

May 13, 2014

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Denny Richardson, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present. Donna Juleff arrived at 6:45.

Also attending was Donna Gates, Jason Unser, Jeff Anderson and Attorney Tanya Bruder.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 15th meeting were read. There were names added to those also attending and two corrections to misspelt names. Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Curt Stine seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for April was read. The ending balance was \$99,898.41. Kay Hamilton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Denny Richardson seconded. The motion carried.

Bryce Black asked the Board and the room at large if there would be any objection to moving the ATV Route agenda item to follow Citizen's Concerns. There were no objections.

Citizen's Concerns

Bryce Black received a request from the Porcupine Cemetery Association to use the Town Hall for their meeting on Saturday, May 17th.

ATV Route

Jason Unser, Vice-president of the Pepin County ATV/UTV Club, gave a presentation about his club and the ATV route that they hoped to have in the Town of Frankfort. They would like to use Goat Back Road, Elk Creek Road and Boyd Spring Road to reach County Road SS. The Board asked questions concerning safety, insurance, trail vs. route, speed, contact people, ability to rescind permission and traffic rate. Donna Juleff made a motion to draft a resolution to vote on at the next Board meeting to allow the ATV route with provisions for rescinding it. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended a workshop in Eau Claire on April 23rd on disaster recovery. Bryce felt the subject matter was beyond the scope of our town and can be more appropriately handled by County Emergency Management personnel.

Tina Bee reported on the Plan Commission Committee meeting to explore the feasibility of a Frankforter Day. The meeting was held on May 6th and the committee discussed if there was any interest in this and what activities would be held. It was decided that there should be at least one get-together for a partial day in late summer. This will be brought back to the Plan Commission for discussion.

Mining Agreement Report

There has been no mine meeting since the last Board meeting. Neither Greg Bechel nor Attorney Brian Nodolf has contacted the Board about an informational meeting regarding the underground mining proposal. Attorney Tanya Bruder stated that this was because Brian Nodolf believed the Town Board was not interested in the proposal. The Board responded that they were waiting for more information, and that they believe it will probably be necessary to renegotiate parts of the Mining Operating Agreement if Bechel changes from open pit to underground mining.

Mining Agreement Well Testing

Bryce Black has contacted Scott McCurdy of Cedar Corp. and instructed him to begin the first round of testing on all thirteen wells within ½ mile of the mine. Cedar plans to start sometime in May. Donna Gates and Donna Juleff both stated that the outdoor faucet on their house is filtered. This information will be passed on to McCurdy along

with the suggestion to ask the other property owners about their outdoor faucets. Attorney Tanya Bruder stated that Cindy Schlosser had an appointment to meet with the water filter installer on May 20th.

Plan Commission Ordinance Revision

The Board discussed the draft ordinance. Curt Stine made a motion to adopt the Town of Frankfort Plan Commission Ordinance, Ordinance 2014-2. Donna Juleff seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 2014-3R Approving Pepin County Telecommunications Ordinance

The Board discussed the resolution which dealt with an amendment to Pepin County's Telecommunication Ordinance. The ordinance amendment would not be effective in the Town unless it was adopted by the Town Board. Bryce Black pointed out that the Town's Zoning Ordinance section on Telecommunications states that all proposed facilities of this sort need to get a permit from Pepin County. Kay Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-3R, Approval of Pepin County Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 Telecommunications Tower, Antennas and Related Facilities. Donna Juleff seconded and the motion carried.

Road Reports

Scott and Audrey Lieftring had submitted a Highway Access Permit Application for Elk Creek Road. Bryce Black met with Scott Lieftring to view the proposed site. An alternate site was chosen that was on a milder slope that both parties agreed to. The application was approved.

Bryce Black contacted WTA Attorney Lee Turonie and asked him how the legal status of town roads relates to Brad & Sara Sabelko's request for the Town to cut a large, hollow silver maple tree growing in the Cut Off Road right of way. Turonie replied that if a road is officially an easement, then any lumber or firewood from a tree growing in the right of way would technically belong to the landowner; if the road is platted, the wood would belong to the Town. Bryce Black asked the Pepin County Highway Department about the cost of them cutting down the tree and was told it would take between one and four hours. Bryce Black will contact the Sabelkos and ask if they are willing to dispose of the tree after it is cut down.

Bryce Black, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton conducted a road tour on May 1st. They rode along with Doug Gruber and John Hanz, from the Pepin County Highway Department, and inspected the roads. Bryce Black handed out a spreadsheet of their findings from the tour and the Board discussed various possible road improvement/maintenance projects. Denny Richardson will contact Doug Gruber to discuss implementation. Gano Lane has been rocked.

Rock Purchase

Denny Richardson handed out a budget projection for 2014 road projects. He determined that if the Bear Pen Road project was done and a rock pile was purchased there would be approximately \$15,440.00 left in the Public Works budget. The Board discussed this projection and the bids received from The Kraemer Company for \$7.30 per cubic yard for 5,000 yards and \$7.75 per cubic yard by the truckload, and from Greg Bechel Trucking and Excavating for \$7.35 per cubic yard, loaded on Frankfort contracted trucks. Donna Juleff made a motion to direct Denny Richardson to purchase a 5000 yard rock pile at the bid price from The Kraemer Company and to inquire about making the payments in two installments. Kay Hamilton seconded and the motion carried.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for June 17, 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, Mining Agreement Report, Mining Agreement Well Testing, Road Reports, ATV Route Resolution, Town Insurance Agent, Emergency Management and pay bills.

Donna Juleff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kay Hamilton seconded.

Time 9:00 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk