

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Minutes of Wind Turbine Standing Committee, September 17, 2009, 7:00 pm

Presiding officer, John Bord called the meeting to order leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Confirmation of 'Publication' was noted. Town officials present: John Bord, Dennis Stenz, Ken Kraus, Cathy Seibel, Connie Pickart; Concerned Citizen Committee: Jim Mueller, Larry Lamont, Dick VanderVelde. John Gierach was absent. Tanya-Holler-Muench, Mark Noah and Bob Service represented We Energies. Also present were Liz and Leander Ebertz, Joe Bauer, Jim Vollmer and Rose Petrie.

John stated that he and Jim Mueller met and agreed that after the last meeting, some complaints were already being addressed. However, they disagreed regarding noise issues. John stated that 'noise' would no longer be addressed since We Energies is following the guidelines of the JDA and the PSC. Jim replied 'noise' issue needs to be addressed. A future noise-study may be initiated to determine if We Energies is complying with the 50dBls. John noted that the Town taxes have been reduced 11.4%. Property values are debatable. Recovery-wise, in the future, the towers will probably be a "non-issue". TV, radio, flicker are the main three topics.

Old Concerns-Jim Vollmer-Several solutions have been presented to Jim Vollmer regarding TV, radio and flicker problems. Jim states the problems are not resolved. It is noted that after speaking with a DISH tech, it has been acknowledged that some issue are one with the DISH technology, not related to the turbines. Regarding radio installation, Jim has indicated that the radio is performing better than the previous model but is still not acceptable. 18 window shades have been applied to Jim's house. Stray voltage tests show there is no unusual voltage activity in Jim's chicken shed. We Energies Ag Representative has referred Jim to the WI DATCP's Wisconsin Farm Center regarding coccidiosis in the chickens. Jim has not contacted DATCP thus far.

New Concerns-Joe Bauer-Joe has problems with radio and TV reception. Window shades have been applied to Joe's house.

Shane Baganz- We Energies has contacted Shane and Shane will not pursue concerns at this time.

Liz Ebertz-still has radio and TV problems.

Darlene Mueller- The Muellers continue to have TV and radio interference. Flickering also is a concern.

It is noted the above all have concerns with noise and noise interfering with sleep. Also noted, most of the concerned citizens questioned why taxes have not been reduced. Cathy again stated the Town does not have jurisdiction over State, County or School Taxes. "The Town portion went down by 11.4%."

Bernie and Rose Petrie-The Petries are concerned with TV reception or lack thereof. They refuse DISH and want a TV antennae and tripod.

All parties were involved in the discussion that ensued and all were allowed to offer possible solutions to their own and others problems.

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We Energies has offered Jim Vollmer and Joe Bauer a new radio, one that is presently being tested by Jim Mueller. If it solves Jim's problems, they will receive that radio also. Liz has asked for another weather radio for her lower level. We Energies will provide one. We Energies offered to move her Direct TV monitor to another location. Liz wishes to wait.

We Energies offered Jim Vollmer a Cirrus radio channel. Jim prefers a radio solution over increasing his TV package.

Jim Mueller would like a better explanation of decibels, and address all noise problems. He wants long term satisfaction regarding TV issues. The present DISH package is acceptable, but after the two years are up, We Energies will only provide Green Bay channels. Jim stated, "That is not what we were told when coming into this." "It's not about getting ahead. "It's about getting us back to where we were. It's about replacing with equal kind and quality or close." Jim stated that "you need to take that back to We Energies and discuss it further because it's not making us whole." Tanya stated they "will take it back." Dennis stated, "It's only fair to replace what they had." Mark Noah stated, "We said we will reconsider it. We will reconsider it."

Jim Mueller stated that Bruce Dalka would like to appear with his concerns, but works later in the evening and would the committee be willing to meet on a Saturday morning. After Bruce fills out a 'Concerned Citizens Form', a date and time will be set.

John noted the next meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Because the third Thursday in November is hunting season, would there be any objection to holding the meeting November 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM instead. None noted.

Jim Mueller suggested that a longer time frame be allowed after a 'Concerned Citizen Form' is received in order give We energies adequate time to address the concern before the citizen appears before the next meeting.

Jim Mueller moved to adjourn and Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Connie Pickart, recording secretary