

Town of Rock-Town of Rock Ad Hoc committee public meeting

Wednesday, September 5th- 7:00pm, Town Hall

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:00 pm by Jim Schmidt.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was recited.

Board Members present; Pete Winistorfer, Louis Krainz, Greg Mueller. Members of the Ad Hoc **Frac Sand Mining Impact Assessment Committee (FSMIAC) present;** Jim Schmidt, Kay Varsho, Jeff Ott, David Venske, Lizz Drexler.

Members of the Public Present: Significant number of public in attendance and a list was passed around and is on file in the clerk's office.

Introductions of Town of Rock Board members and Ad Hoc FSMIAC were made. Request made to introduce Coulee Frac Sand Representatives but none were apparently in attendance

Motion was made to elect a Committee Chair for the FSMIAC. Dave Venske moved to elect Jim Schmidt. Kay Varsho seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion was made to elect a Committee Secretary for the FSMIAC. Kay Varsho moved to elect Lizz Drexler. Dave Venske seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motions were made and seconded to cast unanimous ballots for each position. **Motions carried 5-0**

New Business

A Power Point presentation was provided by Chairman Schmidt to get residents up to date on the Coulee Frac Sand Conditional Use Permit Request, to identify applicable local and state ordinances or laws, both positive and negative outcomes of approval of this request, and the intent of the committee moving forward. During this presentation, those in attendance recommended, adding a July 18th board meeting to the timeline; removing the potential increase of business opportunities for local trucking firms from potential positives outcome list; adding preservation of wildlife to the concerns list, and adding concerns about playing a local role related to the process of "fracking" as it relates to the oil and natural gas energy industries. Note; the meeting and presentation was video Taped by Focus on Marshfield and available on-line.

In Public Comment, for a variety of reasons, several people voiced concern the Town Board did not have legal representation to address the many questions related to this application for a conditional use permit.

Motion was made by Kay Varsho and seconded by Lizz Drexler ***"To Hire an Attorney to Represent the Town of Rock With Experience Addressing This Type of Industry with the initial purpose to A.***

Determine the Legal Opportunities to extend the timeline for a ruling on the conditional Use permit. B. Review the Conditional Use Application for Compliance with the Town of Rock Zoning Ordinance. C. Review the FSMIAC Proposed Requirements for Compliance with Applicable Laws or Ordinances.”

Motion carried 4 to 1.

There were additional public comments about mineral rights ownership, testing every well in the Town of Rock, potential heavy metal contamination in water sources due to frac sand mining, and questions about air quality, noise, trucking, and lighting..

Adjournment: Kay Varsho moved to adjourn the meeting; Lizz Drexler seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lizz Drexler, Ad Hoc Committee Secretary