

January 11, 2017

Regular monthly town board meeting as published in the Antigo Daily Journal and posted at the town hall, Mike's Service and Bob's Northern Lights; was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and Jim Tilkens, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople present Gary and Diane McCandless and Jim Summerford representing Troutland Rescue.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

The agenda for the January meeting was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Linda Frank. Thereafter the report was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Recognition of non-board members and non-board member business:

Unfinished Business: Animal Husbandry hauling permit has been updated. The Clerk will forward copies to Spring Breeze Dairy and make sure that the State has the updated ordinance.

New Business: Possibility of opening up River Forest Lane for 4-wheelers. Gary McCandless and wife Diane property owners on River Forest Lane are asking that River Forest Lane be opened up for 4-wheelers, the DNR has informed him that he cannot use his 4-wheeler to cross the road to his other land, unless the town approves this. The ATV club must put up the sign. Mr. McCandless will only be able to use his 4-wheeler on River Forest Road. He intends to make a trail thru his land to the regular trail. Discussion followed on the connecting trails. Motion followed by Supervisor Tilkens to amend the town ordinance to add River Forest Lane a legal trail for 4-wheelers. The motion was seconded By Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Procedure on who to notify to put the sign up. The ordinance was amended to include River Forest Lane and was signed by the town board.

General Building and Plant – Nothing new to report

Highway – Plowing snow. Big highway truck has had problems. The truck is under warranty and the board is questioning the bill that was reviewed. Discussion on the bill followed. The clerk will look up the warranty and the board will follow up on this to find out if we actually owe anything.

Fire Department – Appreciation Dinner on Thursday. Fire Department audit was done today.

Rescue Squad – Jim Summerford came before the board as Captain of Troutland Rescue. Jim has to have heart bypass surgery in February and he and the Rescue Squad is looking for people to make sure everything is covered while he is recuperating. Discussion on the rescue squad in general. They are looking for ideas and help to solve the shortage problem. Any ideas are welcome.

Recycling/Disposal Center – nothing new to report – everything are good. Discussion on how pleased the town is with B & B Disposal.

Cemetery –There have been two funerals recently. Otherwise all is quiet.

Correspondence – Notices have been received from the county concerning upcoming elections. Our first election is February 21st and the second is April 4th. The county has also provided a sample ballot for the town's use for the April election. The clerk received an email from the County regarding an earlier request from a gentlemen asking for copies of election materials from the November presidential election. The request would have entailed blacking out personal information and making then making copies. The gentleman has rescinded this request. Other election reminders were reviewed. The new Towns Association magazine has been received. The fire department inspection form was discussed. The clerk read the letter sent to the District Ranger regarding clearing the right of ways on both Ada and Diamond Roof Roads, which will help our township in the upkeep of these roads. A notice was received from the D.O.T. verifying our road aids for 2017 which will be \$165,832.62 and how they are calculated. Another letter was received from the D.O.T. denying the ATV Route requiring the ATVs to cross the bridge on highway 64. The Road Map Certification was returned to the state in December; however, the Clerk received a letter from them requesting more information about River Forest Lane, which is a new road added to our road system. The annual Joint Powers Agreement with the County has been signed and returned. A notice has been received from Bellin Health informing the Town that no drug tests are required for the first quarter of this year.

Bills were approved for payment upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Tilkens and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

February 8th is the next meeting.