

April 21, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Richard McDermott, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present.

Also present were Donna Gates, Kathleen Plunkett-Black, Earl Finden, Shirley Porrazzo and Sally Baecker.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the March 10th meeting were read. A change was made to the Board Members Present section and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for March was read. The ending balance was \$82,362.19.

Replacement of the Town Treasurer

Bryce Black reported that he had spoken to Carol Nawrocki, Attorney for the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA), and was informed that there is no fast cut-off date in the State Statutes for replacing a Town Treasurer who no longer lives in the town. The Treasurer can continue to serve the Town until a replacement is found. The Board decided that a notice would be placed in the area Shopper and the Courier Wedge asking for applications from interested citizens with a deadline of May 12th to apply.

Citizens' Concerns

Sally Baecker voiced concerns about the Bechel Mine converting to an underground mining operation. Bryce Black issued two burning permits after the recent rain. He stated that the standard for deciding to issue burning permits should be a half inch of rain within a 24 hour period and no wind. If there is any doubts Black should be contacted.

Bryce Black stated as a reminder that "A Day in the Life of Frankfort" would occur on April 25th and those that were interested could see the link and details on the website.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

On March 27th, Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton attended the District 2 WTA meeting in Eau Claire. This meeting featured a legislative review session. A panel of state legislators (including our Assembly representative Warren Petryk) commented on various proposed state budget items and other pending legislation that may be of interest to local government.

On April 16th, Bryce Black, Curt Stine and Maureen Manore attended the Pepin County unit WTA meeting in Durand. Representative Warren Petryk and WTA District 2 representatives Steve Dickinsen and Sharon Folcey were in attendance. Legislative updates and the changes to the proposed budget to date were discussed.

Upcoming meetings include the Durand Rural Fire Department meeting on April 28th, The Zoning Board of Adjustment training held in Menomonie by the Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) on May 7th and the Town Officials Workshop held by the WTA in Eau Claire on June 3rd.

Mining Agreement Report

Bryce Black stated that he sent a letter a week ago to the Bechel mine concerning the proof of insurance documents, the late working hours and the incident with the school bus reported by Donna Juleff. It was decided that Kay Hamilton will send a compliance notification letter every 30 days.

Tina Bee reported that the Bechel mine has not paid its Personal Property tax for 2014. The amount including interest is \$18,818.45.

Bryce Black reported that Town Attorney Gwen Kuchevar has spoken to Chase Cummings, Pepin County Land Conservation Specialist, and was told that the Bechel mine has been authorized to do their underground test project without having to revise their reclamation permit as long as they stay within the 7 acres noted in their reclamation permit and that the test does not exceed one year.

Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes

The redraft of the Memorandum of Understanding is currently being worked on by the Town's Attorney.

Road Reports

Bryce Black received a Highway Access request from Robert Teets on Klein Lane. Black examined the proposed site and approved the application.

Bryce Black received a request for an exemption to the road ban from Scott Schultz on Goat Back Lane to allow cement trucks to haul to his farm. Both the Town's Consultant Dan Fedderly and Pepin County Highway Department Commissioner John Hanz advised against this. The request was denied.

Pepin County Highway Department foreman Doug Gruber informed Bryce Black that brushing was done on Kallstrom Road, Holmes Lane and Goatback Road. The large silver maple was cut down on Cutoff Road.

Brushing was also done on Byington Road.

The road tour was scheduled for May 4th to begin at 7:30 a.m. with a backup date of May 6th.

Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment Member

Bryce Black appointed Cindy Schultz for a three year term to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The appointments were approved and confirmed by the Town Board Supervisors.

Appoint Plan Commission Members

Bryce Black appointed Maureen Manore and Don Gisch for a three year term to serve the Plan Commission. The appointments were approved and confirmed by the Town Board Supervisors.

Set Board of Review Date

The Board of Review was set for May 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall. The Open Book will be on May 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for May 12, 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, Road Reports, Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes, and pay bills.

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

Time 9:10 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk