

Town of Perry  
Minutes of Town Board Meeting  
December 16, 2014  
Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A

1. Call to order. Chairman Roger Kittleson called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Supervisors Ken Hefty and Mick Klein Kennedy, Treasurer Stephanie Zwettler, and Clerk Mary Price were present. Also in attendance: Alice Yaeger, Brad Grundahl, Karen Grundahl, Doug King, Ken Bartz, Vicki Bartz, Linda Bluschke, Howard Kietzke, Renaye Leach, Sonja Leutschwager, Gerhard Leutschwager, Becky Rehl.

Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Roger Kittleson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Town's response to PHLCPA newsletter article – "An Autonomous Hauge Log Church", by Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association (PHLCPA) Board.

Chairman Roger Kittleson explained the purpose of this meeting – to develop a response to the article, "An Autonomous Hauge Log Church", published by the Board of Directors of the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association in the Issue Number 12, Winter, 2014 newsletter.

Chairman Kittleson said he was appalled at the article's content and tone, and asked the Association's president Howard Kietzke to explain the article. Howard Kietzke declined to present an explanation.

Supervisor Mick Klein Kennedy expressed regret that the need to respond to this article came during this holiday season. He presented factual errors contained in the article concerning membership renewal dates, members' motives, and the Town's actions, and reported that Don Mueller, chairman of the Town's Parks and Open Space committee, has not held any discussions to acquire the site.

Alice Yaeger clarified her Association membership date and meeting attendance.

Doug King announced the Madison Group will oppose any attempt by the Town to take over the historic site now or in the future and will provide pro bono services. He advised a response to the article published by the Association, a WI corporation, is needed by the Town.

Doug Nelson, chairman of the Town's Fundraising Committee, reported that he is unaware of any plan by the Town to acquire control of the historic site.

Brad Grundahl advised the Town's response should be sent to all residents.

Howard Kietzke reviewed the resolution presented to the Town Board in February, 2014. The Town Board reviewed the Town's motions at the March 11, 2014 Town Board meeting.

Becky Rehl indicated that the March motions were all-encompassing, not generic, and suggested the Town should ask for an apology for the article.

Chairman Roger Kittleson presented a draft response. Doug Nelson presented some edits. Renaye Leach advised sending the response.

Supervisor Mick Klein Kennedy suggested a letter should be sent jointly by the Town and the Association. Howard Kietzke declined.

Vicki Bartz requested the final version of the Town's response and Clerk Mary Price read the final draft.

Mick Klein Kennedy moved and Ken Hefty seconded a motion to affirm that the Town of Perry has no plans to acquire ownership of the Hauge Log Church historic site or control its property. Motion carried

Mick Klein Kennedy moved and Ken Hefty seconded a motion to send a response to the article, "An Autonomous Hauge Log Church", published by the Board of Directors of the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association in the Issue Number 12, Winter, 2014 newsletter, to members of the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association and to the Town of Perry residents. Motion carried.

Mick Klein Kennedy moved and Ken Hefty seconded a motion to approve the final version of the Town's response and to direct the Clerk to distribute the Town's response as soon as possible. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment. Ken Hefty moved and Mick Klein Kennedy seconded a motion to approve to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary L. Price, Town Clerk

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