

May 9, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton. Town Official Maureen Manore was present. Donna Juleff arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Also present were Charles Thomas, Kurt Walker, Cathy Hendricksen, Ron Hendricksen and Craig Bowron.

### Minutes

The draft minutes from the April 18, 2017, meeting were read. There was a correction made to the draft and the minutes were accepted.

### Financial Report

Treasurer's report for April was read. The ending balance was \$168,013.69.

### Citizens' Concerns

Dan Barber called the Clerk to offer his services for mowing the Town Hall lawn and to complain that the current mower, J & K Lawn Care, was throwing branches from the Town Hall lawn onto his lawn and the neighboring field. Dan Barber did not say what he would charge for the mowing. The Board was not interested in changing the current mowing contract. Maureen Manore will contact J & K and instruct them to remove any debris from the Town Hall lawn and not throw it into the adjoining properties.

### Fence Viewing Request Update – Charles Thomas

Bryce Black contacted Wisconsin Towns Association Attorney Carol Nawrocki concerning fence viewing questions. Attorney Nawrocki stated that State Statutes give the Town the authority to send out viewers to make a legal determination of fence lines but the Town has no authority to settle border disputes. When asked about fence viewing requests from people that are not the legal owners Attorney Nawrocki stated that the citizen who requests the fence viewing should have documentation to provide proof of responsibility or ownership.

Charles Thomas stated that he will provide this proof next week. He also said that for creek fencing he would be satisfied with 4 foot steel posts or well casing and brace on the creek bank that a strand of wire and floats can be connected to.

The Hendricksens restated that they are concerned about cattle possibly polluting Plum Creek and harming the trout population. They suggested a buffer zone fence for the creek to limit access. They said the County Land Conservation Department could help with the design.

Bryce Black and Donna Juleff, the appointed fence viewers, decided on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. for the fence viewing.

### Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended the Pepin Chapter of the WTA meeting in Durand on April 20<sup>th</sup>. New chapter officers were elected, Bryce Black became Secretary/Treasurer. The topics of discussions included the State budget, road aid and local control of sand mines.

Bryce Black attended the Durand Rural Fire Department annual meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Fire District was discussed. There will be another meeting on this subject on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Road Tour was on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bryce Black, Curt Stine and John Hanz conducted the tour. Bryce Black and Curt Stine went to Fountain City on May 8<sup>th</sup> to interview Attorney Scott Curtis.

### Mining Agreement Report

There was no activity to report.

### Retaining Town Legal Services

Bryce Black and Curt Stine went to Fountain City on May 8<sup>th</sup> to the law firm of O'Flaherty Heim Egan and Birnbaum, LTD to interview Attorney Scott Curtis. The sand mine history was discussed. Attorney Curtis suggested that for the size of the Town, billing as needed for services would make the most sense. The hourly rate is \$185.00 but may be negotiable for larger projects. Curt Stine will formulate a list of follow-up questions for Bryce Black to forward on to Attorney Curtis. Attorney Curtis will be invited to the next Town Board meeting.

### Road Reports

The Road Tour was May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bryce Black, Curt Stine and Pepin County Highway Commissioner John Hanz went on the tour and noted repairs needed and possible projects for this year. The Board looked over Hanz's estimate for sealcoating and hauling and placing crushed rock. They agreed to the suggested projects. Nick Kraemer has verified that the Town has 4140.84 cubic yards at the Anderson quarry.

### Emergency Service Coverage Area

Maureen Manore contacted Tina Cook from the Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service to ask how the population would be calculated for contract billing purposes. Tina Cook said that it was calculated by determining the households and estimating the population. Maureen Manore also contacted Joshua Eggleston, City of Durand Administrator, to ask about the procedure for changing the Town's current Service Contract with Durand Ambulance Service. Joshua Eggleston stated that the Town would submit the new boundaries and the population within those boundaries. He suggested waiting until the end of the year when the current contract ends to give the Board time to work out the details.

Donna Juleff made a motion to sign the contract with the Durand Ambulance Service for the current year's service. Kay Hamilton seconded and the motion carried. The Board agreed to continue exploring the pros and cons of using two ambulance services.

### Clerk/Treasurer Audit

The Board conducted an audit of the Clerk's and Treasurer's financial records. No discrepancies were found.

### Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for June 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in 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, Retain Town Attorney, Emergency Services Coverage Area and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:50 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk