiance was said. The clerk read the minutes of the September 14 meeting. Tom Jacobs made a motion to approve and Rhonda Helgesen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The treasurer gave the report. Rhonda Helgesen made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Tom Jacobs seconded it. The motion carried.

Finance issues were discussed. Motion was made by Rhonda Helgesen and seconded by Tom Jacobs that the town have a line of credit concerning expenses up to $60,000. Motion passed. General transportation aid was received as is quarterly. Steve Mader made a motion that fire funds be used to pay annual standby fee. Tom Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Motion was made by Steve Mader exercising the referendum option and vote to increase the levy by $75,000 to take effect 2012. Rhonda Helgesen seconded the motion. The Resolution/Motion passed. The date for the referendum was set for December 6, 2011. Information will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Tom Jacobs reported on the LRIP/TRIP funding for roads. The funds provided by the state will not meet the needs of the Town. Culverts, guard rails, and seal coating were discussed. Rhonda Helgesen shared the latest update on zoning. All Board members have been present at hearings and meetings.

The park report was given with Kudos to the St. Joe’s Lions Club for removing rotted bleachers, the old score board on the third base side and leveling off and seeding a section for people to sit on with lawn chairs. They worked on the infield and purchased bases for spring. They worked on the tennis courts removing the second set of poles filling the holes with concrete and leveling the first set of poles. In addition, they updated the park sign engraving the marble and added the symbol of the Lions Club, name plates of: charter members, deceased members, and park contributors. The club made the sign posts sturdier by adding metal casings. They plan to donate $600 toward the tennis court improvement project. The park restrooms will be closed for winter November 1st.

The roof report was given by Chairman Steve Mader who was on the town hall roof inspecting with the contractor. The Ledegar roof project is going well.
The park shelter roof hail damage replacement project has not been started by Interstate.

The recycling report was given by Tom Jacobs. Two other items for recycling include the waxy cartons that milk used to be packaged in. Wine is packaged in them. The cartons can be mixed with regular recyclables and will be included in the 2012 Recycler flyer. Antifreeze may also be recycled as soon as a barrel is provided. The responsible unit grant was submitted electronically.

Clothing allowance was discussed. Steve Mader made the motion to add $100 clothing allowance for part-time employee at the center. Tom Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Removal of appliances was discussed. Darrel will contact Hilltoppers about the microwaves.

Signage for open carry law at town buildings was discussed. A motion was made by Tom Jacobs and seconded by Rhonda Helgesen to approve a resolution prohibiting firearms and weapons in town buildings with the exception of law enforcement officers and for prohibition on open or concealed carry of weapons or firearms by employees. Motion passed.

The employee grievance procedure required by state law was discussed. Rhonda Helgesen made the motion to approve language for hearing officer, “as designated by the Town Board.” Steve Mader seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Census report on population was discussed as it is reported as 2071. Since the last report it appears high. Chairman Mader has been inquiring about it.

The Fire Fee and First Responder Ordinance were discussed. Motion was made by Tom Jacobs and seconded by Rhonda Helgesen to approve the Ordinance as presented and revised to include the fee the town is charged. Motion passed.

Bills were paid.
Tom Jacobs made the motion to adjourn. Rhonda Helgesen seconded. Motion passed.

Next Town Board meeting: November 9, 2011 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, Town of Greenfield