

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING with TOWN BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Acting Chairman John Roelandts called the public hearing to order. Supervisors present included John Koepke, John Roelandts, Erik Mullett and VJ Scully. Also in attendance were Attorney Michael Van Kleunen, Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann and Clerk Treasurer Lori Opitz. Chairman Robert C. Hultquist was excused.

1. **Call to Order Town of Oconomowoc Town Board**. – Acting Chairman Roelandts called the public hearing to order at 6:18 p.m.
2. **Call to order Utility District #1**. – Acting Chairman Roelandts called the public hearing to order at 6:19 p.m.
3. **A joint public hearing on the proposed intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Oconomowoc Utility District #1 and the Village of Lac La Belle**.

Supervisor Erik Mullett and Village President Tim Clark gave a presentation on the proposed intergovernmental cooperation agreement. They then opened the floor for public comments with the Village of Lac La Belle residents starting first and then the Town residents followed. The following are the comments from the Town residents:

Christopher Maegli, N59W35477 Lake Drive, questioned if the name would stay the Village of Lac La Belle, and if his well and septic would be affected by this merger.

Matt Lauersdorf, N95W34127 Townline Road, questioned if the police department would be part-time and if there would be a tax base change.

John Norcross, N66W38350 Deer Creek Court, feels this was rushed and this needs to have transparency and engagement and right now he feels he is being managed and not engaged.

Penny Urban, W376N6877 Mallard Lane, stated feels privileged to live on farmland and it should be controlled by our government and does not want the city to take over any part of the Town.

Paul Bieliek, inaudible address, stated it is a great idea and does not want the city to take anymore land nor does he want them to grow.

Scott Krahn, W352N5270 Lake Drive, stated it was a great job of explaining the merger, the staff at the Town are top notch, likes the idea with the merger that for zoning purposes, permits do not have to go through the County and is in complete support of the merger.

Nancy West, W357N6190 Spinnaker Drive, the Town has been a land bank for the city and does not want the City to grow anymore and is in support of the merger but would like to see one current Village member on the new Board.

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Mike, inaudible last name, on Mary Lane, stated he agrees with the merger and is glad to see our government doing something to preserve our area and have great goals.

Joseph Fohey, W365N7166 McMahan Road, is in support of the merger and said the city has taken everything up to Highway P & K and likes that the city will not have extra territorial jurisdiction.

Doug Larson, N53W35427 Road Q, stated he is in support of the merger and didn't like the city taking away the sewer recs and the city is holding us all hostage.

William Schimmels, N55W34511 Tweeden Lane, stated his road is a private road and will this merger affect his road.

Paul Rodrigues, N79W34471 Petersen Road, stated he is in support of the merger and is mad at the city for taking everything from the Town and feels the city has caused extortion to the Town.

Michael Ribbich, W386N8094 Highlander Drive, stated we have elected you as officials, the Town Board, to do the right thing for the residents and right now with this merger you are doing a great job and stated he agrees with this merger.

Jeff Nohl, N76W36351 Saddlebrook Lane, stated the tax combination with the merger will work and is extremely positive about the merger.

Robert West, W357N6190 Spinnaker Drive, has served on the Board in the past and knows the Board is working hard for the Town and its residents and is in favor of the merger.

Ann Roberts-Beverung, W380N6785 N Lake Road, stated she can't say enough about what the Town is doing, and it is a positive move.

Susan Sorrentino, W360N9049 Brown Street, the timing of the merger and the explanation of the merger was appreciated and asked about what happens with the remnant parcels.

Roger Mayer, W393N5815 Mary Lane, talked about the merger and the Mary Lane Sanitary district being taken over after the merger.

James Lutz, W386N8076 Highlander Drive, gave the Board a huge thank you and appreciates the process and annexation was a great concern with him and with this merger that can't happen.

Christopher Maegli, N59W35477 Lake Drive, asked if he would have to contact the County for a permit for his septic.

Richard Backus, W359N5735 Surrey Drive, stated he agrees with the merger but a current rep for the Village of Lac La Belle needs to serve on the Board.

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Ms. Sielaff, W370N9453 Oneil Road, stated if dairy farms did not exist there would be no food; farmland needs to be preserved from annexation and is excited about this merger and wants properties to be preserved.

Clint Mitchell, W358N7119 Rainbow Terrace, is for the merger and does not want to see the old Meadowview school get sewer.

4. **Discussion and possible action to adjourn/reschedule the joint public hearing, if necessary, or to adjourn the joint public hearing.** – Supervisor Mullet made the motion to adjourn the public hearing for the Town Board at 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Mullet made the motion to adjourn the public hearing for the Utility District at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Koepke seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. **Adjourn – Town Board.** – Supervisor Mullett made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Acting Chairman Roelandts seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. **Adjourn – Utility District #1.** – Supervisor Mullett made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Scully seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted –  
Lori Opitz, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer