

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2012
2:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL

Special Town Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Langmesser. Present: Supervisors Gauerke, Hincz, Jeschke, and residents. Supervisor Szeklinski was excused.

- Purpose: Discussion and possible action re: resolution against the purchase of 56.92 acres by the Wisconsin DNR for conservation & public recreational use (28940 Fir Ln. AKA Bronenkant Property)
- Supervisor Hincz had requested this meeting and therefore gave a brief synopsis. Hincz has spoken to several residents who were opposed to this purchase by the DNR; one reason being the potential for a public boat launch. Hincz further noted that residents had circulated and obtained signed petitions stating their opposition.
- Supervisor Gauerke, read the high points in the letter from James Jackley, DNR dated April 12, 2012, whereby Jackley states in the 5 paragraph that the DNR “has no intentions, nor desire, to create a boat launch across from the Bronenkant parcel”. The board expressed their concern that the DNR would go ahead with this public boat launch. Gauerke also noted that he felt it wasn’t a good idea to have a parking lot coming off a private road because neighbors would have to repair damage to the road caused by this additional traffic. Gauerke also expressed concerns over the DNR mentioning ice fishing if the town were willing to plow. The town does not budget for nor maintain private roads as has been established in the towns past practice and therefore would not be able to plow or maintain Fir Lane or a DNR parking area. There were also concerns that should there be ice fishermen, where waste and garbage would be placed as well as there would be no restroom facilities. Finally, there were concerns expressed over ownership, use, and trespassing concerns regarding the two (2) outlots on Tichigan Lake.
- Jan Alvey, 6826 Burma Rd., indicated that she is a realtor and has been approached by the DNR several times in the past years inquiring about a looking for properties in the town for a boat launch. Mrs. Alvey also noted that she does not feel that N. Tichigan Rd. could handle the additional traffic that would be created and is very opposed to the DNR purchasing this property.
- Joe Hartung, 7212 N. Tichigan Rd., submitted petitions opposing the purchase.
- Dan Dickinson, 6929 Dickinson Ln., stated for the record that he wasn’t necessarily objecting to the DNR purchasing the land (he felt the DNR would purchase regardless of a resolution) but was opposed to several issues. 1. A boat launch; 2. Parking on Fir Ln.; 3. High traffic flow; 4. Fir Ln. is a private road and therefore the owners who maintain the road should not have to repair the damage that would be caused with this increased flow of traffic; 5. Traffic from ATVs, snowmobiles, etc. down Fir Ln. Mr. Dickinson indicated that he would like the DNR to expand the current parking lot to the north and not have one on Fir Ln.
- Supervisor Hincz motioned to approve the resolution with the noted changes, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Chairman Langmesser indicated that copies should be mailed to Governor Walker, DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, Senator Lazich and Representative David Craig. Clerk noted she will also email the packets in addition to the hard copies that will be sent out. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2:40 pm- Supervisor Jeschke motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. All in favor. Motion carried.
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Respectfully submitted,
Tina Mayer, Town Clerk