

July 8, 2014

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Denny Richardson, Curt Stine, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present.

Also attending were Lily Arbore, Donna Gates, Sally Baecker and Attorney Tanya Bruder.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the June 17th meeting were read. The first sentence under ATV Route Ordinance was changed, substituting “citizens” for “those people”. Denny Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Kay Hamilton seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer’s report for June was read. The ending balance was \$72,214.48. Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Curt Stine seconded. The motion carried.

Citizen’s Concerns

Denny Richardson and Donna Juleff will conduct the fence viewing requested by Hubert Bauer on July 15th.

Lily Arbore requested that the Board members put their email addresses on the website.

Sally Baecker asked if the Town buys the crushed rock for the roads or receives it free from the Bechel mine. The reply was that it is purchased after receiving price quotes and that accepting free crushed rock would be an ethical violation.

ATV Route Ordinance

Denny Richardson has spoken to several of the ATV/UTV Club members who are adamant about getting a route.

Bryce Black stated that he has heard conflicting information about whether or not a license plate is required for ATVs. Denny Richardson said that they are required.

Lily Arbore stated that she has had two rude drive-bys and that people have the right to object. She also stated that the Town Board should arrange for a road tour to view the ATV route and that she was concerned about extra passengers on ATVs.

Sally Baecker related a comment for Carl Morsbach; some areas of the route are too narrow, they are not even the standard width for town roads. The ATV route should be on roads that are the specified width. Sally Baecker commented that having an age limit of 16 won’t work if the other towns involved don’t have the same restrictions. She also stated that there needs to be a public hearing.

Kay Hamilton read some excerpts from Act 15 which stated that on trails those that were 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult and the 10 mph speed limit by dwellings was eliminated.

Donna Gates asked if the Town Board has heard from other Towns about their plans. The Town of Pepin is hosting an ATV informational meeting on July 10.

Bryce Black had talked to the Town Attorney, Gwen Kuchevar, about what costs the Town can ask the ATV Club to pay. The reply was the club can be asked to post a bond or deposit cash to pay for signs and/or road damage.

The Board asked for the Plan Commission report concerning the ATV portion of meeting.

Bryce Black had spoken to Sheriff Deputy Balow concerning the ATV route. Deputy Balow said he did not see it as a safety issue; the Sheriff’s Department could not enforce town ordinances; it is currently legal for ATVs being used for agricultural purposes to be on the road.

The Board discussed approaching the other towns involved in the ATV route to meet jointly and come up with similar ordinances.

Kay Hamilton will attend the Town of Pepin's informational meeting and approach their board members with this idea.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended a seminar in Menomonie on June 24th hosted by the WDNR and the WTA about the WDNR's role in regulating industrial sand mining. The topics included permits for storm water and waste water, air quality issues, exemptions and personnel increases. Attorney Paul Kent recommended that towns have zoning and licensing ordinances.

Plan Commission Report

June 24th meeting- The Plan Commission meeting held on June 24th was reviewed.

Request for Frankforter Day Budget- Maureen Manore requested that the Plan Commission be allowed to spend up to \$300.00 for supplies for Frankforter Day to be held on September 21st. It was suggested that the Plan Commission approach various local businesses for donations. Donna Juleff made a motion to authorize the Plan Commission to spend up to \$300.00 from the Plan Commission budget to facilitate a Frankforter Day. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Mining Agreement Report

Town Attorney Gwen Kuchevar has relayed that Attorney Brian Nodolf notified her that the Annual Report should be completed by July 16th. Bryce Black informed Attorney Tanya Bruder that he would like to see a report of total non-frac sand tonnage removed from the mine site in the Annual Report.

Mining Agreement Well Testing

The results from the well water testing conducted by Cedar Corp were passed out for the Board to examine.

Road Reports

The new blacktop on Bear Pen Road has been laid and the shoulders should be completed in a few weeks. Mowing of the road ditches has started.

Emergency Management Procedure Draft

Kay Hamilton went over the draft with the Board explaining the rating on various emergencies, types of emergencies, the Chain of Command and Emergency Coordinator's role. The Board discussed the order of succession and ways to contact the citizens during an emergency.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for August 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall. The Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Plan Commission Report, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Emergency Management and pay bills.

Denny Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Curt Stine seconded.

Time 9:30 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk