

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11, 2006

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Kris Hampton, Steve Anders, Mike Klinger, Dave Morrow and Karen Kessenich. A list of attendees is attached (available in Clerk's Office). Also present were Clerk Kim Banigan, Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, Attorney Connie Anderson and Police Chief John Gould.
- II. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Querin-Schultz to approve the minutes as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** with the exception of an abstention by Morrow.
- III. Chairman Hampton asked if anyone had additional items to include in the agenda.
 - A. Silvin Kurt asked to consider the Chairman's salary beginning with the next term.
 - B. Janie Riebe asked for a discussion regarding the City of Madison's Smart Growth Plan for areas in the Town of Cottage Grove.
 - C. Steve Anders asked to consider application for a Storm Water Permit Grant from the DNR.
- IV. Presentation of Town Annual Report: **MOTION** by Schmelzer/V. Schroeder to dispense with the reading of the 2005 Town Annual Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- V. The Clerk read Resolution 2006-03 Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. Kessenich asked if the resolution should be more specific in defining an emergency. Anderson defined an emergency as something outside of normal town business, such as a natural disaster or fire. Querin-Schultz stated that he trusted the board to use good judgment on the matter, and there was a consensus of agreement **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Morrow to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VI. The Clerk read Resolution 2006-04 Designating Public Depositories. Kindschi asked why all local banks were not included. The Treasurer responded that she had recently researched banking firms, and the ones listed were those currently being used. **MOTION** by Klinger/V. Schroeder to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VII. Hampton stated that due to the technical nature of the treasurer position, he is asking the electors to approve changing the treasurer position from elected to appointed effective with the next term, which begins on April 10, 2007. This would allow development of standards and criteria for selecting the treasurer. Simonson asked what this would mean for her. Hampton stated that rather than running for re-election, she would be appointed for a three year term at the first Town Board meeting in April, 2007. Salary and duties would stay the same. Hampton read Resolution 2006-05 Changing the Office of Treasurer from Elected to Appointed. **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Kurt to approve the resolution as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** It was agreed that standards and criteria for the position should be completed before the appointment occurs.
- VIII. Chairman Hampton stated that property on Main Street that backs up to Flynn Hall may be available to purchase for expansion of parking. No price has been discussed. **MOTION** by Kessenich/V. Schroeder to authorize the Town Board to negotiate the purchase of land to the south of Flynn Hall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- IX. Consideration of the Chairman's Salary: **MOTION** by Kurt/Kindschi to increase the Chairman's salary to \$2000/year starting with the term following the 2007 election. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- X. Discussion of City of Madison's Smart Growth Plan: Riebe stated that she is very worried about the threat to the rural atmosphere and farm land in the Town. Hampton explained that annexation requires consent of the landowner, or a 51% vote in the case of multiple landowners. He further explained that the City's Smart Growth map as shown in the newspaper recently shows a 20 year plan, and the City must be adjacent to a parcel before it can be annexed. Negotiations are in process for a boundary agreement between the City and the Town and Village of Cottage Grove that would provide open space and community separation. While it is clear that the City will take a portion of the Town, a boundary agreement may help determine which portion.

Anders stated that the high density development occurring in the City allows developers to pay huge amounts for land. Anderson stated if the municipalities do not make an agreement regarding what lands are to be developed, the developers will make the decision for us.

- XI. Consider application for a Storm Water Grant: Hampton explained that as part of Phase II of the DNR's Storm Water plan, the Town is required to obtain a Municipal Storm Water Permit. A petition for exemption from the permit requirement has been denied by the DNR, but the denial can still be contested. The Wisconsin Town's Association is sponsoring application for an Urban NPS Grant to help pay the costs associated with the permit. **MOTION** by Kindschi/V. Schroeder to allow the Town to apply for the Urban NPS Grant **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Anders stated that the Town should still contest the denial for exemption, and it was agreed to include the discussion on the next Town Board agenda.
- XII. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **MOTION** by Klinger/V. Schroeder to have the next Annual Meeting on April 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- XIII. Other Business:
- A. Hampton thanked outgoing supervisor Virgil Schroeder for his service on the Town Board.
 - B. Virgil Schroeder thanked the Board, the Treasurer and the Clerk for their professionalism. He challenged the board to work hard to get a boundary agreement with the City and the Village, including incorporation of the TDR program, and to follow through with plans for the new Cottage Grove EMS Service.
- XIV. Adjournment: **MOTION** by V. Schroeder/Anders to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Kim Banigan
Clerk

Approved 4/10/2007

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4058 County Road N
COTTAGE GROVE, WISCONSIN 53527

RESOLUTION 2006-03 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD** **TO BORROW MONEY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the electors of the Town of Cottage Grove being duly assembled at the Annual Town meeting on April 11, 2006 do hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Cottage Grove to borrow money in case of emergencies.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats., within 30 days of the below noted adoption date.

Passed at a duly held meeting of the Electors of the Town of Cottage Grove on the 11th day of April, 2006 by a vote of Unanimous Consent.

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE

ATTEST:

Kristopher Hampton, Town Chair

Kim Banigan, Town Clerk

Approved as to form this
_____ day of _____, _____.

Constance L. Anderson, Esq.
Cottage Grove Town Attorney
Gregory D, Murray, Esq.
Cottage Grove Assistant Town Attorney

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RESOLUTION 2006-04 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED until further action by the Town Board:

1. That all prior resolutions by the Town of Cottage Grove designating depositories for the public funds are hereby canceled and withdrawn.
2. Pursuant to Section 34.05, Wis. Stats., the following institutions, all qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be and are hereby designated, as public depositories for all public moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Town of Cottage Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin.
 - a. Wisconsin Community Bank, 580 North Main Street, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin 53527;
 - b. Cottage Grove Banking Center, 449 West Cottage Grove Rd., Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, 53527;
 - c. The local government pooled-investment fund, administered by the Wisconsin State Treasurer's Office, at whatever address it may use from time to time.

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RESOLUTION 2006-05 **A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE OFFICE OF TREASURER** **FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED**

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the electors of the Town of Cottage Grove being duly assembled at the Annual Town meeting on April 11, 2006 do hereby change the office of Treasurer from elected to appointed effective April 10, 2007.

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