

Minutes
Forest County Land & Water Resources Committee
(Metallic Mining Public Hearing)
Thursday, May 31, 2018
Room 107, Forest County Board Room

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tauer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** The roll was called, members present were: Karl Tauer, Ron Karl, Steve Bunda, Scott Goode, and Jill Kettlewell. Others present were Tom Tallier, Jeannie Fannin, Pam LaBine, Alex Seifert (corp. council) and State Senator Tom Tiffany. Members of the audience are included on the attached sign in sheet.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Ron Karl, second by Scott Goode, all in favor, motion approved.

4. **Approval of May 8, Public Hearing Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from the last public hearing held on May 8, 2018, by Jill Kettlewell, second by Steve Bunda, all in favor, motion approved.

5. **Inform the Public of Hearing Procedures (time for each speaker):** Karl Tauer informed the public that they would be given 5 minutes each to speak.

6. **Reading of the Ordinance:** Jeannie Fannin read the proposed ordinance as it was written.

7. **Open the Public Hearing on Metallic Mining:** Chairman Tauer opened the public hearing.

8. **Begin List of Registered Speakers.** The first speaker was Mr. Eric Anderson of Lake Lucerne who expressed his concerns on mining impact on the environment. He was also concerned as a taxpayer in Forest County that he may not have a say in this process. Jill Kettlewell explained to him that we will be taking applications for the local impact committee at the time it is needed. Tina Vanzile from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community stated that they are disappointed that we went from a longer ordinance to this new short version. She brought up many concerns with the wording. She had questions as to how the committee would be made up and if we would include the tribes in it. She was also concerned with the time frame for appointing this committee. Chairman Tauer explained that this local agreement wording was not the final ordinance but an umbrella of protection for the County in order to get something in place before July 1, 2018. The county will be working on a more extensive ordinance in the future. We are waiting for opinions from the Wisconsin County's Association. Pam LaBine stated that one of the items discussed by Tina Vanzile was correct and should be looked at to change. She also stated that she is opposed to the super majority in the ordinance. Richard Krause from Laona stated he has spoken to some very knowledgeable people regarding mining. He stated that mining is an important industry in this country. He is also concerned about the environment, but Minnesota and Michigan mine on a regular basis and there are not issues there. He also stated that Oneida and Marathon Counties also removed the super majority requirement out of their wording. He is concerned that that wording would hinder the economic development of this area due to industries looking at it as unfavorable. He supports Forest County adopting prohibition of mining unless there is a local agreement. Dorothy Kegley handed out a copy of the Wisconsin Legislative Council Act Memo. This memo pertains to Wisconsin Act 134. She asked if a local agreement is a binding contract. She explained that there is no second chance to change a binding agreement. She also was not in favor of the super majority. She had a lot of comments regarding the new legislation. Tom Tiffany, Wisconsin State Senator, addressed the audience on the

new mining legislation. He explained that there were no changes to NR140. NR 140 is an administrative code regarding environmental standards. Mr. Tiffany also addressed questions from the audience regarding the new legislation.

9 Read Written Comments into the Record: There were no written comments at the time of the hearing. Richard Krause presented the committee with written comments after the public hearing. These comments are recorded with the minutes.

10 Close Public Hearing: Chairman Tauer ended the comment period.

11 Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Scott Goode, second by Ron Karl. All in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: _____06/01/2018

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be approved at the next meeting of the Land and Water Committee.