

November 15, 2016

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

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

Also present was Pepin County Highway Department Commissioner John Hanz.

Kay Hamilton made a motion to move Road Reports up to the second item on the agenda. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting were read. There were no changes and the minutes stood as drafted.

Road Reports

John Hanz, Pepin County Highway Department Commissioner, addressed the Board concerning the Pepin ATV/UTV Club request to the County to open certain county roads to ATV/UTV traffic. He presented maps of the requested routes. The Board discussed the issue and decided that they were not in favor of the proposal, citing safety and increased road and emergency service costs. Bryce Black will send an email to John Hanz to inform him that the Town Board is not in favor of the proposal. Black stated that when this issue came up previously, a large number of Town citizens signed a petition against ATV/UTV routes in the Town, and if the ATV/UTV Club wants to re-open the issue, it should be the Club's job to convince the residents that ATV routes on public highways are safe and in the community's interest.

There has been a Highway Access Permit request from Dan Perry to improve an existing access on County Road SS by the intersection with Elk Creek Road. Bryce Black approved the request but noted a cabin on the land that may not have a building permit. The assessor will be contacted to determine the age of the structure.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for October was read. The ending balance was \$91,875.15.

Citizens' Concerns

Richard McDermott was contacted about a missing road sign on the intersection of Boyd Spring Road and Beaver Slide Road.

Bryce Black and Maureen Manore reported on the questions received from Sharon Foote concerning the Town's request for reimbursement for a Fire Department bill for a medical landing zone on June 29th. According to Sharon Foote, she was being told by her insurance company to submit the bill to Medicare and not to pay the Town herself. She called Social Security and Medicare will send her a form to give to the Town to submit and the person she spoke to questioned why a volunteer fire department needed to be paid and if it was a just a donation and if it was even legal.

Bryce Black spoke to Carol Nawrocki, Wisconsin Towns Association Attorney, and was told which statutes cover reimbursement for emergency services. The Town also has Ordinance No. 2009-1, Adopting Emergency Service Protection Charges which covers emergency service protection costs. A letter will be sent to Sharon Foote explaining the process and the bill due.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

There were no other meetings attended.

Mining Agreement Report

There was no new information to report.

Adopt 2017 Budget

Kay Hamilton made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget of \$269,795.18. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Building Inspector Contract Renewal

The Board examined and discussed the contract submitted by Frederick Weber of Weber Inspections for a one year renewal. Curt Stine made a motion to renew the contract with Weber Inspections for 2017. Kay Hamilton seconded and the motion carried.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for December 13, 2016, 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, Review Ordinance No. 2009-1 Adopting Emergency Service Protection Charges, Set Caucus Date and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:02 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk