

July 11, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

Board members present were Richard McDermott and Curt Stine. Town Official Maureen Manore was present. Donna Juleff arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Also present were Attorney Scott Curtis, Cathy Hendricksen and Ron Hendricksen.

Retaining Town Legal Services – Attorney Scott Curtis Presentation

Attorney Scott Curtis, of O’Flaherty Law Firm, spoke to the Board outlining his experience with municipal law and frac sand mines in particular. The Board gave him a timeline of the past legal needs of the Town. Attorney Curtis will send a service agreement for the Board to review and vote on at the next Town Board meeting.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the June 13, 2017, meeting were read. The draft minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer’s report for June was read. The ending balance was \$124,590.98. The Board verified the ending bank balance.

Bryce Black reported that the Town Treasurer had received an email, purportedly from Bryce Black, asking for a money wire transfer. The Treasurer determined the email was a scam and deleted it.

Citizens’ Concerns

Bryce Black received an email from Kay Hamilton saying that she had heard that the Town’s rock pile at the Anderson Quarry was one quarter the size it should be. Bryce contacted Nick Kraemer of the Kraemer Co, who said that Kraemer keeps careful track of the Town’s rock inventory; what we have paid for and actually used determines how much is available to us, not the size of a particular pile.

Fence Viewing Request Update – Charles Thomas

Bryce Black and Donna Juleff emailed a draft of the Fencing Orders to the Hendricksens, Iversons, Bowrons and Charles Thomas. They offered to consider constructive suggestions for improvement. The Hendricksens, Iversons, and Bowrons responded that their draft orders were fair and acceptable. Charles Thomas told Bryce in a phone call that where the fence crosses Plum Creek, he would prefer to install the fence post on the north bank of the creek and have the other party install the post on the south bank; he offered to supply and install the crossing cable and floating barrels. Thomas also told Bryce Black that the Iversons did not need to put up a fence on the east-west border between their properties, Thomas would run an electric fence at the top of the open field below the steep woods. Donna Juleff and Bryce Black will meet to finalize the fence orders. They will draft a cover letter that explains that the orders are binding but that if two neighboring parties both agree to a different solution they can sign an agreement to do that instead.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended the Durand Rural Fire Department Board on June 29.

Discuss Fire District Proposal & Appoint Town Representative to Durand Rural Fire Department

At their June 29 meeting, the Durand Rural Fire Department Board discussed a recent proposal from the City of Durand that the current arrangement of separate (but cooperating) City and Rural fire departments be dissolved, and a new Fire District be formed. A draft Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement was reviewed. Bryce Black reported that the Durand Rural Fire Department was not in favor of the change and is not sure why this

change has been proposed. They are considering a counter-proposal to ask the City of Durand to join the Rural Fire Department instead. If the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement goes into effect, the Town of Frankfort would need to join the new Fire District or find another way to meet its obligation to provide fire protection to our citizens, such as joining a neighboring fire department. The Board decided they needed more information before making any decisions.

Bryce Black was appointed by the Chair as a Town Representative to the Durand Rural Fire Department. The Board confirmed the appointment.

Emergency Services Coverage Area

The Board discussed the information given them at the June meeting by the Pepin Ambulance Director. They had some follow up questions, such as how capital purchases are financed and what does an average ambulance run cost. The Clerk will contact Director Tina Cook and ask these questions.

Curt Stine and Maureen Manore volunteered to work on this issue. They will look at whether portions of the Town might be more effectively served by the Pepin Ambulance Service, draw up a potential coverage map, and ask citizens that might be affected which ambulance service they would prefer.

Mining Agreement Report

There was no activity to report.

Road Reports

The Pepin County Highway Department has completed the seal coating on Boyd Springs Road. Richard McDermott said that there a 500 yard stretch on that road that did not have any seal coating on it. Bryce Black said he would investigate.

The Pepin County Highway Department has completed putting rock on the roads that were listed for this job. Bryce Black requested they provide him with an updated rock inventory.

Road ditch mowing is in progress on top of Columbia Heights.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for August 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Retain Town Attorney, Fence Viewing Update and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:40 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk