

CREATION OF JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. 31 B

WHEREAS, the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, WI, has, heretofore, required and utilized the services of both a separate Planning Commission and separate Zoning Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to merge the bodies of the Planning Commission and Zoning Committee, and the duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of each, to form one body, the Planning and Zoning Committee of The Town of Wolf River; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Committee have each convened, separately, and have voted, in January, 2013, to merge into one body; and

WHEREAS, said merger is deemed to be in the interest of promoting efficiency in the Town and in the interest of best serving the Town residents, property holders, and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River does ordain as follows:

Section 1. APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY.

(1) In the construction of this Ordinance, the rules, definitions, regulations, and provisions of all prior Town of Wolf River Zoning Ordinances and Planning Ordinances shall remain of full force and effect.

(2) The decisions, rulings, and recommendations of both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Committee, heretofore rendered, are affirmed.

(3) The jurisdiction of the merged Planning Commission and Zoning Committee bodies, and hence, the newly-created Planning and Zoning Committee, shall be as designated in the authority, jurisdiction, and duties provisions of the current Planning Commission Ordinances and current Zoning Committee Ordinances.

(4) This Ordinance shall, by reference, apply to all past, pending, and future planning and zoning matters, in the Town of Wolf River.

Section 2. TITLE.

(1) The new entity in the Town of Wolf River, which shall, hereinafter, implement and enforce all Planning and Zoning matters and Ordinances, shall, be known by and be designated as, "Town of Wolf River Planning and Zoning Committee."

Section 3. TERMS OF OFFICE/MEMBERSHIP.

(1) The Planning and Zoning Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members, in addition to a non-voting Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator representative, appointed by and subject to the approval of the Town Board, selected for their knowledge of and interest in matters pertaining to the Zoning Ordinances and Planning Ordinances.

(2) One Town Board member shall serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee and shall be appointed by the Town Board.

(3) The Town Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator shall be a non-voting representative of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

(4) Each member of the Planning and Zoning Committee shall serve a three (3) year term. The representative member of the Town Board shall serve only a two (2) year term, to correspond with that elected official's term of office on the Town Board.

Section 4. That the Planning Commission and Zoning Committee, in effect prior to April 22, 2013, shall, as of April 22, 2013, cease to serve/exist as separate bodies.

Section 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. All existing Town ordinances, parts of ordinances and amendments thereto, in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, clause, provision or a portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication in the County Post West newspaper, Waupaca, WI.

Adopted this 22th day of April, 2013.

Randal S. Rutten, Chairperson

ATTEST:
Susan J. Gilbert, Clerk