

February 11, 2016

Regular monthly town board meeting as advertised in the Antigo Daily Journal and posted at Mike's Service and Bob's Northern Lights was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Board members present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and Jim Tilkens, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Also present were Marie Graupner from the county land conservation office, Robert Graupner, Daniel Heistad, Sister Hilary Crupi, and Mike Hoffman from Rusch Engineering and Surveying.

All those present gave the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The January minutes were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The Treasurers report was given by Treasurer Linda Frank. Supervisor Hawley thereafter made the motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

No non-board member business.

No unfinished business.

New – Mike Hoffman, on behalf of Rusch Engineering and Surveying came before the board regarding a conditional use permit for land purchased by the Order of Julian of Norwich. The property is located at W704 Alft Road and is zoned forestry. The request is for a conditional use permit for religious use. The conditional use is for 5 acres of the 40 acre parcel. The remaining acreage would remain in forestry. The Order needs approval from Town board and then it will have to be approved by the county. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley to approve a conditional use of 5 acres of a 40 acre parcel in forestry located at W704 Alf Road, for religious purposes. Property owned by Order of Julian of Norwich. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. The zoning paperwork was presented by Mike Hoffman for completion. The form was signed by the board and was returned to Mike Hoffman who will file it with the county.

Marie Graupner from the county land conservation office came before the board to present a resolution in support of establishing agricultural enterprise area. December the county board of supervisors approved a farmland preservation plan. Mrs. Graupner presented maps of the proposed area and stated that under this plan, more people can claim Farmland Preservation income tax credits. All of this property is currently zoned A1 agriculture, and includes forest land in MFL programs. The process starts with petitions to create the agricultural enterprise area. They need at least 5 people to petition to get this started. These same individuals will have to apply for a 15 year state permit also. This is a voluntary program, but has income tax benefits for the property owners. Nutrient management plans must be in force. County will draw boundaries and areas must be connected. Requirements and standards to be in the program were discussed. A motion was made by Supervisor Tilkens that the Town of Wolf River

supports the establishment of an Agricultural Enterprise Area in the Town of Wolf River, Langlade County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the petition for AEA was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. A motion followed for the approval of the resolution in support of establishing an Agricultural Enterprise Area within our township, by Supervisor Hawley, and was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. The petition and resolution were signed.

The Town received a notice from the County regarding camping trailer regulations and asking for the town's assistance. A sample ordinance was reviewed along with the new fees to be imposed, restrictions and exceptions. After reviewing the proposed ordinance Supervisor Hawley made the motion to not approve the proposed ordinance regulating the parking of camping trailers on vacant parcels county-wide as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. The paperwork sent by the county for our response was completed, along with our comments, and will be returned.

General Building and Plant – Nothing new to report

Highway – Alex and Jan are doing a great job at keeping our town roads clear and sanded.

Fire Department – There was a chimney fire at the Ken Popelka residence today.

Rescue Squad – Everything is running well. There have been 10 runs so far this year.

Recycling Center – Things are also running well. A new rule of no plastic bags in with the recyclables is currently being enforced.

Cemetery – everything is quiet.

Correspondence – The Eisenman/Valona zoning amendment notice has been received. Insight FS has provided a listing of the amount of fuel the town purchased in 2015 and the cost. An approval notice has been received concerning the Bear Paw who wishes to construct a bunkhouse and shower on its property. A personal property tax letter from the new owner of the Bear Paw was read concerning the 2015 personal property taxes. The clerk informed the board that both she and the fire chief have completed the certification needed for the 2% fire dues that the fire department receives. The clerk has received the Form C tax paperwork and will sit in on a seminar over the internet on February 24<sup>th</sup> on the form C. Larry Bolstad's time sheet for recycling center hours was reviewed. A letter from Rural Insurance was received stating that, after the worker's comp audit was completed, the town will be receiving a refund. The monthly Towns Association magazine has been received. The board will not be attending the yearly Towns Association meeting. The clerk informed the board that an email from the Towns Association has been received regarding a "Just Fix It" program which has been instituted. The towns can register in this program in order to let the state know of state roads in our area which must be addressed, and this can be done often. The clerk received a letter from the census bureau, requesting that a government unit survey be completed online. A letter from the State was received along with our Municipal Services check for 2014. The clerk discussed a seminar in Minocqua in May for

clerks in districts 1, 2 and 8, which might take place of this year's annual conference in Appleton. She will send in her registration this week. A letter was read from a disgruntled tax payer.

The bills submitted for payment were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Tilkens and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.