

June 13, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Donna Juleff. Town Official Maureen Manore was present.

Also present were Steven Berger, Tina Cook, Ryan Anderson, Donna Gates, Cathy Hendricksen and Ron Hendricksen.

Town Insurance Review

Rural Mutual Insurance Agent Steven Berger explained the Town's current insurance policy coverage and deductibles. No changes were made to the policy.

Pepin Ambulance Service Director Presentation

Pepin Ambulance Director Tina Cook presented information about run times, personnel, billing and the general set-up for the Pepin Ambulance Service.

Ryan Anderson, Assistant Director for the Durand Ambulance Service stated they are increasing the number of EMTs available and have personnel on-call at the station during the day. He said the primary goal of the Durand Ambulance Service is to provide the area community with the best service possible, even if that means that participating Towns also contract with neighboring ambulance services.

The Board will continue to explore our options for providing effective ambulance service coverage for the Town.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the May 9, 2017, meeting were read. There was a spelling correction made to the draft and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for May was read. The ending balance was \$137,807.99. The Board verified the ending bank balance.

The Board briefly discussed proposed State legislation that would eliminate Personal Property Tax. The 2016 Personal Property Tax levied for the Town totaled \$4,927.60. The Board hopes this bill, if passed, would have minimal impact on Town finances.

Citizens' Concerns

Donna Gates stated that the minutes from the last few meetings were not posted to the website. The Clerk apologized for the oversight.

Bryce Black was contacted by Pepin County Health Director Heidi Stewart regarding complaints received by the Health Department about a dilapidated property on Sunny Brook that has a decrepit building, many abandoned vehicles and piles of tires. Heidi Stewart will contact the owner and suggest they make the property more habitable for health reasons.

Retaining Town Legal Services

Attorney Scott Curtis was invited to attend tonight's Town Board meeting, but had other commitments. He will be invited to the July Town Board meeting.

Fence Viewing Request Update – Charles Thomas

Bryce Black and Donna Juleff, the appointed fence viewers, met on May 31st, 9:00 a.m. for the fence viewing. Also present were Craig Bowron, Ron and Cathy Hendrickson, Roger Iverson and Charles Thomas. Charles Thomas did not accompany the fence viewers and other neighbors on the fence inspection rounds. The Board reviewed the draft fence division papers to be sent to the landowners and made a few suggestions.

Ron Hendrickson cited DNR publication WT756 that farmers with livestock must “Limit access or otherwise manage livestock along lakes, streams and wetlands to maintain vegetative cover and prevent erosion”. He stated that the Pepin County Conservationist Chase Cummings is willing to assist with a design to fence off the creek with a limited access point. Ron Hendrickson also said that the DNR would help pay for a concrete creek crossing for livestock.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

There were no reports on other meetings.

Mining Agreement Report

There was no activity to report.

Road Reports

The Pepin County Highway Department is lining up sealcoating projects in our area and should begin on Boyd Spring Road within a few days.

A 2016 rainstorm washed large rocks into a culvert on Sunny Brook Road. These were cleared out of the culvert, and piled outside of the road right of way. The landowner recently requested this rock pile be removed. A local contractor has agreed to remove the rocks for use as fill on one of his private construction projects.

Town Board Meeting – Length/Procedures

The Board discussed ways to shorten agendas and table lengthy discussions.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for July 11, 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, Emergency Services Coverage Area and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:45 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk