Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 1:32 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Robert Stout, Arian Knops, Mark Schmitt and Phil Schneider. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Verna Nielsen, Yvonne Johnson, and Carol Johnson.

Motion by Knops/Schneider to approve the committee minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment: Ruthe Batulis introduced herself. She is the Community Ambassador for Enbridge and handles safety grants. She handed out business cards and encouraged anyone with questions to give her a call.

Motion by Schmitt/Schneider to approve the payment approval report. Motion carried.

Land Records: Fitzl reported that the office is working on the parcel map updates and updating as CSMs come in. There were 4 fire numbers issued this month. The Town of Strickland is having issues with fire numbers on a private road. Borton is working on that issue. Fitzl stated the PLSS corner certificates will auto update now that the map is published to our server.

Register of Deeds: Carol Johnson reported the scanner replacement has been approved. She will be getting the unit from Imagetek, but they did drop the price $1,000 from the original quote. They will use two scanners as long as the old unit keeps working.

Treasurer: Verna Nielsen is working on the next batch of tax deed properties. There are currently 218 parcels she is sending notices on. Plat book sales for 2016 totaled 133. The office has calculated the last batch of taxes. Work will now resume on the plat book. They are looking at a date for the new book to be in the first quarter of 2017.

Zoning: Tesky reported that the permits are slowing down this time of year, but are up for the year overall. The pay increase for the Assistant Zoning Administrator for 2017 will be covered by the extra revenue from 2016. 2017 will be the first year for the new yearly RV permits. Colleen Schott is working on a spreadsheet for the notices to be sent out. The state hasn’t put the WI FUND into the budget proposal. Tesky is a member of a statewide board that will meet to review POWTS issues and feel that finding funding for replacement systems is a priority. Tesky will be working on the annual report. There has been an ongoing issue with a transfer station/salvage yard. Tesky asked if the committee would consider revising the conditions on the transfer station to require screening which is the main difference between the existing permit and what would be required for a salvage yard. This item will be put on the January agenda.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:04 P.M. to open a public hearing for Brian and Tammy Rasmussen in the Town of Washington. The hearing was regarding allowing
waterfront access to more than one property owner. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:09 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Motion by Knops/Stout to approve the conditional use as requested. Motion carried.

LCDD report: Tesky is working on the program budgeting presentation to the County Board. Tesky is scheduled to present on January 10, 2017. The WLIP grant application is due at the end of the month. She is also working on end of the year reporting. The latest RFP for corner remonumentation should be out soon and bids may be opened at the January meeting.

Out of County Travel: Tesky to attend a POWTS training in Duluth on January 30 and 31, 2017. Motion by Schneider/Knops to approve the requested travel. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be January 10, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 2:21 P.M. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
Members Present: David Willingham, Robert Stout, Phil Schneider, Mark Schmitt and Arian Knops. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:04 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow waterfront access to more than one owner on the following described real estate:

Lot 8 CSM 1052 in Gov’t lot 1, Section 36, T33N, R7W.
Site address: W10024 Squaw Point Road

Property owner: Brian and Tammy Rasmussen
27161 259th St.
Holcombe, WI 54745

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. The DNR received the notice via email which is their preferred method. Tesky explained that the township has approved the application. Reviewed the application Tesky explained the new ordinance language and how it affects this property. The Rasmussen’s are changing a duplex into condo units. There won’t be any change to the use of the property – only that there will be two separate owners.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Brian and Tammy Rasmussen were present. They gave the committee that application signed by the township. Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. No one present.

ZONING MEETING

Motion by Knops/Stout to approve the conditional use permit as requested. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator