

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 26, 2017**

1. **Call to order and roll call:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Marx at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, Jon Plumer, and by speaker phone Robert Benson. Absent (excused): James Bechen. Also present: Paul Larson, Dianne Larson, Roberta Arnold, Allison Seaton.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Chairman Marx.

3. **Citizen Input: Allison Seaton** – I’ve lived here since the early 1950’s. I feel like Okee is the poor stepchild of Columbia County. Where I live seems to be like Regent Street during a football game ... constant noise from cars, people and especially the bands playing at Lucky’s on the Lake. Some bands do seem to keep the decibel level down, so I know bands are able to keep the sound down. There are ways to allow bands to play but keep the sound down. Then regarding the work to be done on CTH V, which will include curb and gutter that will channel the runoff into the lake, and then they aren’t helping the dangerous traffic problem at the intersection of CTH V/STH 113. And the County has control over what gets built, and being zoned residential doesn’t protect the private homeowner anymore – so now I can look out my window and see a huge “warehouse” building on Rapp Road that’s allowed because it has a “home” in it. I don’t know what the township can do.

**Roberta Arnold** - see #8 below

4. **Parcel 11022-89 variance to Columbia County Ordinance 16-110-030(2) Road Setbacks for a new 22’ x 30’ garage/shop to replace existing carport and shop in Section 4 @ W11064 North Lake Point Drive, owned by Larson Living Trust, c/o Paul & Dianne Larson:** Marx – the Plan Commission recommended approval of this variance at their meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 5-0. The Larson’s are proposing the new garage/shop to replace the existing carport and shop. The existing shop is located 27’ from centerline and 2.5’ from the right-of-way and would be removed. The existing carport structure is 2’ from the right-of-way and 27’ from centerline and would also be removed. The Larson’s are seeking a variance to replace both deteriorating shop and carport and replace with one new garage/shop that would be 2’ from the right-of-way.

Brooks – a friend of mine will be looking at doing something similar to this once the County does the roadwork on CTH V through Okee, as once that is done the road will be IN their current garage. So I’m wondering if the Larson’s garage should be moved back 2’ or made smaller?

Marx – the chances of North Lake Point Drive ever being widened are next to not.

Paul Larson – the reason this building isn’t being moved back is that the property is very steeply sloped.

*Benson/Plumer motion to approve variance to the required 30 ft. from road right-of-way or 63' ft. from centerline so the Larson's can replace both deteriorating structures (garage and a carport) with a new garage/shop structure that would be located 2' from the right-of-way, because existing structure is not usable as a garage due to Town raising the road, thus creating a hardship; MC 4-0.*

5. **Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court: request for approval to move court to Village of Randolph:** *Benson/Brooks motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

6. **Appointment of 2018-2019 Election Inspectors:** *Brooks/Benson motion to approve the following 25 as 2018-2019 Election Inspectors: Susan Benson, Kay Bernards, Joen Bilse, Jodi Burgess\*, Peggy Ford, Trish*

Frankland, Jan Haupt\*, Neil Heskin, Sandra Hoke, Rose Holerud, Carl Hubbard, Lori Hubbard, Karen Koehn\*, Catherine Manowske, Joan Marshall, Eileen Mathwig, Sandi McNamer, Nancy Mitchell, Julie Moskal, Nancy Oldroyd, Tom Quackenboss, Kate Robbins, Shirley Schommer, Jim Zavoral, Belinda Zeman ; MC 4-0. Note: "\*" after their name denotes the 3 Chief Election Inspectors.

**7. 2018-2019 Mobile Home Park License - Harmony Mobile Manor LLC/Tom Cooke:** *Plumer/Brooks motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

**8. Town Chairman:** Re: Motion made at 09/26/17 meeting regarding Fire Call Rebilling. Asking for possibly clarification on the rebills for CO2 alarms when they are not false alarms. *Benson/Brooks motion to insert the word "false" before "...fire alarms and CO2 alarms...". MC 4-0.*

**Marx** – I put something in the newsletter regarding a proposed dog park behind the town hall. I have received some input against this, but more in favor of it.

**Marx** – we have received some inquiries from taxpayers regarding paying 2018 real estate taxes now. WI DOR emailed 12/22/17 states as follows:

*December 22, 2017*

*To: Municipal Clerks and Treasurers  
County Clerks and Treasurers*

*The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) would like to provide the following information due to the increased number of inquiries related to property tax pre-payments.*

*Under state law ([sec. 74.13, Wis. Stats.](#)), general property taxes, special assessments, special charges and special taxes may be paid in advance of the levy during the period from August 1 until the third Monday in December each year. This means:*

- Pre-payment of 2017 taxes was allowed from August 1, 2017 to December 18, 2017*
- Pre-payment of 2018 taxes may be made from August 1, 2018 to December 17, 2018*

*Property owners cannot pre-pay December 2018 taxes at this time. There is one exception—businesses ceasing operation may pre-pay personal property taxes on a commercial business any time before December 17, 2018 in the year it ceases.*

*If you have questions, contact us at [lgs@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lgs@wisconsin.gov).*

I was informed that for some reason residents were being charged \$5 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> permit card. We have no justification for doing that, so I ordered that to be discontinued and all who've paid that \$5 will be sent a refund.

Email received 12/21/17 as follows:

**From:** *Roberta Arnold*  
**Date:** *December 21, 2017*  
**To:** *Tom Marx, James Bechen, Jon Plumer, Robert Benson, James Brooks*  
**Cc:** *Jim Seaton, Bob Collins, Harmony Grove-Okee Sanitary Districts, Tamar Myers*  
**Subject:** *Citizen Input: 12/26/17 Town of Lodi Board Meeting*

*At the October 2017 town board meeting, Supervisor Bob Benson informed board members that he and Commissioner John Pickle were gathering information to share with the board in response to my earlier request for creation of a "water division" within the Okee Sanitary District to provide fire protection services there through installation of a high-capacity pump.*

*Immediately after the November 2017 town board meeting, I inquired about the status of their efforts, and Benson indicated Pickle and a district engineer were now gathering the information.*

*I attended the Okee and Joint Sanitary District meetings last night and learned that neither Benson representation was true.*

*Apparently, after my appearance at the October Okee and Joint District meetings where all commissioners present (except Benson) and both engineers expressed support for the proposal and working with the board concerning it, the districts' clerk inappropriately intervened to stop any formal or informal commission action on the matter.*

*Although Pickle indicated he would still agree to talk to Chairperson Tom Marx about the issue (as a town resident), it was clear the clerk had effectively halted all meaningful fact-finding and cooperation now between the board and commissions regarding the pump.*

*I request the board address my request at the December 2017 town board meeting and indicate what steps, if any, it will take to respond to it.*

I believe there is support for this, but I've also talked to Connie Sears with the sanitary district and I'm not sure if the sanitary district is interested in getting involved in this. Benson – John Pickle, Jr. said he was familiar with these types of pumps and was going to get more information together on it. Marx – I think it's something we should investigate, whether the sanitary district gets involved in it or not. I will do the research to find out who should be involved in this and how we should proceed. If it turns out the sanitary district could or should be involved I will talk with the sanitary district regarding that. Arnold – I appeared before the Joint Sanitary District Commission, and at the first meeting there was great support for my idea, and there was no jurisdictional question whether the sanitary district was to be involved. The bottom line – we need to know what kind of pump would work, where it should be installed. Marx – I'd like to get the jurisdiction question answered before we get too deep into it. I will be contacting Attorney Bechler for clarification to begin with. Benson – I agree with Marx' approach. Brooks – I suggest the Fire Chief also be involved, and the WI DNR will have input. Arnold – and probably the County also, especially if something is installed along CTH V.

Marx – Bill Statz of Columbia County Highway says they went out and salted/sanded some town roads this morning extra.

**9. Clerk-Treasurer:**

**(a) Town Board meeting minutes of: November 13th & November 26:** *11/13/17 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes: Plumer/Brooks motion to approve; MC 4-0. 11/28/17 Town Board Meeting Minutes: Brooks/Marx motion to approve; MC 3-0-1 (Plumer abstains, not present at that meeting).*

**(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures as of 12/26/17:** no questions

**(c) Payment of Bills:** *Brooks/Plumer motion to approve checks #21964 through #21981 plus 2 ACH; MC 4-0*

**(d) Building Permits Report - final 2017:** see Attachment A (pages 5 & 6) at end of these minutes

**(e) Animal Control Officer Log:** nothing to report

**(f) Communications:** none

**10. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:**

**(a) Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** met on December 7th re: **Parcel 11022-247:** Preliminary Certified Survey Map to create 4 lots. Located in Section 8 between Rapp & Summerville Park Roads, north of Okee Conservation Park, owned by Smith Revocable Trust, c/o Larry Smith, and **Parcel 11022-89:** Variance to Columbia County Ordinance 16-110-030(2) Road Setbacks for a new 22' x 30' garage/shop to replace existing carport and shop in Section 4 @ W11064 North Lake Point Drive, owned by Larson Living Trust, c/o Paul & Dianne Larson.

**(b) Park Commission (Bechen):** won't be meeting until March

**(c) Any other commission/committee/district/department reports:** Fire Commission met December 13th; EMS Commission met December 21st. Minutes available upon request.

**11. Upcoming meeting date(s):** Town Board on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 6 p.m.

**12. Future agenda item(s):** continued discussion of rebills for LAFD response to CO/smoke/fire alarms

**13. Adjourn:** *Brooks/Plumer motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; MC 4-0.*

*April D. Goeske*

Clerk-Treasurer

## ATTACHMENT A

ISSUE DATE	# 17-	OWNER(S) AND/OR CONTRACTOR	SITE ADDRESS	PROJECT COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
11/04/16	16-87	PETER BONERT	W10924 W. Harmony	\$5,000	shed
12/12/16	16-91	STEVEN/DOREEN POWERS	N2738 Cross	\$2,000	replace old service panel
01/03/17	01	MICHAEL POTTER	W11043 W. Harmony	\$5,000	remodel entry
01/12/17	02	BRIAN/JENNIFER HENRY	W11298 CTH V	\$20,000	remodel entry/laundry
01/12/17	03	BRIAN/JENNIFER HENRY	W11298 CTH V	inc in above	fence
01/18/17	04	TIM/TERESA ESCHER	W11460 CTH V	(\$194,400)	<b>RAZE HOME</b>
01/24/17	05	STEPHEN/JANE PETRAKIS	W10971 Bay View	\$80,000	addition/remodel
02/15/17	06	TIM/TERESA ESCHER	N2378 Summerville Park	\$17,000	remodel
02/27/17	07	KEN ENDRES	W11354 Bay	\$20,000	addition/remodel
03/01/17	08	JON/CHRISTINE PLUMER	W11404 High Point	\$57,700	in-ground pool
03/06/17	09	RON/HEATHER TREINEN	Parcel	\$1,000	farm access
03/08/17	10	TIMOTHY/KIMBERLY STREIT	W10675 Gallagher	\$10,000	basement remodel
03/08/17	11	BENJAMIN/AMANDA SITZMAN	Richards Road	\$1,000	access permit
03/16/17	12	GREGORY/COLLEEN STANGL	N2864 N. Lake Point	\$17,000	remodel & bedroom addition
03/20/17	13	JOHN/JULIE CAKANIC	W11031 Lake View	\$2,200	fence
03/27/17	14	JOHN ARMBRECHT	W10974 Lake Point	\$500	tub & faucet replacements
04/05/17	15	DOROTHY KRUEGER	N2736 Smith	\$15,000	accessory building
04/05/17	16	JOE WAJNERT	W10902 Lakeview	\$180,000	<b>NEW HOME</b>
04/13/17	17	MARY SEE	N2118 Shamrock	\$2,500	deck
04/13/17	18	MIKE/KARLA FAUST	N2828 Demyonck	\$3,500	driveway
04/13/17	19	RICHARD/CONSTANCE NESS	CTH J/Pleasant Valley	\$4,000	access/driveway
04/13/17	20	JODY/TAMARA FRIEDERS	W11067 Deer Run	\$75,000	addition/remodel
05/01/17	21	TYLER HAARKLAU/KIMBERLY LEHR	W10906 Lakeview	\$25,000	detached garage
05/01/17	22	RICHARD/CONSTANCE NESS	N1545 Pleasant Valley	\$398,573	<b>NEW HOME</b>
05/08/17	23	CHRISTOPHER/ALICIA HOFFMAN	W10675 Airport	\$2,000	fence
05/09/17	24	STEPHEN/JOANN STORMER	W10962 Bay View	\$2,000	replace deck
05/12/17	25	AUSTIN/AMBER ANDERSON	W10702 Airport	\$1,500	fence
05/12/17	26	TEAM SERVICES	N2787 Smith	\$8,000	cell tower
05/30/17	27	RONALD HILLER TRUST	W10970 Bay View	\$7,500	attached garage addition
06/01/17	28	MICHAEL POTTER	W11043 W. Harmony		residential remodel
06/05/17	29	GENE/INGRID FLEMING	W10593 E. Harmony	\$12,000	remodel
06/05/17	30	TOWN OF LODI	W10919 CTH V	\$1,580	sign
06/05/17	31	SCOTT/REBECCA ALLEN	N1731 Adlaw	\$18,000	detached garage
06/12/17	32	TOBIN/LORETTA HELLENBRAND	N671 Kelley	\$500,000	cattle shed
06/13/17	33	GERALD/DEBRA BREUNIG	N2377 Rapp	\$15,000	deck repair
06/19/17	34	MICHAEL/KARLA FAUST	<b>N2719 Demyonck</b>	\$250,000	<b>NEW HOME</b>
06/22/17	35	JASON/THERESA PRIPUSICH	W10993 Bayview	\$1,700	service upgrade
06/30/17	36	KIRK DRESEN	W11305 CTH V	\$6,000	deck addition
07/03/17	37	DARRELL/YOLANDA SCHROEDER	N2649 CTH V	\$9,000	deck
07/10/17	38	DAVID/MICHELLE HORTON	W11298 Reynolds	\$1,250	elec service upgrade
07/10/17	39	BENJAMIN/JESSICA STREET	W11619 Demyonck	\$285,000	2nd floor addition
07/18/17	40	JOSEPH/RACHELL BAINBRIDGE	W11363 High Point	\$3,500	shed
08/01/17	41	TRYG KNUTSON	N2287 Cactus Acres	\$2,000	fence
08/01/17	42	MARTIN / KAY WETZEL	N11511 CTH V	\$0	remodel
08/03/17	43	LAKEWIS LLC / BILL DEHAAN	W11105 Linda Circle	\$7,600	hvac
08/03/17	44	JAMES KRIER	N2792 Summerville Park	\$32,000	bath remodel
08/08/17	45	MILLER TRUST / JUDY MILLER	N1358 Fair	\$1,250	elec service upgrade
08/10/17	46	DAVID / AMY YOUNG	W11373 High Point	\$42,000	in-ground pool
08/17/17	47	CHARTER	N2503 CTH V	\$850	new service
08/21/17	48	RODNEY RIPLEY	W11579 CTH V	\$2,000	elec service upgrade
08/22/17	49	JIM TUSCHEN	W1113 Clar Mar	\$13,509	storm damage repair
08/22/17	50	KANDACE TOCHTERMAN	N2706 Demyonck	\$5,040	deck repairs

08/24/17	51	TIM/TERESA ESCHER	N2378 Summerville	\$30,000	barn remodel
08/25/17	52	TROY GILE	W11608 Demyneck	\$12,000	deck replacement
08/25/17	53	JOSEPH/RACHELL BAINBRIDGE	W11363 High Point	\$4,000	deck remodel
08/30/17	54	JEANNE / MARK LAWVIN	N2770 N. Lake Point	\$200	electrical upgrade
08/30/17	55	KEN / PATTY KOLSTE	N2805 N. Lake Point	\$10,000	raze garage/build new one
09/05/17	56	ROBERT/JENNIFER ZUMM	W11055 Bayview	\$510,000	NEW HOME
09/05/17	57	ROBERT/JENNIFER ZUMM	W11055 Bayview	(\$91,900)	RAZE HOME
09/12/17	58	RODNEY RIPLEY	W11498 CTH V	\$10,000	Remodel
09/12/17	59	MARTIN / KAY WETZEL	W11511 CTH V	\$50,000	accessory building remodel
09/20/17	60	KEVIN STEINMETZ	W10706 Airport	\$2,500	shed
09/21/17	61	JAMES WAGNER	N1755 Ryan	\$20,000	basement remodel
09/25/17	62	GREGORY GOTTSCHALK	W10922 Lake Point	\$5,000	electrical/hot tub
09/27/17	63	MIKE BUSCHKOPF	W11082 Rodney	\$1,500	shed
10/09/17	64	JON / MARTHA PASKEY	W9797 CTH K	\$325,000	NEW HOME
10/10/17	65	RONALD / ERIKA WEEK	W11011 Bayview	\$300,000	remodel
10/11/17	66	DONALD URECH LIVING TRUST	W11511 Demyneck	\$280,000	NEW HOME
10/11/17	66	DONALD URECH LIVING TRUST	W11511 Demyneck	(\$127,800)	RAZE HOME (BURNED)
10/16/17	67	TOM DUNN / JANE ZAVORAL	Pleasant Valley	\$4,000	access/driveway
10/16/17	68	DAVID KINZLER	N2421 Rapp	\$19,000	garage
10/16/17	69	DAVID KINZLER	N2421 Rapp	\$0	raze garage
10/16/17	70	LUCAS LANG	W10966 Rodney	\$1,000	electrical upgrade
10/20/17	71	MARTIN / KAY WETZEL	W11511 CTH V	\$1,000	electrical upgrade
10/24/17	72	JOE WAJNERT	Deer Run Dr.	\$4,000	access/driveway
11/02/17	73	TOM DUNN / JANE ZAVORAL	N1533 Pleasant Valley	\$553,602	NEW HOME
11/14/17	74	DANIEL / KATHLEEN VAUGHT	W11040 Rodney	\$1,005	electric service
11/14/17	75	PREMIER BUILDERS	W10993 Lakeview	\$0	access/driveway
11/20/17	76	KEVIN LUDLUM	W11347 Red Cedar	\$800	8 x 10 shed
12/05/17	77	CORY ECKSTEIN/BRENDA LINS	W11324 High Point	\$38,000	attached garage
12/20/17	78	PREMIER BUILDERS	W10995 Lakeview	\$305,000	NEW HOME
			<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>\$4,245,759</b>	