

April 18, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Board members present were Richard McDermott, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town Officials Michael Albert and Maureen Manore were present.

Also present were Donna Gates, Charles Thomas, Kurt Walker, Cathy Hendricksen and Ron Hendricksen.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the March 14, 2017 meeting were read. There was a name correction made to the draft and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for March was read. The ending balance was \$156,772.47.

Citizens' Concerns

Kay Hamilton and Bryce Black both received calls from Douglas and Debra Zezulka concerning their trees along a driveway easement being cut by someone else. Black determined the neighboring land belonged to Butch Reinhardt, and gave Reinhardt's phone number to the Zezulkas.

Kay Hamilton asked if Timothy Carlisle had a building permit. Maureen Manore will look up this information.

Fence Viewing Request – Charles Thomas

Charles Thomas stated that he intends to put cattle into an 80 acre section of his land and it needs to be fenced. He would like the Town Board to assign fence viewers to establish the centerlines and determine the responsibilities for fencing.

The Hendricksens, who share a border with Thomas, said they are concerned about cattle possibly polluting Plum Creek. They want to have a survey to determine the property lines before they spend money on a fence. Chair Black explained that the state statute only gives the Town Board authority concerning fence line disputes, not property border location issues.

Charles Thomas stated that he was requesting a fence viewing.

Bryce Black and Donna Juleff were appointed as fence viewers. The time and date of the viewing was not set at this time.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Attending WTA regional meetings were Richard McDermott on March 25th in Eau Claire, and Kay Hamilton and Bryce Black on March 31st in Cumberland.

Kay Hamilton attended the All Towns meeting on March 28th in the Frankfort Town Hall. The topics of interest were invasive species eradication and floodplain zoning violations in the County.

On April 3rd, Kay Hamilton and Bryce Black attended the Pepin County Highway Committee hearing for the proposed Pepin County ATV/UTV Routes Ordinance. The only proposed route in Frankfort is slightly under a mile of County Road I. The Highway Committee voted to send the proposed ordinance to the full County Board.

Bryce Black attended the meeting of the City of Durand Fire Department and the Durand Rural Fire Department on April 6th. The main topic was developing a Fire District and combining the services.

Bryce Black attended a Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services meeting in Ellsworth on April 12th. Starting in June 2017 PPCS will be upgrading the Ella Substation on Ganoe Hill and associated powerlines. The schedule for vegetation control was also discussed.

On April 19th the County Board of Supervisors will meet, and there is also a State budget hearing in Ellsworth.

On April 20th the Pepin Chapter of the WTA meets in Durand.

On April 26th the Durand Rural Fire Department has its annual meeting.

Mining Agreement Report

There was no activity to report.

Hiring Town Legal Services

Bryce Black solicited references concerning Attorney Scott Curtis and his firm, O'Flaherty Heim Egan and Birnbaum, LTD, from municipalities and concerned citizen groups that had retained their services. The Board read the reports, the majority favorable. Bryce Black will set up a conference with Attorney Curtis.

Road Reports

The Road Tour was tentatively set for May 4th. Bryce Black will contact the Highway Department and confirm the date.

Vote on Ordinance 2017-1 "Amending Ordinance 2009-1, Adopting Emergency Services Protection Charges"

Richard McDermott made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-1 titled "Amending Ordinance 2009-1, Adopting Emergency Services Protection Charges", seconded by Donna Juleff. The motion carried.

Emergency Service Coverage Area

The Board examined the new contract from the Durand Ambulance Service and the proposed coverage area and rates supplied by the Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service. It was decided to contact Durand Ambulance Service to ask what the procedure would be for changing the contract and to contact the Pepin Emergency Ambulance Service to ask how the population is calculated. Both will be invited to the next Town Board meeting.

Appoint Plan Commission Members

Bryce Black appointed Donna Gates to serve a three year term on the Plan commission from April 30, 2017 to April 30, 2020. The Board confirmed the appointment. Richard McDermott was appointed as the Town Board representative to the Plan Commission.

Clerk/Treasurer Audit

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for May 9, 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, Clerk/Treasurer Audit and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 9:45 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk