

July 9, 2019

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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

Also present were Richie Bignell, Jessica Bignell and Alexis Bignell.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the June 11, 2019, meeting were read. A correction was made to the draft to add the names of the supervisors appointed to compile a list of signs that are needed for the ATV/UTV route. The minutes stood as amended.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for June was read. The ending balance was \$258,692.06. The ending bank balance for June was verified against the bank statement.

Citizens' Concerns

Bryce Black received a complaint from Sally Baecker about ATVs on Bear Pen Road, which is not a designated ATV route.

Liquor License Request – Richie & Jessica Bignell

The Bignells said that they are interested in opening a bar in a pole shed building at their residence on County Road D. They wanted to know the Supervisors' thoughts on that and the process involved. The Board asked them a few questions about what would be served there and the operating hours. They were informed that the first step in the process would be to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

No other meetings were attended.

Mining Agreement Report

Bryce Black looked at the Mining Agreement and its various attachments to see if there would be any issue with Randy and Audrey Richardson selling the 30 acres of their land containing the motocross track. He discovered that Exhibit B, the legal description of the property covered by the Agreement, (which, at the time of adoption, was to be supplied at a future date) has never been added to the Agreement. Maureen Manore said that as far as she knows, the promised legal description was never supplied to the Town by Bechel or his attorney. Bryce Black will contact Attorney Brian Nodolf for a copy of Exhibit B. The Board decided that a title search of the land being sold should find any claims against it.

Road Reports

The Pepin County Highway Department has reinforced the eroding retaining wall at the top of Bear Pen Road. They drove 20 additional ten foot deep pilings, added more fill, and created a slight berm to divert water. Greg Bechel hauled about 100 yards of crushed rock for Stafford Lane. The cost of the rock will be deducted from his personal property tax bill.

The Pepin County Highway Department replaced four culverts at the top of Gates hill road and reused one older culvert. Crushed rock will be placed and graded.

The Board looked at three options that Bryce Black put together for crushed rock estimates. They decided to buy the crushed rock from Greg Bechel, if available, and have the Pepin County Highway Department haul, spread and grade.

On Beaver Slide Road, the end toward Elk Creek Road, the road crew dug out the upper ditch and dumped the material on the lower side to reinforce the eroding bank. Nothing has yet been done with Elk Creek Road, as the underground utilities still need to be located and marked. The Pepin County Highway Department has a used culvert in good condition from the Gates Hill Road project. Bryce Black suggested that it be used for the field road driveway on Elk Creek Road, if it fits, at no cost to the owners. The Board agreed.

The crumbly pavement at the top of the hill on Goat Back Road was patched with a spray patch. Most of the Town's rock pile purchased from Kraemer Company was used last year, about 2,000 yards. At that time Pepin County Highway Department Foreman Doug Gruber said there was 300 yards left. He now reports that there is not much left anymore. Bryce Black will ask him to look again.

ATV/UTV Route Sign Placement Certification

Curt Stine and Donna Juleff looked at the route and found a number of places where additional signage is needed. A "Not a Route" sign should be installed at every corner where a non-route road intersects a designated route. An ATV Route sign should be included along with all route directional arrows. A list of needed signs is being compiled.

Little Plum Lutheran Cemetery Report

A check was received from Little Plum Lutheran Church treasurer Dennis Freidel on June 25th for \$7,205.61. This closes out the church account and completes the transfer of the Little Plum Lutheran Cemetery to the Town of Frankfort.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for August 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Town Property Value Assessment, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Little Plum Church Cemetery Report, ATV/UTV Route Sign Placement/Certification and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:25 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk