

March 13, 2018

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Other Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton. Town Officials Michael Albert and Maureen Manore were present.

Also present were Donna Gates, Debra Fisher, Rick Riggins, Tina Cook and Greg Bechel.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the February 13, 2018, meeting were read. The draft minutes were accepted as read.

Kay Hamilton made a motion to move the agenda item "Pepin Ambulance Contract" to immediately follow "Citizens Concerns". Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for February was read. The ending balance was \$245,693.15. The Board verified the ending bank balance.

Citizens' Concerns

Debra Fisher and Rick Riggins introduced themselves as the new owners of the Little Plum Church property. They talked about some of their ideas for the property which included an entertainment center and wedding venue and having the schoolhouse registered as a historic site.

Richard McDermott stated that the Highway Department did a bad job of snow removal on Kallstrom Road from the last storm. There was also a complaint about snow plowing from Chuck Peterson about Gilbert Lane. Bryce Black reported that he had contacted the Pepin County Highway Department about this, and they responded that the gravel roads were getting soft due to thawing and they did not want to damage them.

Pepin Ambulance Contract

Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service Director Tina Cook was present to answer questions about the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service.

Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service and the Town of Frankfort. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried. Bryce Black signed the contract.

Request for Transfer of Liquor License to Town of Pepin Update– Hidden Meadow and Barn

Bryce Black contacted Tom Ourada from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and Maureen Manore contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association to get more information about transferring a liquor license to a neighboring municipality. Both were told that under State Statute 125.51(4)(e), if a municipality has not issued any licenses, the municipality may not transfer any licenses. As far as could be determined, the Town has never issued any liquor licenses; therefore, we could not transfer one even if we wanted to. Curt Stine has shared this news with the Kissels (who had requested the license transfer).

Mining Agreement Report

Greg Bechel addressed the Board, stating that currently the frac sand market is down and at this time he would rather concentrate on the gravel side of the mine production. He said he would like

to have a simplified agreement. The Board asked him about the status of his lease and was told that it is renewed every five years and is current but may not have been recorded in Pepin County. The Board asked Greg Bechel to present a proposal in writing.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

There were no meetings attended.

The Wisconsin Towns Association will provide Board of Review training at their regional conference on March 24th in Eau Claire.

Randy Nelson Estate – Delinquent Personal Property

There were no updates.

Road Reports

Bryce Black presented information on a long term plan that he had generated in WISLR using an annual road construction/maintenance budget of \$50,000.00 as a base figure. The Board discussed the results and the budget. Black will continue to work on developing a five year road work plan.

Town Garage Maintenance

Bryce Black called Chuck Peterson for an estimate on repairing the knee braces. Chuck has a full time railroad job and is not currently doing this type of work.

Cemetery Ordinance Review/Possible Adoption

Kay Hamilton presented an updated draft cemetery ordinance with the changes suggested by the Board since the previous meeting. The Board reviewed the document and discussed increasing the fee for plots and perpetual care to \$250.00 each and to change the word “corpses” in Section III to “remains”. The Board also discussed options for green burial.

Richard McDermott made a motion to adopt the resolution titled “Resolution to Adopt the Town of Frankfort Cemetery Ordinance, Cemetery Regulations and Establish Cemetery Lot Fees”. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Durand Ambulance Contract

Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the Agreement for Ambulance Services with the City of Durand. Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried. Bryce Black and Maureen Manore signed the contract.

Set Board of Review Date

Due to a change in state law, the Board of Review and the Open Book cannot be held on the same day anymore. The Open Book will be on April 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Board of Review was set for May 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for April 17, 2018, following the Annual meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen’s Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Appoint Plan Commission Members and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:55 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk