

LAND RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING March 14, 2017 Oneida County Courthouse Second Floor – Committee Room 2 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501		
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Committee Members	Lisa Zunker	Sonny Paszak
Mike Timmons	Greg Pence	Greg Oettinger

Call to Order and Chair’s announcements.

Chairman Paszak called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and the location is handicap accessible. All members were present except for Greg Oettinger with an excused absence. There were no other people present.

Approve agenda for today’s meeting.

Motion/Zunker/Pence to approve today’s agenda. All ayes.

Approve minutes of Land Records February 14th, 2017 meeting.

Motion/Timmons/Zunker to approve minutes for the February 14th, 2017 meetings. All ayes.

Staff members’ attendance at land-related meetings/seminars.

Romportl reported that two of his staff would be attending a WSLs seminar on condominiums and adverse possession in Green Bay at the end of the month.

Monthly bills, line item transfers, purchase orders, budget surveys, budget hearings, reports, plans, non-budgetary item requests.

Motion/Pence/Paszak to approve the monthly bills submitted by the Register of Deeds Office and the Land Information Office and the line item transfer for Land Information as presented. All ayes.

Request by adjoining landowner, Coffen, to purchase excess right-of-way adjacent to Rainbow Rd. in Town of Lake Tomahawk, GL 4, Section 3, T38N R7E, part of LT 36-9.

Motion/Zunker/Timmons approving the resolution authorizing the sale of the excess County right-of-way adjacent to Rainbow Rd. to Edmund G. Coffen, adjoining landowner, and forwarding it on to County Board as a consent item for their approval. All ayes.

Request by adjoining landowner, Kawleski, to purchase excess right-of-way adjacent to Pine Lake Rd in Town of Pine Lake, NE-NW, Section 4, T37N, R9E part of PL 218-2

Romportl reported that the town was notified of this request and will be discussing it at their board meeting next week.

Motion/Timmons/Zunker to approve the resolution authorizing the sale of the excess right-of-way adjacent to Pine Lake Rd to Richard F. Kawleski and Helen A. Kawleski, adjoining landowners contingent upon town board approval and forwarding on to County Board as a consent item for their approval. All ayes.

Request to acquire part of County excess right-of-way tax parcel MI 356-4 part of SW-NW, Section 23, T38N R4E along Manhardt Rd by Town of Minocqua for ATV parking and remainder to adjoining landowner, Benedetto.

Romportl reported that the Town Board approved the request for ATV parking on part of this strip. He also contacted the adjacent landowner to find out if he was interested in it. Benedetto is interested and he has paid the \$100 administrative fee. This property will be subject to an easement to maintain the existing and/or to relocate or construct a public snowmobile trail approximately 20 feet wide. Desmond will be reviewing the easement language.

Motion/Zunker/Pence to approve the resolution authorizing the sale of part of MI 356-4 to the Town of Minocqua and the remainder to the adjoining landowner, Peter R. Benedetto and forward the resolution on to the County Board as a consent item. All ayes.

U.S. Census Bureau Block Boundary Suggestion Project

Romportl reported that the U.S. Census Bureau is offering the Counties and Municipalities to review the census block boundaries and suggest changes if the county feels the boundaries could be defined better, ie running along roads instead of random lines etc. Romportl suggested working with North Central Wis Regional Planning Commission for the Census Boundary project. Romportl also informed the Committee that in the future there would be a request for the County and Municipalities to participate in updating addresses for the occupation database that Census will use to count people in the 2020 Census. Romportl indicated that the county presently maintains site addresses but does not have apartment or other occupation addresses. The person doing the work would have to sign an affidavit of privacy, as this address information cannot be used for any other purpose. The work would start in 2018. Romportl indicated that help would be needed if the County chooses to participate in the address update project and he will update the Committee as more information becomes available.

Motion/Timmons/Zunker authorizing the Land Information Office to participate in the U.S. Census Bureau Block Boundary Suggestion project and have Regional Planning Commission assist with it. All ayes.

Draft legislative change WI STAT 75.36(4) proceeds from tax-foreclosed properties.

Romportl explained that under the current process of tax foreclosed properties; the County pays off all special assessments, taxes, cleanup and any other charges against the property then deduct it from the purchase price. If there is any remaining funds and if the property was the homestead of the previous landowner in the last 5 years and the landowner request a share in proceeds, then the County splits the proceeds with the landowner. Senator Tiffany's office was seeking input from the counties to enable the previous landowner to share in proceeds for non-homestead properties also. Romportl explained some unintended consequences with this proposed change affecting mortgage and lien holders and may have a negative financial impact on the County.

Motion/Pence/Timmons to send a letter to Senator Tiffany and our other legislators on behalf of the Land Records Committee opposing the proposed legislative change. All ayes.

Resolution for Dark Store theory potentially affecting real property assessments.

Romportl presented a resolution modeled after the Wisconsin Counties Association language to address the issue of large box stores such as Walgreens, Lowes, Menards argue that the assessed value of a new store in a thriving location should be based on comparing their building to sales of vacant stores in abandoned locations for a different market segment. This would only put more burden on the homeowners in Wisconsin to pay more of the tax levy. The Administration Committee already signed on to the resolution.

Motion/Timmons/Paszak approving the resolution and forward it on to County Board for their approval. All ayes.

Public Comments/Communications. There were no comments from public.

Date of next meeting and possible items for the agenda.

April 11, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

Adjournment. Motion/Pence/Zunker to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 A.M. All ayes.

Sonny Paszak Chair Land Records

Michael J. Romportl Staff Chair