

# Board Meeting Reports 2003

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## Town Board Meeting Reports by Dorothy Hollatz

January 2003

### Concord board meets with Jefferson County deputies

By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met Monday and Dan Nicolet of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department spoke on behalf of officers assigned to the Concord area.

Nicolet spoke regarding community policing, explained programs and introduced officer Robert Schoenkonig of the SWAT team. Schoenkonig is also assigned to cover the Concord area.

Park planning chairman Bob Perkins said that at the last meeting of that group they prioritized negative comments on Concord. The top two were lack of boundary agreements and lack of zoning which will be discussed at the next meeting on March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Concord Town Hall.

The board approved David Smith's request to split off 14 acres of his 35 acres on Sunnyside Drive to be divided into three building lots. He must now present his request to the county board. The building inspector's present phone number is (262) 490-0513.

Three more memorials in memory of Mary Campbell were acknowledged.

Several Sullivan First Responders were present to tell the board of their plan to provide transport as soon as they have the funds to purchase an ambulance. They plan a fund drive in the future. Presently they provide medical assistance until an ambulance arrives.

The board asked to go on record commending them for the excellent service they render.

St. Mary's was granted one day beer licenses for each of two fish fries they will host on March 21 and April 11.

Cindy Arbiture of the Concord Historical Society presented a request for a conditional use permit to begin construction of their log cabin.

Joe Thamke requested snapshots of the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial at Dahnert Park last summer.

Election Day is April 1.

The annual meeting is April 8 and the regular board meeting is April 14.

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## February 2003

### Town of Concord News

TOWN OF CONCORD - A memorial fund has been established in memory of Mary Campbell, former town supervisor. The fund will be used to plant trees, etc., in Dahnert Park on Concord Center Drive across from the town hall. A \$25 check from the Wisconsin Towns Association started the fund. Donations may be sent to Concord Town Chairman Don Groose, W606 Concord Center Drive, Sullivan, WI 53708.

Bob Perkins, park and planning board, reported on the Jan. 21 meeting to begin long-range planning for the town, at which pros and cons as voiced by residents were discussed. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 18 at the Town Hall. Residents' input is welcomed.

Bob Hackbarth, Willow Glen Road, requested rezoning from A1 to A3 for a one-acre land split for the purpose of building a ranch home. It was approved. Erna Lindemann's request for a land transfer of 2.7

acres to her neighbor, Susan Bucheck, was approved.

Richard Herr's storage facility and inground tanks were approved by Jefferson County officials. The county requested the opinion of the town board. After some discussion, the town board voted to remain neutral, because this is a county decision.

Board members have been invited to attend Capitol Day in Madison on March 12. This is an opportunity to speak to lawmakers in their offices.

Ordinance amendments were ready by Clerk Lloyd Zastrow, pertaining to gatherings of 300 or more with 18 or more hours of activity. He also discussed also bonding at a rate to be determined by the board.

The EMS contract with Oconomowoc was approved at a cost of \$1,250 per year.

Groose was appointed emergency government director for the town. Alice Christian announced her candidacy for a write-in on the spring election for a position as supervisor on the town board.

Ken and Jean Groblewski will issue a quarterly newsletter of happenings in the town. Joe Thamke turned over to the town \$289.88 left over from the veterans memorial to be put in the town park fund.

Reported by Dorothy Hollatz

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March 2003

### **Concord Town Board meets for its annual discussion**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The annual meeting of the Concord Town Board was held this week and the regular monthly meeting of the board is set for Monday at 8:30 p.m. The Monday meeting time is a change from the normal 7 p.m. starting time. The board will be attending the meeting at Watertown High School in

the media center at 6 p.m. The meeting at the Concord Town Hall follows at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting in Watertown will address the possible closing of the Concord Center School. In a survey conducted on election day in the township, 95 percent of the voters indicated they want the school to stay open. A total of 73 percent were willing to pay more taxes to keep it open and 51 percent were willing to physically help it remain open by mowing, helping to pay teachers or whatever is needed.

The Ixonia bank will be retained as the town depository. New blue and white fire signs will be put up this summer at each residence by Lang Enterprises at a cost of about \$17,000.

The bridge on West River Road will be replaced in the summer of 2005.

On an Ed Schultz/Jillian Moldenhauer motion, the cost of blacktopping town roads will be printed in the annual minutes.

There was discussion and a request to consolidate all town records, keep them in the town hall and establish regular office hours for the general public. It was pointed out that if any one calls the town hall, their answering machine will give you the numbers of various people who will be able to help with concerns.

Baseball practice will start about May 1. Regular play will start the first week in June.

All town incumbents were re-elected in the recent spring election.

The town picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 10.

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April 2003

### **Concord board sets session for public to see 'open books'**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met on Monday and an "open book session" was been scheduled for April 30 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the town hall.

At that time, the taxpayer may review the assessment roll and all forms and information will be available to property owners. The assessor can be called at (262) 728-2256.

The board of review meets on May 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. At this time, the taxpayer must complete an "Objection Form for Real and Personal Property Assessment," file it with the town clerk, schedule an appointment with the clerk, and then attend the board of review. Clerk Lloyd Zastrow's number is (262) 593-8945.

Bob Perkins reported on the last park planning meeting at which they addressed boundary agreements, zoning and communications. The next park planning meeting is on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

Mike Herro presented final plans for his development "Union Hill." The final plat was approved by the town board.

The highway department is finishing brush cutting and then will patch holes in the roads. Town board meeting notices and minutes will be posted in the Concord General Store as well as the three usual places.

A representative of the board will attend the meeting April 25 on the use of seat belts pursuant to the new bill in Madison to enforce the use of belts.

A \$5,000 bond for the Harley Davidson gathering at Concord House will be required. First Responders of Sullivan requested the board to send a representative to attend their next meeting. They will set up districts and deal with other details.

The driveway ordinance stating standards and requirements was adopted. Also adopted was the ordinance to prohibit parking on all roads as posted.

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May 2003

**Concord Town Board meets  
to address local concerns**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met Monday and heard the town's annual board of review will be held from 5 to 7 p m on Thursday.

Deputy Dennis Gritfee answered questions from town residents who expressed concern over excess speed on Concord Center Drive and trash that has been dropped along Willow Glen Road.

The request of Mike and Kim Herro to operate a petting 700 at the Concord Station was approved Mike Herro's final plat for the subdivision "Union Hill" was also approved.

Board members will attend a highway department meeting at Plattdeutscher Hall in Watertown June 16

All cracks in Pioneer and Willow Glen roads will be tilled at a cost of \$8,400

The park planning board appointed Richard Reinders to replace Bob Perkins on the board and also appointed Jim Gilbert and Marion Speerless to bring the board to seven members The park planning

board meets every fourth Tuesday at the Concord Town Hall starting at 7 p.m.

Eugene Laschinger of Town and Country Engineering of Madison spoke on long-range planning to develop boundary agreements and stressed the importance of knowing just what the town hopes to accomplish in the future.

The contract with the bill collection agency was approved and renewed Jack Bender's permit to sell used cars at his shop on Concord Center Drive was extended for one month. Renewal is pending some cleanup.

The dog count in the town will be done by Mary Zastrow and Marion Speerless.

The board also approved the following requests presented by the park planning board: Marion Speerless to sell a lot off of her property at 122 Concord Center Drive for building purposes: James Reichoff's land transfer of 1.4 acres next door to the land he presently owns for building purposes at N708 State Highway 18: Wayne Zuelke's request to parcel off 2.9 acres with buildings on his farm on Golden Lake Road.

The land and water conservancy department will hold a public listening session on their Lake Enhancement Project May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Atkinson Luther School Administration Center. Another session will be held May 31 at the Jefferson County University of Wisconsin Extension Office in Jefferson at 9 a.m.

These sessions will cover many aspects including setbacks, pollution, recreation, and land issues

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## **June 2003**

### **School, future development on agenda of Concord board**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met Monday and Chairman Terry Otto of park planning reported on the group's meeting of May 27, saying discussion pertained to what Watertown will do with the Concord School and where the town should go in the future regarding development.

The park planning board is planning a town cleanup week in July when dumpsters will be available and people will be encouraged to clean up their yards and around their outbuildings and bring trash to the free Dumpsters A newsletter in the near future will contain details.

Alice Christian received permission to plant two silver maple trees in the park on Concord Center Drive in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Metzger's golden wedding and because of all they have contributed to the community.

The road crew is cutting grass, putting up signs and will begin strip patching. Jack Bender's license to sell antiques and used vehicles at his shop on Concord Center Drive was approved. Beer, cigarette liquor and bartender's licenses were granted to the Concord Inn, Concord Store and Concord House. Bartender's licenses were approved for Keith Metcalf, Adam Grueike and Mary Rosso for Concord House, Ruth Christian and Karen Faretta for Concord Store, Mary Goplin, Pam Rupnow, Andrea Simmons, Alice Christian, Robin Williamson and Dawn Schmitte for the Concord Inn.

A one day picnic license was approved for St Mary's Church for June 22.

The contract for Robert Falk, Ranch Road, Watertown, was renewed for three years for picking up and handling animals and all other pertinent care and fees that apply.

A warning to dog owners in the Golden Lake Park Circle and Ruder's Park area states dogs must be on a leash and their droppings must be picked up or fines will be assessed Joe Thamke asked for two small trees to flank the stone at the Veterans Memorial.

The board requests feedback on the school building, how to maintain it and what its use should be.

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### **July 2003**

#### **Concord Town Board plans cleanup starting Saturday**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met this week and Terry Otto of the park planning board explained the town cleanup week from Saturday through July 27.

Large Dumpsters will be placed at the town hall and the site will be monitored signs will be on the Dumpsters designating what will go in each container Roadside mowing is completed and some strip patching is still being done.

Harold Bobrofsky announced his retirement, effective Dec 1.

Persons wishing to burn in the town of Concord should call the sheriff's department non emergency number, 674-7310, and give them the time and date of the burn, and call the fire department and inform its workers not to come out unless called.

An electric scoreboard will be put up in Dahnert Park for the Little League with half paid for by 7 Up and a generous donation from the Kriewaldts A plaque on the sign will say ' In memory of Adam Kriewaldt," who was killed in a plane crash a few years ago and played baseball there when in grade school.

Animal control officers Bob Pfau resigned citing ill health and his resignation is effective Aug 25 The town is actively seeking someone to take his place.

Road salt was ordered at a meeting at a cost of \$32 04 per ton. This is the same price as 2002.

The following roads will be designated as a bike trail and signs will be installed Ranch Road to Hillside and Bakertown Road to Sullivan.

Barb and Roy Zimmerman received permission to erect a flower bed in Dahnert Park in memory of their daughter, Heather, who was killed in a car accident some time ago. Monies from the 4 H club, of which she was a member, will be used and her 4 H friends and her family will do the work A plaque will be installed designating the memorial.

The Ixonia Lions were thanked for their donation of flags for the park

and Joe Thamke was thanked for the flag at the town hall A newsletter will be sent later this week with details of the town picnic in Dahnert Park on Aug 10.

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### **August 2003**

#### **Concord board OKs park planning recommendations**

**By Dorothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met on Monday and approved the following items as recommended by the park planning board.

The board approved the rezoning for Joe Bartolone's five acres on West River Drive from A-1 to A-3, enabling him to build a single family residence on that property, to change the wording on Jim Stern's conditional use permit to enable him to do some saw milling on his property at N5683 Pioneer Road

and to build a shed to store his drying kiln and lumber

Possible signs to major entrances to the town were discussed and pictures were presented The sign with the history of the log cabin was approved and installed Bill and Laverne Vetrano were granted permission to erect a building for storage of wine and to

contain a bathroom The scoreboard in the park is up and working and paid for by donations.

The highway crew spent many hours working in Dahnert Park and plans now to start mowing and paving A new culvert was put in on Bakertown Road and Wolf Construction was given the contract for paving Bakertown Road on the low bid of \$44,288.

The \$5,000 bond for the Harley Davidson campout at Concord House Campground was accepted. A petition signed by Alien Road residents was presented and dropping the speed limit from 55 to 45 mph was approved.

Tammy Warren of the Sullivan First Responders spoke on their planned 24 hour a day transport service and lease of a new ambulance plus extra needed equipment and supplies They requested \$5 per capita funding from the town with three years up front to get started The board will consider this.

Sheriff Paul Milbrath showed all assembled the new emergency beacon light which can be screwed into a lamp or outdoor light socket and it flashes off and on to direct help to the emergency The bulb is sold at cost, \$3 50, and is available from the sheriff's department or at the Ixonia Town Hall Their new SWAT truck will be in the Ixonia Lions Parade Sunday at 11am.

Roxanne Butler requested lights at the volleyball court for next year and also at the new concession stand to be built for next year.

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## **September 2003**

### **Concord Town Board OKs**

#### **Berg request regarding lots**

**By Dorothy Hollatz**

**for the Daily Times**

CONCORD — The Concord Town Board met this week and approved Dan Berg's request to parcel off two lots on his property at W1207 West River Road.

One of the lots will be 2.4 acres and one will be 2.6 acres Each one will have a separate driveway, leaving 100-plus acres.

No decision was made on Payne and Dolans' request to open a gravel pit on the Richard Herr property on Highway 18.

A contract for fuel oil for the town hall for winter was approved with F S Frontier.

The recent estimate of population for the town of Concord is 2,051.

The revised sign ordinance with the county has been approved People running for office have 15 days after the election to take down their campaign signs

New fire signs will be installed this fall.

As it pertains to sheltering animals, Watertown and Jefferson humane societies are potential entities to take Concord's stray animals.

A picnic license was approved for St Mary's Church for its Oct 12 turkey dinner.

A permit for a holding tank for the property at W1246 Concord Center Drive was approved.

Joe Thamke's request for \$50 for the VFW to be used for the draping of flags on caskets of deceased veterans was also approved.

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## **October 2003**

### **Concord residents protest**

#### **proposal for gravel pit**

**By Dorothy Hollatz**

**for the Daily Times**

Concord — Many residents appeared before the Concord Town Board on Monday to protest the Paine/Dolan proposed gravel pit operation on Highway 18 near Golden Lake park subdivision. Randy Callison spoke at length and asked that area residents be kept informed regarding the proposed operation. The issue will be addressed at the next park planning meeting on Tuesday, Oct 28, at 7 p.m. at the Concord Town Hall,

Work on roadside mowing will be finished this week and work on cemetery stones is under way. The town will soon receive \$60,021 in shared revenue from the state. The current number of residents in Concord is 2,051. The board was informed that someone must take supervisory training at Green Bay and be certified in the drug testing program.

There will be a sheriff's auction of several miscellaneous items at the Jefferson County Courthouse on Saturday at 8 a.m. The Vetro winery on Hillside Drive conditional use permit for a new building was approved.

The board will consider a proposed bid from the Jefferson County Humane Society to handle the town of Concord stray animals. Sheriff Paul Milbrath spoke about areas where speeding is still a problem. He also said in another month he will distribute gun locks free of charge at all town meetings. The items can then be obtained at town halls. He left free health cards on which to list medications and other pertinent information. The cards can be posted on refrigerators to be taken by EMTs to a hospital when picking up a patient.

The town will take bids for a new snowplow only, not a truck.

Trick or treat hours for the town of Concord will be Saturday, Nov 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Christmas tree lighting and program will be held Saturday, Dec 6.

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### **November 2003**

#### **Concord budget discussion is this evening at town hall**

By Dourothy Hollatz  
for the Daily Times

CONCORD - The Concord Town Board met Monday and learned that the date for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. The public was also reminded the 2004 budget will be discussed this evening.

Those attending the tree lighting are asked to bring cookies, bars or any finger foods. Drinks will be furnished. Attendees are also asked to bring an item for the food pantry.

Mike Herro was granted a variance to comply with the survey of his lots on Union Hill. Lloyd Zastrow was granted a change from A-1 to A-3 on one acre on which a home will be built. The Park planning board, in addition to these recommendations, also discussed topics related to Paine Dolan's request to open a gravel pit on Highway 18 near Golden Lake Park Subdivision.

The highway department finished grass-cutting and road-shouldering and is now patching and re-setting old stones in the cemeteries.

The Watertown Humane Society contract was accepted at a cost of \$1500.00 a year. Snow plow bids were discussed and a Monroe plow was purchased at a cost of \$4387.00. Oconomowoc, Ixonia, and Johnson Creek will continue ambulance service for another year.

Johnson Creek crossing guards will be appointed by the Johnson Creek Board of Education and will be under its jurisdiction.

The budget for 2004 will be discussed at a meeting today that is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. The budget hearing will be held Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. and both meetings will be at the town hall.

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December 2003

**Concord board recognizes Otto for service to township**

By Dorothy Hollatz for the Daily Times

CONCORD -- The Concord Town Board met Monday and a minute of silence was observed in memory of Terry Otto, who had served the past year as chairman of the park planning board and previously as its secretary, until his death last month.

Ron Milbrath has been appointed as its present chairman.

A deputy from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department addressed the speed limit on County Trunk E, which has been lowered from 55 mph to 45 mph from Concord just past West River Road. He said many tickets have been issued in that area.

The road crew has put up the Christmas decorations in the village, has the snow removal equipment ready to go and has been cutting brush.

John Pounder, the assessor, presented his contract for 2004 which was accepted. He also explained re-evaluation of various kinds of land and clarification of the different parcels. Both the Ixonia and Oconomowoc EMS contracts were presented and accepted. Oconomowoc will serve the town only until December of 2004 when another ambulance service will take over.

Several residents from Ruders Circle appeared to protest the condition of the house on the north side of the circle which has been unoccupied for quite some time. They said grass is not cut, front steps are missing and garbage and old logs are dumped there. They asked that the town take steps to have it cleaned up.

The date for closing the town books for 2003 is Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Beverly Stendel was thanked for her work with the tree lighting and program Dec. 6.

Harold Bobrofsky was thanked for his many years on the maintenance crew for the town and was presented with a plaque and check on his retirement followed by a lunch and social hour.