

September 8, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Richard McDermott, Curt Stine, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Michael Albert were present.

#### Minutes

The draft minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. The minutes were accepted.

#### Financial Report

Treasurer's report for August was read. The ending balance was \$54,413.70.

#### Citizens' Concerns

Curt Stine received complaints from two citizens that several dogs were running at large in Elk Creek valley. These dogs are alleged to have previously killed or injured neighbors' dogs or livestock. Supervisor Stine was told that a Pepin County deputy has informed the dog owners that their dogs need to be restrained at all times. Stine will contact the deputy for more information.

Richard McDermott reported on a sighting of a large convoy of ATVs on a road in Pierce County.

Bryce Black spoke to Town of Pepin Supervisor Bruce Johnson, asking if there have been any significant problems with ATVs in the Town of Pepin since they passed their ATV route ordinance. Bruce Johnson was not aware of any.

Maureen Manore reported that the County Treasurer, Nancy Richardson, was concerned that there was an unreported dwelling on Dead Lake Prairie Lane. The assessor will be notified.

#### Report on Other Meetings Attended

Upcoming meetings: September 28<sup>th</sup>, Fall Workshop for Town Officials held by the WTA in Eau Claire. September 30<sup>th</sup>, PASER and WISLR Question and Answer webinar held by the University of Madison.

#### Plan Commission Report

Plan Commission Vice-chair, Maureen Manore, gave a report on the Plan Commission meeting held August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The report included a citizen's concern from John Peterson about a possible zoning variance application, electing a new vice-chair, discussion on changing the Plan Commission to 5 members, and reviewing the Zoning Ordinance with emphasis on variance requests and setbacks.

#### Mining Agreement Report

There was a special Town Board meeting closed session held on August 12<sup>th</sup> concerning strategies and options for possible litigation. At this meeting the Town Chair was authorized to retain the services of Attorney William Mavity. Attorney Mavity has been retained and has met with Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton. Kay Hamilton has organized the billing records and has sent out a request for immediate payment of \$30,704.67 due on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If the deadline is not met the Town Chair will call for a special Town Board meeting closed session on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Donna Juleff made a motion to authorize Town Chair Black and Supervisor Hamilton to work with Attorney William Mavity to continue to address the collection of funds owed to the Town by Greg Bechel Trucking & Excavating LLC, and to continue to negotiate and settle on behalf of the Town Board. Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Donna Juleff reported that the Bechel mine was still open and operating machinery at 6:35 p.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Town Hall Deck Maintenance

The handicapped assessable ramp and deck for the Town Hall have some warped planks. The Board decided to meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to re-screw, re-set or replace the planks as needed.

### Cemetery Maintenance

There are headstones in the Little Plum Cemetery that need to be set upright. The Board discussed options for this maintenance, which included asking the Porcupine Cemetery Association how they handle maintenance and contacting the local Boy Scouts to offer this as a service project.

### Cemetery Ordinance

Kay Hamilton has been researching cemetery ordinances in order to draft a suitable one for the Town. Further research needs to be done to determine whether the Town owns the Little Plum Cemetery.

### Road Reports

Road damage from the recent heavy rains has resulted in the need for more crushed rock and/or grading for Cutoff Road, Swede Ramble, Gilbert Lane, Holmes Lane, Bignell Lane, Paradise Lane, Porcupine Road, Kallstrom Road and Goatback Road.

The work on the Boyd Spring Road hump/dip will begin next week.

Bryce Black spoke to the Town of Waterville Chair, Dennis Milliren, about the process for placing speed limit signs on town roads. Dennis Milliren explained that an ordinance and certified enforcement training was needed.

Bryce Black instructed the Pepin County Highway Department to place farm machinery ahead caution signs on Goatback Road.

### Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will include: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Cemetery Ordinance, Road Reports, Prepare 2016 Budget and pay bills.

Donna Juleff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard McDermott seconded.

Time 9:00 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk