

February 14, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton. Town Official Maureen Manore was present. Donna Juleff arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the January 17, 2017 meeting were read. The minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for January was read. The ending balance was \$303,683.01.

Valuation/Property Tax Adjustment

Bryce Black spoke with Mark Garlick and Nancy Richardson about a mistake made on the Brian and Tina Bee property tax. They explained the process and the errors that resulted in the Bees being overtaxed on their parcel. The Town paid the error amount of \$746.48. The Town can attempt to recover all or most of this amount from the state Department of Revenue.

Citizens' Concerns

Richard McDermott asked what constituted Personal Property for tax purposes. It was thought to be property owned by one person which is sited on another person's land. He will call the assessor for clarification.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

There were no other meetings attended.

There will be a WTA district meeting on March 25th in Eau Claire and on March 31st in Cumberland.

Mining Agreement Report

There was nothing new to report.

Hiring Town Legal Services

Bryce Black and Maureen Manore contacted a few municipal attorneys and inquired about their rates and experience with sand mining operations. The Board examined the information received and it was decided to contact Attorney Scott Curtis for more information.

Road Reports

Bryce Black met with Pepin County Highway Department Commissioner John Hanz and two others to discuss 2017 road work. The County has provided the Town with a list of previous road work dating back to 1995. The Town Board discussed having a 5-year plan and will decide on road work after the Road Tour.

Black and Hanz also discussed ongoing cleanup from the July 5, 2016 storm damage. The Highway Department is burning and/or chipping woody debris on Boyd Spring Road, Beaver

Slide, Bear Pen Road, Holmes Lane and Gilbert Lane. The Board suggested that Swede Ramble, Elk Creek Road and Wiskerchen Lane be added to the list.

The Highway Department asked Bryce Black how often to mow the Town road ditches this year. Workload permitting, we will aim to have the ditches mowed around mid-July and once more if needed later on.

Review Ordinance 2009-1, Adopting Emergency Services Protection Charges

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Emergency Service Protection Area

The Board discussed the emergency service response in the Town. Currently the Durand Ambulance Service provides coverage for the entire Town. The ambulance service from the Lund-Pepin area may be able to reach the portions of the Town in a timelier manner. The Town of Albany has reportedly recently changed emergency service coverage to split their Town between two or more service providers. Bryce Black will contact the Albany Chair to inquire about the process used by their Town.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for March 14, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Review Ordinance No. 2009-1 Adopting Emergency Service Protection Charges, Retain Town Attorney, Emergency Services Coverage Area, Clerk/Treasurer Audit and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:20 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk