

November 11, 2014

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Denny Richardson, Curt Stine, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town officials Maureen Manore and Tina Bee were present.

Also present were Carl Morsbach, Pat Sutterlin, Cynthia Lane, Ron Hendrickson, Cathy Hendrickson, Lily Arbore, James White, Sally Baecker, Donna Gates, Bruce Stafford, Randy Kallstrom, Greg Baecker and Dean Antilla.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the October 14th meeting were read. There were several changes to the draft. Denny Richardson made a motion to accept the minutes and Kay Hamilton seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for October was read. The ending balance was \$21,734.21.

Citizen's Concerns

Sally Baecker asked if the line item on the budget listing Bechel Reimbursement was about the Town reimbursing Bechel and why. It was explained that that was a revenue line item for the Bechel Mine to reimburse Town expenses incurred due to insurance, legal and consulting expenses.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton attended the joint meeting of the Pepin and Pierce County Units of Wisconsin Towns Association on October 16th in Plum City. The main topic was Implements of Husbandry. Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton attended the Town of Pepin special hearing on their proposed ATV ordinance on October 20th. The Pepin Town Board met following the hearing and voted to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance includes a sunset clause, roads designated as ATV routes and seasonal and time limits.

ATV Route Proposal

Bryce Black outlined a brief history of the ATV Route discussion for those attending the meeting.

Lily Arbore presented an additional 40 signatures from people opposed to an ATV Route in the Town of Frankfort. The total number of signatures collected is 143.

Bryce Black proposed that the Town of Frankfort adopt a wait and see attitude regarding the ATV route. The Town of Pepin ATV Ordinance will expire in one year and the Town of Frankfort could observe how the experience went for them.

Bruce Stafford stated that the Town Board was elected to make decisions for the Town, not to follow other Towns decisions. He suggested the question be put on a referendum at the Spring Election.

Donna Juleff stated that it should be the ATV Club's job to convince the public about the merits of their proposal and that unless they manage to greatly change the opinions of the citizens, the Town Board does not need to discuss the issue again.

Randy Kallstrom stated that the ATV Club needs to work with the community.

Cynthia Lane stated that there were large groups of people using ATVs that got out of control in the area of Canada where she works. She suggested that three years would be a better timeframe for observation.

The Board agreed to not address the subject any further unless the ATV Club requests to come before the Board.

Emergency Management Resolution

Kay Hamilton reviewed the proposed changes to the Emergency Operations Plan. There was discussion about designating a savings account as the Emergency Management Fund. Donna Juleff made a motion to adopt resolution 2014-4R, Resolution to Adopt Emergency Operations Plan. Curt Stine seconded and the motion carried.

Implements of Husbandry Ordinance

Kay Hamilton explained what types of vehicles and farm implements were being discussed under Act 377, the Implements of Husbandry law, passed by the legislature last spring.

The Board discussed the six different options available to municipalities to comply with the new law. Most of the options require passing and publishing an ordinance; Option A involves posting the roads. Option F did not require any action by the Board other than abiding by Act 377 and responding to permit applications for oversized or overweight I.O.H. Kay Hamilton made a motion to adopt Option F for Implements of Husbandry as dictated by Act 377 and Denny Richardson seconded. The motion carried. It was agreed that Denny Richardson would respond to permit applications.

Diminishing Asset Request Resolution

No action was taken on this item.

Mining Agreement Report

Bryce Black received a check for \$10,914.37 from a Greg Bechel representative on November 11th. This payment was to reimburse the Town for legal and consulting expenses, well testing and insurance premiums, as is required by the Mining Operating Agreement. There will be a Special Town Board meeting on November 25th to hear a proposal and presentation from the Bechel Mine concerning underground mining. The Board will request a written summary in advance of the proposal and presentation.

Scott McCurdy, Cedar Corp consultant, contacted Bryce Black in the interest of full disclosure with the information that his firm may be doing some consultant work for a sand processing plant.

Road Reports

Bryce Black received a call from Roger and Lavey Sabelko concerning the snow fences on their land. The Sabelkos were displeased because they were not asked prior to the installation of fence posts. Bryce Black received a list of the usual locations for snow fences from the Pepin County Highway Commissioner. Several Board members volunteered to contact the landowners to ask about the effectiveness of the snow fences and if they wanted them installed.

Adopt 2015 Budget

The Board discussed the proposed 2015 budget. Donna Juleff made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget and Denny Richardson seconded. The motion carried.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall. The Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, Diminishing Asset Request Resolution, Set Caucus Date and pay bills.

Donna Juleff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Curt Stine seconded.

Time 9:50 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk