

**STELLA TOWN BOARD**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

Stella Town Hall

Members Present: Dave Brunette, Chair; Scott Eades, Supervisor;  
Deb Polinski, Supervisor;  
Jean Fish, Clerk; Kathy Baker, Treasurer

Meeting called by: Chair Dave Brunette      Type of meeting: Special Town Board Meeting

Others Present: John Hein, Paul Sowinski, Alvin Sowinski-all representing Sowinski Farms; Paul Dean, County Supervisor, Allen Ring, abutting property owner, Rich Herman and Howard Zdroik-Stella citizens

**A G E N D A**

**Action/Discussion**

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Chair Brunette

Verification of Agenda posting and approval of Agenda.

Discussion & action.

*The agenda was posted on the three posting boards for the Town of Stella on Saturday AM, November 5, 2006. Motion: Eades/Polinski to approve the agenda. Motion Carried*

✓ **Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Exceed the State Levy Limit as per Sec. 66.0602 of the WI Statutes**

The Town Board discussed the ramifications of the 2% levy freeze on the Town of Stella. Because the town has a relatively small budget of approximately \$102,824 in 2006, the 2% freezes allows for only a \$2,000 increase in the total budget. Due to borrowing and spending \$450,000 in 2003 on upgrading the majority of roads in the Town of Stella, the loan payment uses up the majority of the money budgeted for roads. In order to keep up with road maintenance and retain state transportation aids at a previous levy, the Town requested to budget an additional \$22,500 for blacktopping projects. Citizens in attendance made positive comments.

**A motion was made by Scott Eades, seconded by Deb Polinski to adopt Stella Resolution #06-01 to Exceed the State Levy Limit by \$22,500 per Sec. 66.0602 of WI Stat. All aye, motion carried.**

This resolution will now go to a public hearing at 7 PM, Dec. 5, 2006, to accept public input. Final action will be taken at that meeting.

✓ **Resolution Pertaining to Oneida County Resolution No 17-2006**

The Town Board gave an overview of the zoning requests that recently went to Oneida County Planning & Zoning Committee. One of the requests to rezone land in the Town of Stella for parcels C and D along Rasmussen Road from Business to Rural Residential was denied by Oneida County Planning & Zoning.

**Stella Resolution #06-02 denies the action of Oneida County pursuant to WI Stat. 59.69(5)(E) and (G); and does rezone the property identified as Parts C and D (and being described as the S ½ of the NW SW and the S ½ of the NE SW, both located in Sec. 26, T37N, R10E, in the Town of Stella) as Rural Residential.**

Sowinski spoke before the Town Board, indicating he was definitely opposed to the rezoning of his property. He expressed his concerns over having too many zoning restrictions. He stated he owns

land all over the country and since Stella adopted Oneida County Zoning, its making it impossible for businesses to come into the town, which means less tax base. D. Brunette, Chair, stated that when the town accepted Oneida County Zoning, we had three public hearings which were attended 90-100 residents who gave their support. Also, the town passed their 10-year Comprehensive Plan last year which also shares the wishes of the citizens of the township. The members of the committee put in many hours to adopt a plan that would keep Stella a nice small rural town in which to live. Since rezoning the 20 acres in question (see above description) from Business to Rural Residential fits with the Comprehensive Plan, the Chair stated that is was the Board's responsibility to uphold that plan. That being the reason for the resolution to deny the action of Oneida County Zoning and rezone the above mentioned property to Rural Residential.

Scott Eades, Town Supervisor, made a motion **to adopt Stella Resolution #06-02 to Deny Oneida County action and rezone the property identified as Parts C and D (and being described as the S ½ of the NW SW and the S ½ of the NE SW, both located in Sec. 26, T37N, R10E, in the Town of Stella) to Rural Residential**, D. Polinski, Town Supervisor seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

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**Adjourn**      There being no further business for this special meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: *Jean Fish, Town Clerk.*