

February 17, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Denny Richardson, Curt Stine, and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present. Donna Juleff arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Also present was Nancy Gisch.

#### Minutes

The draft minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. There was one change to the draft. Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the January 13<sup>th</sup> minutes and Curt Stine seconded. The motion carried.

#### Financial Report

Treasurer's report for January was read. The ending balance was \$179,249.48.

#### Citizen's Concerns

Bryce Black reported that he had been contacted by Jerry Leonard from Frankfort, Indiana, about an event called "A Day in the Life of Frankfort". Leonard is trying to contact officials in all 14 US towns named Frankfort, asking people to submit pictures of town life taken on April 25<sup>th</sup> to his website, [www.classicfrankfort.com](http://www.classicfrankfort.com).

Bryce suggested putting this information on the Town website along with a link.

Bryce Black spoke to Dennis Hammel's fire insurance agent about the fact that Hammel did have a burning permit for the day of the fire call.

#### Report on Other Meetings Attended

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Bryce Black, Curt Stine, Kay Hamilton and Richard McDermott toured the Fairmount Santrol underground sand mine at Maiden Rock. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the same four toured the Bechel mine. They reported that these are two very different operations. The Maiden Rock mine has been in operation for 65 years. It has miles of tunnels and is a refuge for hibernating bats. They seem to have an efficient, economical set-up, moving sand from mine to processing plant via a slurry system. The finished product moves by conveyor, under Highway 35 to a rail loading facility. Possible drawbacks noted with the Maiden Rock mine were increased frequency in blasting and close proximity to the water table.

#### Mining Agreement Report

Kay Hamilton asked if the Town Clerk had received a Certificate of Insurance for comprehensive liability and workman's compensation from the Bechel mine, as required by the Non-metallic Mining Operating Agreement. The answer was no.

Denny Richardson reported that on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. the gate to the mine was open and there were lights on down in the pit.

#### Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes

Town Attorney Gwen Kuchevar has requested that the Town Board meet in closed session to discuss negotiation strategies. The date for the closed session was set for March 4.

### Delinquent Property Taxes

Kay Hamilton reported that Pepin County is discussing a delinquent tax foreclosure on the Randy Nelson/Laverne Nelson property. Kay has learned that if the Town wants to recover Personal Property Tax due for the period covered by the tax deed, a small claims action must be initiated before the foreclosure. The Board discussed the other outstanding Personal Property Taxes due and instructed the Treasurer to file a small claims action against all of them.

### Road Reports

Bryce Black contacted John Hanz about a bill received from the Pepin County Highway Department concerning bridge inspections. Bryce was told that the bridges inspected were Boyd Springs Road, Elk Creek Road, Kallstrom Road and Byington Road. The state requires a periodical inspection of all bridges over 20 feet. Most of the inspection recommendations were for brush and gravel removal. The Board will inspect these bridges on the spring Road Tour.

### Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment Member

Bryce Black contacted several town citizens seeking a candidate for Board of Adjustment member. There were three that showed interest, Troy Taber, Jennifer Lindahl and Cindy Schultz. Bryce will speak to them again before the March Town Board meeting.

### Statewide Voter Registration Memorandum of Understanding with Pepin County

The Board reviewed the memorandum of understanding that stated the terms and conditions between the Town of Frankfort and the Pepin County Clerk's Office pertaining to the election cycle obligations and services. Donna Juleff made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Statewide Voter Registration System and Kay Hamilton seconded. The motion carried.

### Clerk/Treasurer Audit

The Board conducted an audit of the Clerk's and Treasurer's financial records and found them to be satisfactory.

### Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall. The Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes, Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, Review of Fire Permit Procedures and pay bills.

Kay Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Curt Stine seconded.

Time 8:35 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk