

October 13, 2015

Chairman Bryce Black called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Board members present were Bryce Black, Richard McDermott, Donna Juleff and Kay Hamilton. Town official Maureen Manore was present.

Also present was Donna Gates

Minutes

The draft minutes from the August 12th, September 8th and September 29th meetings were read. There were minor grammatical changes and the minutes stood as changed.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for September was read. The ending balance was \$34,730.01.

Citizens' Concerns

Kay Hamilton has received questions about the Building Permit Application on the web site. It was decided to remove the on-line application and examine the process in a future meeting.

Bryce Black received a report of erosion to Plum Valley Road. Grading and ditching is needed to address this problem. Bryce Black also received a complaint that a plugged driveway culvert on Gilbert Lane is causing water in the basement of a residence. Ditching is needed here also. Bryce Black will find out if the Town or the property owner is responsible.

Maureen Manore reported that Sarah Sabelko contacted her about the Frankforter Day event. Sarah is interested in forming a citizen's group to plan the event. The Board was agreeable to this idea.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Bryce Black and Kay Hamilton attended the September 28th, Fall Workshop for Town Officials held by the WTA in Eau Claire.

Curt Stine and Donna Juleff attended the September 30th, PASER and WISLR Question and Answer webinar held by the University of Madison.

Bryce Black attended the September 30th, LRIP meeting held in Durand.

Mining Agreement Report

Attorney William Mavity has been in contact with the attorney for Greg Bechel Trucking & Excavating LLC, Brian Nodolf. Attorney Nodolf has sent the Town a formal Notice of Dispute. The Town has responded with a notice of Default, stating that Bechel has failed to reimburse the Town for its costs of administering the Mining Agreement. The next step for both actions is for the parties to meet, and attempt to negotiate a settlement. This will happen on October 21st at a special Town Board meeting to be held in the Pepin County Government Center

Consideration of Board Approval to Take Legal Action Against Greg Bechel Trucking and Excavating, LLC, for Collection of 2014 Delinquent Personal Property Taxes Now Totaling \$19,406.78 Through September 2015

Kay Hamilton made a motion that in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 74.53(5) the Board direct our attorney to commence a lawsuit against Greg Bechel Trucking & Excavating LLC to collect the personal property taxes which now total \$19,406.78 if this amount has not been paid in full to the Town by October 20, 2015. Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried.

Election Improvement Projects

Maureen Manore went over the improvements to the Town Hall needed to comply with the accessibility audit conducted by the Government Accountability Board. The improvements needed are an accessible parking sign that is at least 60' off the ground, a handicap accessible entrance sign and a van accessible parking space that is clearly marked.

Pepin County Farmland Preservation Plan

The Pepin County Land Conservation Department (LCD) is in the process of updating their Farmland Preservation Plan and is asking for input from the Board concerning the accuracy of their Farmland Preservation Plan map for the Town. Maureen Manore will contact the LCD to determine what information they need.

Road Reports

The work on the Boyd Spring Road hump/dip is completed. The area was dug out and drainage tile and rock was used to reroute the underground spring.

Kay Hamilton was concerned about the amount of loose gravel on Beaver Slide Road, commenting it needs to be cleaned off. Donna Juleff said there is the same problem on Bear Pen Road.

It was decided to put snow fence up on Goat Back Road and McGrath Lane only and examine the results in the Spring.

Prepare 2016 Budget

The Board prepared the proposed budget for 2016.

Pay Bills

The Town bills were reviewed and paid.

The next board meeting was set for November 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. following the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors. The Budget Hearing was set for 6:30 p.m. on November 10, 2015, at the Frankfort Town Hall. The Special Meeting of the Town Electors will follow the Budget Hearing. The tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizen's Concerns, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Mining Agreement Report, Road Reports, 2016 Budget and pay bills.

Donna Juleff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard McDermott seconded.

Time 8:45 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk