

January 13, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6.53 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, January 13, 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 7:01 p.m.

Also present was W. Geoffrey Black.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the December 16th meeting were read. There were two changes to the draft. Denny Richardson made a motion to accept the December 16th as corrected minutes and Kay Hamilton seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for December was read. The ending balance was \$77,424.29.

Citizen's Concerns

Bryce Black reported that he had spoken to Dennis Hammel. Hammel said that he had contacted John Hanz, Pepin County Highway Commissioner, three times in an effort to convince the County Highway Department to supply Hammel with rock to make a field road onto the county highway. The road work that he claims caused a problem was completed in 1983.

Bryce Black received a phone call from Helen Kees from the Town of Durand. Kees was concerned that Chase Cummings, Pepin County Conservationist, had a meeting with 20 owner/operators of Pepin County non-metallic mines. Kees was concerned about the possibility of more mines in the County. Bryce Black spoke to Dwight Jelle, Land Conservation Committee Chair, and was told Cummings was reviewing the County's requirements on reclamation.

Donna Juleff reported that the dump trucks for the sand mine were getting stuck going up the hill on County SS due to the icy conditions and causing a safety hazard. Juleff also reported that the Bechel mine was still working at 6:50 on January 12th.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

There will be a meeting in Eau Claire on January 27th on the impact of climate change on Chippewa River flooding.

There will be a Wisconsin Towns Association district meeting in Eau Claire on March 27th.

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.

Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes

Attorney Brian Nodolf has requested that this item be tabled until the February board meeting. He is currently seeking resolution on the Reclamation Permit.

Emergency Operations Plan

Kay Hamilton contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association legal counsel and asked if it is legal to keep a separate emergency fund. They replied that this is legal. The Board discussed the amount of the fund and how it would be set up. Kay Hamilton made a motion to allocate \$10,000.00 from the Town of Frankfort's savings account into a newly created Town of Frankfort Emergency Operation Plan Fund. Donna Juleff seconded and the motion carried. The Treasurer will set up this new fund.

Road Reports

Denny Richardson inspected several snow fences and found that they were somewhat effective at preventing drifting on the roads. However, he thinks that the County road crew's routine plowing would probably take care of any drifting that does occur. He suggested that the Town should ask the County Highway Department not to install the snow fence next time.

The road signs at the intersection of Boyd Spring Road and Goatback Road and the intersection of Goatback Road and McGrath Lane are missing.

Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment Member

This item was tabled until the February board meeting.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for February 17, 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, Statewide Voter Registration Memorandum of Understanding for Pepin County and pay bills.

Donna Juleff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Curt Stine seconded.

Time 9:11 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk