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April Election

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Races on the ballot include Town Supervisor III, Town Supervisor IV, DeForest, Lodi, Poynette and Waukelee School District Board Races, County Judge Races, Wisconsin Supreme Court, Presidential Primary and a Vienna Clerk Referendum. Sample ballots by school district will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website as soon as they are available. Absentee ballots for the April election will be available in the Town Clerk's Office from March 21st through April 1st. If you need to register to vote, save yourself some time and register prior to the election. Registration forms are available online and in the front vestibule at the town hall.

April Referendum Information

An article about the town referendum regarding the Clerk's position is included inside the newsletter on page 2.

Like us on Facebook!

A couple of weeks ago the Town started a Facebook page to connect more with residents, and provide information in a more timely fashion. Facebook gives us the opportunity to quickly release real-time information like road closures, election updates, utility updates and meeting cancellations (or re-schedules) out to everyone in conjunction with the website. Best of all it's Free! In the future, you'll see more pictures from staff, featured employees, featured businesses and opportunities to share your photos of Vienna for everyone to see. It's our hope that you will interact with us, comment and ask questions about anything you need (town related of course).

Finding us on Facebook is easy! When you log in to Facebook type Town of Vienna in the search bar; and make sure you like the Town of Vienna in Wisconsin, not the one in Virginia. Go to our page, hit the like button and you're all set! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

Cuba Valley Road Closure

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be repairing the Interstate 39/90/94 bridge over Cuba Valley Road. While that repair is being done they need to close Cuba Valley Road under the bridge. The project will start on Monday, March 7th. We will be attending a meeting on Monday, February 29th to get more details. Once we have more information we will post it on the website under a "Road Construction" tab and on the new town Facebook page.

February Election Results

A total of 155 town residents voted at the February 16th Spring Primary. This represents approx. 15% of our eligible voters. The results were:

JoAnne Kloppenburg—87

Rebecca Bradley—61

Joe Donald —7

Thank you to everyone that voted. Please come back and vote again in April and remember to bring your ID.

Interstate Survey

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is conducting a study of Interstate 39/90/94 between Madison and Portage. They are asking that people take an online survey. More information about the survey is inside on page 3.

Referendum to take place on April 5th, 2016

The April election will feature an important referendum question that voters will decide on: the currently elected Town Clerk position. In December 2015, the Town Board unanimously passed an ordinance that would change the Elected Clerk to an appointed one. Due to the nature of this ordinance, the final decision rest with Town residents who will decide via a referendum vote on April 5, 2016.

The referendum question will read: "Shall the person holding the office of Clerk in the Town of Vienna be appointed by the Town Board?"

So what's the difference between an appointed clerk and an elected clerk?

	Appointed	Elected
Directly reports to:	Town Board (the board is elected by the people)	Town Residents Directly
Required Qualifications:	Experience as a clerk with education and training	None
Residency Requirement:	None	Yes (must live in Vienna)
Length of Term	At the discretion of the board, but no more than 3 years	2 years

The Town Board unanimously passed this ordinance, because they see the importance of having a qualified candidate serve as their Clerk. In recent years, the Clerk has become a much more technical position that requires advanced education, skill and training. When a Clerk position is elected, he or she may not have the background and knowledge required to be effective in the role. As with any turnover in personnel, there is a significant cost to educate and train a newly elected Clerk. This cost would be drastically reduced if the Clerk was appointed; the Town Board could hire a highly qualified candidate that would immediately be comfortable performing in the role.

An appointed Clerk would report to the Town Board. The Board will have control over wages and benefits, can dismiss the individual if the person's performance is not mutually beneficial, and will have the opportunity to select the best candidate for the position as the need arises. This is not the case with an elected Clerk, who reports to the people and serves their term regardless of quality of work.

In a recent survey done of Dane County Municipalities, only 10 municipalities have Elected Clerks and they are all Towns. Furthermore, the towns that have Elected Clerks are not Full-Time positions; they are either Part-Time or by appointment only positions. All Cities and Villages (and 13 Towns) have appointed Clerks, and there have been three municipalities in the past couple of years that have changed from elected to appointed Clerks.

The Town Board encourages you to vote "Yes" to change the Clerk position from Elected to Appointed. If you have any questions regarding the referendum, please contact Clerk Haney during normal business hours at 846-3800.

**YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR VOICE**

New Clerk Info

Hello! My name is Chris Astrella and I will be taking over as the Clerk when Shawn Haney retires on April 19th. I wanted to write a little about myself and hope you'll stop in to visit when you have a few minutes. I've been a Municipal Clerk for almost eleven years, and have found I enjoy working for towns more than any other type of government. My first few weeks in Vienna have been awesome, getting to meet some of you, learning where the town boundaries and roads are, and discovering there are quite a few businesses here we should be proud of.

I've been married to my wife Julie for 11 ½ years and we live on the east side of Sun Prairie with our dog Nala. We LOVE to travel, ride our bikes and take out our small boat on Dane County's lakes (one of Nala's favorite things to do). I'm also a big sports fan, (Go Yankees, Packers, Badgers, and Notre Dame) and when travelling we try to get to a baseball game to see the Yankees if we can.

I'm currently the Vice President for the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) and will become President in August. I am most proud of this achievement and am looking forward to bragging about Vienna during my Presidency.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Clerk! I will always have my door, phone line, and email open; if you ever need anything please don't hesitate to contact me.



WisDOT I-39/90/94 Study team seeks your input Through an interactive online survey

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is studying a 34-mile stretch of Interstate 39/90/94, from Madison to Portage.

The goal of the study is to create a long-range plan to improve safety and mobility on and near the Interstate, including intersecting roads that carry traffic to and from the Interstate and we are seeking your input.

Please take a few minutes to provide your thoughts using the new, interactive MetroQuest survey located on the study's website. The web address for the survey is <https://i399094.metroquest.com>.

The survey will allow you to provide feedback on a variety of improvement concepts and strategies being developed by the study team as well as any other ideas you care to share.

The survey will be available on the www.i399094.dot.wi.gov website from February 15 through May 15, 2016; at which time it will be taken offline and the feedback collected for review. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Roadside Trash Pickup

With the Spring thaw comes the cleanup of roadside trash. Town employees will be out cleaning up ditches as time permits. If you have a section of road that you adopted we would appreciate your help with trash removal, as you have done in the past. If you need trash bags or reflective vests when you are picking up roads, please contact the town office.

Electronics Recycling

The town will NOT be holding an electronics recycling event this year. A private company, MARC, will be holding a recycling event on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at 3939 Lien Road in Madison. They will be accepting Computers, Laptop computers, Notebooks, Servers, Routers, Modems, Network cards, Computer accessories, Printers, Copiers, Facsimile machines, Image scanners, Mobile phones, Telephones, Digital cameras and projectors, Digital audio players, DVD players, Video cassette recorders, Video game systems, Video display devices, Game controllers, Signal converter boxes, Cable and satellite receivers, GPS devices. *\$10 fee for CRT televisions and CRT monitors. For more information and a full list of items that can be eRecycled, visit www.marc-inc.org.

Spring Forward

A reminder to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13th for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to see if they need new batteries. If you change your ceiling fan directions by season, most fans are to turn clockwise in the winter and counter clockwise in the summer (as you look up at them).

Town of Vienna Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2016

This regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lonnie Breggeman. Supervisors Gary Endres, Karen Ingalls, Steve Ruegsegger, Ron Rupp, and Clerk Shawn Haney were present. Also present: Paul Roberts and Don Schmidt.

Motion by Rupp, 2nd by Ruegsegger to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular board meeting. All yes.

Public Comment – Paul Roberts inquired about snowplowing at the top of Hilltop Circle. The road extends past the end of the cul de sac towards his residence. He inquired if we could plow farther down towards his residence. He stated that it had been done years ago but was stopped because of a telephone pedestal that had been damaged twice. The clerk will discuss it with Patrolman Benson who plows that road.

Operator's License(s) – Motion by Endres, 2nd by Ingalls to approve an operator's license for Amber Newman at Phillips 66. All yes. Motion by Endres, 2nd by Ruegsegger to approve an operator's license for Justine Petterson at Phillips 66. All yes. Motion by Rupp, 2nd by Endres to approve an operator's license for Zackarey Heller at Phillips 66. All yes.

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Rupp reported that DeForest Fire meets next Monday. Supervisor Ruegsegger reported that Dane Fire continues to work on an operating agreement. Chairman Breggeman reported that the DeForest Senior Center meets next Tuesday. Supervisor Ingalls reported that Waunakee EMS meets next Thursday. Supervisor Endres reported that Waunakee Fire met last week but there was nothing to report.

Town Clerk's Report

- DNR Response to CMAR Report – The DNR provided a written response to our 2014 CMAR report. They listed the fact that we need to have a CMOM program in place by August 1. That is being worked on. Training was scheduled for February 3rd but it has been postponed until March 2 due to a predicted snow storm on February 3rd.

- Windsor/Vienna Boundary Agreement – Board members were provided a copy of the latest draft but there will be more changes coming. We met with Windsor this morning and they are concerned about the area west of Morrisonville. We are working on language that will be acceptable to both of us. We are going to try and have a final draft available for review at the February 15th meeting.

- Fuel Tank Inspection –The State of Wisconsin Dept of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection did an inspection of our fuel tank. We need to have a sign on the outside of the building indicating that the emergency shutoff switch is inside the building. A sign has been ordered.

Motion by Ruegsegger, 2nd by Rupp to pay current town bills in the amount of \$52,753.20 (Utility 1 =

11,776.53 Utility 2 = \$8,922.81, Payroll = \$5,819.35, and Town General \$26,234.51 All yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Prepared by: Shawn Haney, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes were approved at the February 15, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

Town of Vienna Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 15, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lonnie Breggeman. Supervisors Gary Endres, Karen Ingalls, Steve Ruegsegger, Ron Rupp, and Clerk Shawn Haney were present. Also present: Deputy Clerk Chris Astrella and Jim Koltes.

Motion by Rupp, 2nd by Ruegsegger to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular board meeting. All yes.

Public Comment – Supervisor Endres stated that he recently attended a meeting in Waunakee and the topic of a boundary agreement was discussed. We had a meeting with Waunakee a few years ago and at that time they stated they had no interest in land north of Easy Street. Perhaps we should consider discussions with them in the future.

Windsor/Vienna Boundary Agreement – The board reviewed the draft agreement. There was discussion about what areas would be included in the ETJ area and what would be included in the review area. Once both Windsor and Vienna agree on the language the map will be completed and it will come back for final approval. Motion by Endres, 2nd by Rupp to approve the draft agreement. All yes.

Madison Sand & Gravel Easement – The easement was signed by all parties prior to construction of the waterway in early 2015. It was recently discovered that the easement had never been recorded with the Register of Deeds. That was done in January. Motion by Endres, 2nd by Ruegsegger to approve/acknowledge that the easement has been recorded. All yes.

Operator's License(s) – Motion by Endres, 2nd by Rupp to approve an operator's license for Ronda Laws at Tiger Mart. All yes. Motion by Rupp, 2nd by Ruegsegger to approve an operator's license for Kelsey Thistle at Tiger Mart. All yes. Motion by Endres, 2nd by Rupp to approve an operator's license for Brianna Strander at Phillips 66. All yes.

Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Rupp reported that DeForest Fire met on February 8th. The Intergovernmental Agreement is still being reviewed. They received a report from the Fire Inspector. He is working on an ordinance regarding knox boxes, hydrants and the sale of novelty lighters. Supervisor Ruegsegger reported that Dane Fire meets on February 29th. Chairman Breggeman reported that the DeForest Senior Center is still working on a space needs study. They had a sprinkler pipe break that caused \$30,000 in damage. Insurance will cover all but the \$1,000 deductible. Supervisor Ingalls reported that Waunakee EMS met last Thursday but she was unable to attend. She is waiting for a summary of what occurred at the meeting. Supervisor Endres reported that Waunakee Fire meets on Feb 29th but he will likely not be able to attend. They are having preliminary discussions about replacing a tanker.

Town Clerk's Report

- Deputy Clerk Position – A job posting was done last week. With Linda retiring on April 5th we would like to have someone hired so they can work with her for a short time before she leaves. Applications are due in on March 2nd.
- Utility District Sign Replacement – The sign on the front of the building at lift station # 1 is worn out and needs to be replaced. A new sign has been ordered at a cost of \$150.
- MG&E Gas Line –The board was provided a map of the town where MG&E is proposing to install additional natural gas lines. There was discussion about the contractor MG&E used and the job they did installing the previous gas lines. We have not received the formal application from MG&E yet.
- Deputy Clerk Astrella reported that he is becoming familiar with our procedures for processing bills and payroll. He is working on revisions to the employee handbook. He created a town Facebook page has he has been working on a binder of office procedures.

Motion by Ruegsegger, 2nd by Rupp to pay current town bills in the amount of \$47,233.61 (Utility 1 = \$0.00, Utility 2 = \$100.84, Payroll = \$5,544.10, Election Wages = \$904.50 and Town General \$40,684.17. All yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Prepared by: Shawn Haney, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the March 7, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 7, 2015

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, March 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for that meeting includes the following:

Call the regular Town Board meeting to order, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, approve or amend the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular board meeting.

Public comment.

Discussion and action on Resolution 3-7-16 regarding a Road Repair Reimbursement Agreement with American Transmission Company.

Update on Boundary Agreement with Village of Windsor.

Review information on Comprehensive Amendment of the Dane County Zoning Ordinance.

Operator's License(s).

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Deputy Clerk application update.

Water test fee increase.

MG&E natural gas line expansion.

DMB Community Bank annual report.

ATC environmental impact fee.

DaneCom update.

DeForest Trail along River Road.

Brush site staffing

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses.

Adjourn