

March 3, 2020

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

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

Also present were Debra Fisher, Rick Riggins, Evan Mercer, Denny Richardson, Delrita Bignell, Richard Bignell, Kevin Bignell and Rich Bignell.

#### Special Hearing: Liquor License Application – Jessica Bignell

The special hearing was called to order to hear any and all persons present either for or against the granting of a “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License for the time period of March 9, 2020 through June 30, 2020 to:

Jessica Bignell, (for Twisted Sister Saloon LLC.) located at N3413 County Road D, Town of Frankfort. Licensed area includes the 34’ x 48’ shed, the 32’ x 64’ attached shed and limited outdoor area including parking spaces.

There were questions about the operating hours (set by the State), the number of licenses the Town has (one Reserve Liquor License) and the expected number of employees (2). There were no comments for or against issuing the license. The hearing was closed at 6:40.

#### Board’s Decision on Granting Liquor License

Curt Stine made a motion to grant the liquor licenses to Jessica Bignell in accordance with State Statutes and Town of Frankfort ordinances. Donna Juleff seconded. A roll call vote was called, the results as follows: Donna Juleff – yes; Josh Manor – yes; Curt Stine – yes; Richard McDermott – yes; Bryce Black – yes. The motion carried. Motion by Curt Stine, seconded by Richard McDermott, to amend the motion to specify “Class B” and Class “B” licenses. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

#### Minutes

The draft minutes from the February 11, 2020, meeting were read. A correction was made to the Provisional Liquor License Ordinance section changing “accept” to “adopt” The minutes stood as corrected.

#### Financial Report/Certificate of Deposit Renewal

Treasurer’s report for February was not available due to the early meeting date.

## Citizens' Concerns

Denny Richardson said he read in the January minutes that Carl Morsbach asked to be consulted when construction on Bear Pen Road begins. Richardson wanted to know why. Bryce Black explained that Morsbach claims that the road has moved onto his land over the years and part of his erosion control contouring was wiped out by the County Highway Department. He wanted to be present to point out the property lines. Delrita Bignell asked if the Town still sprayed the crushed rock roads for dust control. Bryce Black will check into this.

Rick Riggins said he has spoken with County Coroner about indigent internment in the Little Plum Lutheran cemetery. The Board did speak to the Coroner last fall about the possibility of scattering the unclaimed cremains of indigent decedents. No such agreement has yet been made, but if this happens, it would be in the Town's other (original) Little Plum cemetery; the Little Plum Lutheran cemetery is closed to new burials.

Richard Bignell asked when the roads that are used for ATVs could be expanded to add more. He wanted to add dead end roads just for residents. He was told that the procedure is to submit a request in writing. Denny Richardson suggested having a hearing where residents could make their requests at one time. Evan Mercer asked to be kept in the loop and relayed the information that a copy of the ATV ordinance is supposed to be sent to the DNR. Bryce Black suggested getting all the residents on a particular road to sign a petition saying that they had no objection.

## Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black attended a Durand Rural Fire Department meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Items covered included re-applying for a grant for a new fire truck, the April annual meeting and a vacancy in the Fire Department secretary position.

On February 29<sup>th</sup> Bryce Black and Richard McDermott attended WTA's Board of Review recertification training in Eau Claire.

## ATV Ordinance: Maple Lane Road Jurisdiction Issue

Evan Mercer attended the Town of Maiden Rock hearing on ATVs that was held this evening. He reported that there were about twenty people attending and only one person objected to opening the roads to ATV use. The Town of Maiden Rock Board will meet later this month to deliberate.

## DairyLand Power Transmission Upgrade

Bryce Black has been in contact with Rob Maley, DairyLand Power Right of Way Agent, about the proposed project to upgrade the transmission lines. Much of the planned upgrade will follow the current route, but there will be some new areas used. The Plan Commission and Zoning Administrator will meet with Mr. Maley on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss required permits.

### Road Reports

Bryce Black received a call from Ryan Spaight, Department of Transportation, about the Multimodal Supplemental Grant that was applied for in December to replace the bridge on Swede Ramble. The grant was being seriously considered by the DOT. If awarded the State would pay 70% of the approximated total of \$270,000.00.

### Intergovernmental Road Agreement

Bryce Black received a draft Highway Maintenance Agreement from Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt. The agreement covers the next 3 years and lays out what is expected from the Highway Department and the Town. Upon further inspection Black questioned some of the language that appeared to bind the Town to using only the County's materials and equipment and pledged a yearly amount to be spent. Bryce Black plans to contact the County Highway Committee to ask for clarification.

### Tobacco and Cigarette Sales Ordinance

The Board reviewed the draft ordinance and discussed some of the provisions. Josh Manor made a motion, seconded by Donna Juleff, to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-3, Cigarette and Tobacco Retailers License. A roll call vote was called, the results as follows: Josh Manor – yes; Curt Stine – yes; Richard McDermott – yes; Bryce Black – yes; Donna Juleff – yes. The motion carried.

### Set Board of Revue Date

The Board of Revue was set for May 6, 2020 from 6:00-8:00p.m. and the Open Book was set for April 28, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Both will be in the Town Hall.

### Pay Bills

The Town bills that were received so far were reviewed and paid. The Clerk asked permission to pay the regularly received bills for March and April after review by the Chair. The Board agreed.

The next board meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2020, following the Annual Meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall. A tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Road Reports, ATV Ordinance Review and Process to Update Roads List, Intergovernmental Highway Maintenance Agreement and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:50 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk