

May 12, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Richard McDermott, Curt Stine and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present. Donna Juleff arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Also present was Donna Gates.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the April 21st meeting were read. A change was made to the Mining Agreement section and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for April was read. The ending balance was \$83,905.65. The Treasurer was contacted by Brian Nelson Jr. to set up monthly payments for money owed the Town. The Treasurer plans to file a Small Claims action against Randy Nelson and Jeremy Anderson.

Replacement of the Town Treasurer

A notice was placed in the area Shopper and the Courier Wedge asking for applications from interested citizens with a deadline of May 12th to apply. There was no direct reply, but a few people expressed interest through a third party. If no one comes forward by May 29th the ad will be run again.

Citizens' Concerns

Bryce Black received a call from the Porcupine Cemetery Association requesting to use the Town Hall for a meeting on May 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

On March 28th, Bryce Black attended the Durand Rural Fire Department meeting. The events of that meeting included voting on purchasing a new fire truck, discussion on the ownership of the Fire Department and grants available.

On May 4th the Town Board conducted a road tour.

On May 7th Bryce Black and Maureen Manore attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment training held in Menomonie by the Center for Land Use Education. The training included the role of the Zoning Board, the basics of decision making and the decision making process.

On May 9th Bryce Black informally attended a meeting in Lake City, Minnesota, that discussed frac sand issues and some of the ways other communities have dealt with the issues involved.

Upcoming meetings are the Board of Review in the Frankfort Town Hall on May 19th, the All Towns meeting on May 26th in the Frankfort Town Hall and the Town Officials Workshop held by the WTA in Eau Claire on June 3rd.

Mining Agreement Report

Bryce Black stated that he sent a letter on April 15th to the Bechel mine concerning the proof of insurance documents, the late working hours and the incident with the school bus reported by Donna Juleff. The proof of insurance was received by the Town of April 30th.

Bryce Black will meet with Bernie Larson on May 13th.

Memorandum of Understanding for Bechel Mine Proposed Changes

Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton reviewed a redraft of the Memorandum of Understanding. A copy was sent to Attorney Brian Nodolf on May 5th. A note was received from Nodolf in reply stating that Greg Bechel is not interested in pursuing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in its current form. The Board decided that the Bechel Mine should bear responsibility for any further drafts of the MOU

Bryce Black will direct the Town's attorney to cease work on the MOU until further notice.

Road Reports

A Road Tour was conducted on May 4th during which the Town roads and bridges were inspected.

Richard McDermott stated that clarification was needed on how the price of asphalt is determined in order to decide on which projects to do this year. The Board decided to individually rate the priorities of repairs needed and bring the results to the next Town Board meeting.

Discuss Want/Need for an Official Town Website

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having an official website. To establish one the Board would pass a resolution and adopt a website policy.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Frankfort Town Hall. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will include: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Implements of Husbandry Ordinance, Records Request Resolution and pay bills.

Kay Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donna Juleff seconded.

Time 8:40 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk