

January 16, 2018

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Other Board members present were Richard McDermott, Curt Stine, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town Official Maureen Manore was present.

Also present were Donna Gates and Kathleen Plunkett-Black.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the December 12, 2017, meeting were read. The draft minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for December was read. The ending balance was \$233,921.10. The Board verified the ending bank balance. Maureen Manore checked the interest rates for certificates of deposits (CD) at WestConsin Credit Union. Their rates ranged from .65% to 1.81% depending upon the length of the CD and the penalty for early withdrawal ranged from 90 days of dividends to 365 days of dividends depending on the length of the CD.

Citizens' Concerns

None

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended a meeting of the Durand Rural Fire Department on December 14th. Discussed were the revised by-laws for the Durand Rural Fire Department and the proposed Fire District.

Mining Agreement Report

Bryce Black received a call from Greg Bechel on January 7th. Bechel said he is willing to sign a declaration stating that he will not mine any more frac sand. He said that he would like to end the current Non-Metallic Mining Operating Agreement. He also acknowledged that he owes the Town back personal property tax and suggested a possible barter arrangement with crushed rock. The Board discussed the Town's Non-Metallic Mining Licensing Ordinance and the Operating Agreement and whether any changes need to be made. The Board also talked about the status of Bechel's lease on the Richardson quarry, and whether it can be assigned to someone else. The Board decided to invite Bechel to clarify his request.

Road Reports

Bryce Black reported that the Town will receive \$78,550.33 in General Transportation Aids in 2018. Bryce Black said that the logger cutting trees on Charles Thomas' land has decided not to sign a road use contract with the Town. Instead of loading logs directly from Elk Creek Road, they will bulldoze a staging site north of the road.

Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt sent a letter stating that the County will now be inspecting road signs for reflectivity on a regular basis. He offered to do this service for the Towns that contract road work with the County. The cost for this service was not included in the letter. Bryce Black reported on his explorations of the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) website, which has a great deal of information on the construction, condition and maintenance of all the local roads in the state. The Board looked at reports generated from the site such as Rudimentary Needs Analysis, Condition Frequency Report and Pavement Analysis. Pepin County Highway Department Foreman Doug Gruber has asked where the Town wants brush cut. The Board said the hill on Beaver Slide.

Town Garage Maintenance

Maureen Manore contacted the Town's insurer, Rural Mutual, to find out if insurance would cover the repairs for possible storm damage to some of the garage's 2x4 knee braces. The agent, Steve Berger, inspected the damage and turned in a claim on behalf of the Town. Tom Hayden, an insurance adjuster, will meet with Bryce Black on January 18th at the Town Garage.

Ambulance Service Area

Maureen Manore contacted Pepin County Land Management Director Maria Nelson about assisting with determining the number of residents in the Pepin Ambulance Service area. Maria Nelson came up with the number of households but was unsure if the lines drawn covered both sides of the road. Maureen Manore contacted Pepin Ambulance Director Tina Cook who said that was it was her intention that both sides were covered.

The Board looked at the map again and concurred that both sides of the road should be covered. The number of residents determined to be in the Pepin Ambulance Service Area is 123. Maureen Manore will continue to work with both ambulance services and dispatch to complete the process.

Appoint Board of Adjustment Member 2017-2020 Term

The Town Chair appointed Curt Stine as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Cindy Schultz as an alternate, both for a three year term. The Board confirmed the appointments.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for February 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at 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 and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:51 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk