

June 11, 2019

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

Other Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Josh Manor. Town Clerk Maureen Manore was present. Donna Juleff arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Also present were Sally Baecker, Mike Roberts, Randy Richardson and Steve Berger.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the May 14, 2019, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for May was read. The ending balance was \$269,879.01. The ending bank balance for April and May were verified against the bank statements.

Citizens' Concerns

Mike Roberts stated that Anderson Lane was sprayed last fall by Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services to kill the weeds. In the past they have asked Mike Roberts if it was alright to spray and he has told them not to because he raises organic products. Now there is no vegetation to hold back the water and this has caused erosion. Mike Roberts asked to be allowed to scoop out the ditch. He also wants the Town Board to call the electric company and ask them not to spray in the future and to pay for seeding down the area.

The Board agreed to allow Mike Roberts to scoop out the ditch.

Mike Roberts pointed out the section in the Courier Wedge where the County posts area meetings. He suggested that the Town use this to notify residents of upcoming meetings. He also said that the ATV Ordinance that was approved had no evidence of being reconciled with the Comprehensive Plan by the Plan Commission, which would be the proper way to do it.

Sally Baecker said that meeting dates for the ATV Committee was set at previous meetings and that there would have been enough time to publish the agenda. On Sunday there was an ATV on Bear Pen Road which is not part of the route. Sally Baecker said that the ordinance was not enforceable and "Not a Route" signs should be posted on Bear Pen.

Town Insurance Review

Rural Mutual Insurance Agent Steve Berger reviewed the Town's insurance policy and bond information.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Curt Stine attended the Wisconsin Towns Association workshop held on May 23rd. He made a point of attending the Open Meetings Law session and confirmed that notice of all meetings need to be sent to the Courier Wedge even if they are not to be published.

Mining Agreement Report

Randy Richardson informed the Board that he intends to sell two parcels: the 30 acres of the Cycle Park; and approximately 1.5 acres to the County for the new communication tower (same location as the old tower). Randy Richardson asked the Board if there was anything in the Mining Agreement that would prevent him from selling the land, and if so, whether the Agreement needs to be modified. Bryce Black said he thinks the property being sold is outside the mine site covered by the Mining Agreement, but he will look at the agreement and its various attachments to see if there is any issue.

The Board decided that it was probably allowable to sell the land. If there is an issue the Richardsons' lawyer should contact Bryce Black.

Road Reports

Bryce Black received a call from Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt asking what the Town wants done on Elk Creek Road. Bryce Black told him to make the necessary repairs and sent Kris Quandt the list of road maintenance and repairs for 2019.

The Board discussed a field road culvert that needs replacing on Elk Creek (which is the responsibility of landowners Dean Antilla and Lilly Arbore). It was decided that since the Town was having road work done in that area and that culvert effects the Town Road the Town would cover the cost of the digging to ensure proper placement and the landowners should pay for the culvert.

Bryce Black discussed with Pepin County Highway Foreman Doug Gruber putting rock on Elk Creek, crumbling blacktop on Goat Back Road and culverts on Gates Hill Road.

Bryce Black met with Doug Gruber at the top of Bear Pen Road where the retaining wall is tipping and slowly moving down the steep embankment. Doug Gruber discussed adding more material to shore it up and constructing a low curb to stop the runoff.

Bryce Black received a phone call from Cathy Stafford asking for more rock on Stafford Lane. He thought that this would be a good road to have Greg Bechel place rock which would contribute approximately \$1,200.00 toward his delinquent personal property tax.

ATV/UTV Route Sign Placement Certification

Pepin County Highway Department has put up some route signs where the Pepin County ATV Club suggested they should be placed. The Town Board was not consulted. Bryce Black and Curt Stine toured portions of the routes and report that while signage in some places is adequate, "No Route" signs are needed on all non-route roads intersecting the routes. Some places on the routes only have an arrow and should have the ATV sign as well. Bryce Black asked for two Board members to inspect the route and compile a list of signs that are needed and send the list to Doug Gruber and Maureen Manore. They should also determine if there are state statutes that specify how and where the signs should be placed. Bryce Black appointed Curt Stine and Donna Juleff.

Little Plum Lutheran Church Cemetery Report

Bryce Black and Curt Stine met with Little Plum Lutheran Church officers Steven Peinovich and Dennis Freidel on May 21st to complete the paperwork for transferring the cemetery deed to the Town. The signed documents have now been sent to the Town Attorney for inspection and filing.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for July 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Town Property Value Assessment, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Little Plum Church Cemetery Report, ATV/UTV Route Sign Placement/Certification and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:30 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk