

October 9, 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, October 9, 2018.

Other Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine, Donna Juleff and Josh Manor. Town Clerk Maureen Manore was present.

Also present was Dave Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Brent King, Evan Mercer, Carol Inderieden, Jim Schiller, Lily Arbore and Larry Mercer.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the September 11, 2018, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for September was read. The ending balance for September was \$264,408.97. The current bank statement was examined.

Citizens' Concerns

Jeff Lorentz called Maureen Manore to ask if his damaged house needed to be torn down within a certain time frame. The Town has no written timeline regarding damaged structure removal. Bryce Black was contacted by a surveyor and asked what the right of way dimension is for Barber Lane. Black informed him that WISLR says it is 66 feet.

ATV Route Discussion

Evan Mercer, Vice-President of the Pepin County ATV Club, stated that a lot of people in the Town of Frankfort want to have ATV routes opened in the Town. He made no specific proposal but suggested that at the very least to open enough Town roads to ATV traffic to connect with the Town of Pepin, Town of Waterville and Town of Union. Jeff Anderson, Dave Anderson, Brent King and Larry Mercer spoke in favor of opening routes saying that this was considered a normal activity in the northern part of the state, that the safety issue was no different than having motorcycles or bicycles on the road, and that all the taxpayers pay for the road so a few people shouldn't have control over the issue. Lily Arbore and Carol Inderieden spoke against opening routes due to safety concerns. Lily Arbore reminded the Board of the survey she conducted in 2014, signed by 140 Frankfort residents and landowners saying they are against ATV routes on Town roads.

The Board discussed the issue and how to get input from more of the citizens, either by an advisory referendum or by a special Town Meeting of the Electors. The Board decided that they would like to see a specific proposal at the next Town Board meeting.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended the Durand Rural Fire Department meeting on September 27th. The draft of its by-laws was discussed. A finalized version will be presented at the October 18th meeting. Those municipalities that wish to continue to contract with DRFD for fire protection will need to approve the by-laws by the end of the year.

Bryce Black attended a meeting of Wisconsin Towns Association county unit leaders in Osseo on October 3rd.

Upcoming meetings are a joint meeting of the WTA Pierce and Pepin County Units on October 18th in Plum City; a meeting of the Durand Rural Fire Department, also on October 18th; and a meeting of the WTA Chippewa County Unit featuring a presentation by the WTA's Town Action Council on October 23rd in Cadott.

Mining Agreement Report

There was nothing new to report.

Road Reports

The washout on Beaver Slide has been filled in.

Two thousand cubic yards of crushed rock is now available at the Anderson Quarry.

Bryce Black called Greg Bechel to ask about applying rock to specific roads but has not heard back from Bechel.

A culvert on Porcupine Lane had the road cave in around it on one side. The Pepin County Highway Department filled it in with dirt and rock. The culvert did not seem to be damaged.

Bryce Black has been attempting to speak to the Town of Maiden Rock Chair, Jerry Duden, about the shared responsibilities of Maple Lane Road.

The road mile certification is due to WISLR.

Richard McDermott reported that the lower part of Kallstrom Road is pooling water and floods because there is nowhere for the water on that part of the road to drain off to.

Town Garage Electric Update

Bryce Black contacted Backwoods Electric for an estimate on repair of the faulty wiring on the Town Garage meter. They quoted \$300.00 which was accepted and the repairs were completed. The bill submitted was for \$299.10.

Town Hall Deck Repair

Ken Manor inspected the deck and rails and submitted estimates for repair and replacement, using either treated lumber or a composite material.

Richard McDermott made a motion to approve the repair and replacement of the handrail, decking and ramp with the pressure treated wood, built and sealed. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried. Josh Manor abstained from voting.

2019 Budget Preparation

The Board went over the proposed Budget for 2019.

Richard McDermott made a motion to approve the 2019 proposed budget. Donna Juleff seconded and the motion carried.

Set Date for Budget Hearing

Set Date for Special Meeting of the Town Electors – To Approve the 2018 Town Tax Levy to be Paid in 2019

Motion by Josh Manor, seconded by Richard McDermott, to set the Budget Hearing for November 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall with the Special Meeting of the Town Electors to immediately follow. Motion carried.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for November 13, 2018, following the Budget Hearing and the Special Meeting of the Town Electors. 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, ATV Route Discussion, 2019 Budget Adoption and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 9:35 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk