

January 14, 2020

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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

Also present were Carl Morsbach, Rick Riggins, Debra Fisher and Donna Gates.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the December 10, 2019, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report/Certificate of Deposit Renewal

Treasurer's report for December was read. The ending balance was \$308,587.45. The bank statements for November and December were examined to verify the balance reported.

Richard McDermott relayed the Certificate of Deposit (CD) Renewal information for the Town Treasurer. The three Town CDs mature on January 16th. The Town has 10 days to make changes to them or they renew automatically. The Security Financial Bank CDs draw 1.74% interest and will continue at that rate if renewed. The Board decided to move the Little Plum Cemetery Savings funds into the Cemetery CD, closing out that savings account.

Motion by Curt Stine, seconded by Josh Manor, to renew the three 23-month CDs and add the Little Plum Cemetery Savings balance of \$231.98 to the Cemetery Account CD. Motion carried.

Citizens' Concerns

Debra Fisher showed the Board a map and index of the Little Plum Lutheran Cemetery that she has been working on. When completed it can be put on the Town website. The Board thanked her for her work. Richard McDermott stated that there is a problem with ice fishermen parking on County Road N. There is no space for them to pull off the road and they end up parking in the road, creating a hazard.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black met with Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt on December 16th to discuss applying for the 2017-18 LRIP grant.

Bryce Black attended a Pepin County Land Conservation Committee meeting on January 13th. A proposed livestock facility siting ordinance was discussed. The authors of the ordinance wanted to address the issue of widespread nitrate contamination of groundwater. They proposed more restrictive requirements, including mandatory composting of manure, for CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) of over 500 AU (Animal Units). Those against the ordinance spoke of the prohibitive costs. The Committee voted 4 to 1 to rescind their recommendation that the full county board adopt the ordinance.

ATV Ordinance: Maple Lane Road Jurisdiction Issue

Bryce Black explained that our ATV/UTV Route Ordinance designates Maple Lane Road as a Route. However, the Town shares jurisdiction of Maple Lane Road with the Town of Maiden Rock. (Our agreement is that Frankfort takes care of the north half of this boundary road, and Maiden Rock maintains the south half.) Currently Maiden Rock does not have any ATV Routes. Pepin County ATV Club President Even Mercer plans to meet with the Maiden Rock Town Board to ask about opening that road to ATV traffic. The ATV Club may also request all Maiden Rock town roads be opened to ATVs. The topic was on their January agenda, but no action was taken. Frankfort will watch to see how Maiden Rock votes before addressing this issue. If Maiden Rock declines to designate their portion of Maple Lane Road as a route, we may need to amend our ordinance.

The Board discussed the certification language in the ordinance. Under the Effective Date section, the actual use of Town Roads will begin only after the Pepin County Highway Department certifies to the Chair that the required signage is in place on the routes. After the certification is received then the Board

will reconsider the ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting in the 13th month following the certification date. Curt Stine will contact Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt to obtain the certification in writing.

Road Reports

Bryce Black told the Pepin Highway crew to cut brush when they have time on Cut Off Road and Beaver Slide. Richard McDermott asked that they also look at the overhanging trees on the lower half of Kallstrom Road.

Bryce Black signed the application for the LRIP grant of \$18,400.00. The Town will blacktop the remainder of Bear Pen Road for an estimated cost of \$104,000.00.

Carl Morsbach asked that he be consulted during the design phase of the project, as road and drainage layout will affect his land.

Liquor License Fee Ordinance

The Board examined the draft ordinance to set license fees.

Motion by Richard McDermott, seconded by Donna Juleff to adopt Ordinance 2020-1, Code of Ordinances Chapter 7. Licensing and Regulations and attached fee schedule. Motion carried.

Assessor Contract Renewal

The Board examined the contract. The Board agreed to accept the contract. The contract was signed by the Chair.

Durand Ambulance Contract

The Board examined the corrected contract and decided to renew the contract. The Chair signed the contract.

Discuss Pepin County Draft Uniform Addressing System

Pepin County Zoning Administrator Maria Nelson is in the process of preparing an ordinance creating a uniform addressing system and asked the municipal boards to look it over. The Board found no obvious discrepancies with the ordinance.

Appoint Election Inspector for 2020-2021

The Clerk requested that the following person, who was inadvertently left off the December list, be appointed as an election inspector for the next two years: Marie Berger.

Bryce Black appointed her and the Board confirmed the appointment.

Discuss Court Ordered Voter Roll Purge

Bryce Black had wanted to discuss the recent circuit court ordered removal of approximately 200,000 Wisconsin voters that had failed to respond to mailed inquiries sent to them asking if they still resided at that address. This order would potentially affect 9 Town residents. But as of today, this order has been stayed by the State Appeals Court.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was not scheduled at this meeting. A tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Road Reports, Memorandum of Understanding with Pepin County for Election Management System and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:57 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk