

November 14, 2017

Town Chair Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

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

Minutes

The draft minutes from the October 10, 2017, meeting were read. The draft minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for October was read. The ending balance was \$176,448.12. The Board verified the ending bank balance. The Board discussed finding better interest rates for the Town's Certificate of Deposits. Richard McDermott will check into the different interest rates offered.

Citizens' Concerns

Maureen Manore received a call from a Sarah Facen who was inquiring about the zoning and permit requirements for the Little Plum Church property.

Kay Hamilton has heard from Yata Peinovich who is president of the Little Plum Church Association. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Little Plum Church property will be earmarked to be set aside for care of the church cemetery.

Bryce Black talked to Ted Meier, a logger who has a contract to log on property belonging to Charles Thomas. Steep terrain and Plum Creek limit access to part of the property. Meier asked if they could skid logs across Elk Creek Road. Bryce Black contacted the Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt and Town Highway Engineering Consultant Dan Fedderly. Fedderly advised that the Town have a signed agreement and a letter of credit or escrow account sufficient to repair any possible road damage.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Kay Hamilton attended a joint meeting of the Pierce and Pepin County WTA units on October 19th in Plum City. Topics of discussion were road aids, properly reporting road spending, CAFOs, irrigation, dogs and tannerite.

Bryce Black attended a meeting regarding the Durand Ambulance Service on November 2nd. In the past year, the ambulance has been unable to staff about 30% of runs. Possible solutions were discussed to increase staff recruitment, participation and retention, and facilitate needed training.

Road Reports

Bryce Black will attend a meeting on November 16th about Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP) grant application.

Bryce Black received a copy of the state bridge inspection report from the Pepin County Highway Commissioner Kris Quandt. The report contained recommendations for the bridges on Byington Road, Boyd Spring Road, Kallstrom Road and Elk Creek Road.

Kris Quandt is asking towns that contract their road work with the county to submit, by the end of this year, a list of planned 2018 maintenance and construction projects. Bryce Black will contact him, and try to come up with a draft project list to discuss at next month's town board meeting.

The Board discussed the road issues related to the request from Charles Thomas' contracted logger. The Board agreed to let the Board Chair deal with the logger on the road issues. Black will work with Dan Fedderly to assess the road's current condition and develop a plan to mitigate and repair any damage.

Pavement Rating Approval

The Board examined the pavement rating authorization form received from the Pepin County Highway Commissioner. The form authorizes the Commissioner to enter the town road pavement ratings into the WISLR website on the Town's behalf. The Board approved the Chair signing the agreement.

Car Killed Deer Policy

Bryce Black stated that last month the Board had agreed that in most cases it was acceptable to move car killed deer (CKD) off the road into the right of way and leave them to naturally decay. If there is any objection from nearby residents, they could be provided with an option to contract for removal at their own expense. Bryce Black contacted Jay Uldrich Deer Recovery Service, who contracts with WisDOT for CKD removal on State and Federal roads in this area. Jay Uldrich indicated he might be willing to contract with the Town of Frankfort on a per deer policy. The Board agreed to the Chair contacting Jay Uldrich and contracting on a per deer basis.

Adopt 2018 Budget

Kay Hamilton made a motion to adopt the 2018 budget. Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried.

Ambulance Service Contract

Curt Stine and Maureen Manore presented their findings from their meeting on October 3rd. They concluded that the coverage map drawn by the Pepin Ambulance Director was the most logical map at this time. Population for that area was roughly estimated at 117 people and the annual cost for that area was estimated at \$2,200.00. The Durand Ambulance cost would drop to approximately \$1,645.00. The Board discussed the options. They will make a decision at the next Board meeting.

Assessor Contract Renewal

The Board examined the contact for Assessor Mark Garlick. It was decided to request clarification before signing the contract. Maureen Manore will contact Mark Garlick with the request.

Building Inspector Contract Renewal

The Board examined the contract for Building Inspector Fred Weber. The Board authorized the Chair to sign the contract.

Draft Letter for Ordinance Violations

The Board examined the draft of the letter to be sent out for potential ordinance violations. The format and wording were agreed upon.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed.

The next board meeting was set for December 12, 2017, at 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, Road Reports, Assessor Contract, Pepin Ambulance Service Area, Appoint Election Inspectors, Appoint Board of Adjustment members, Set Caucus Date and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:45 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk