

October 9, 2013

The regular monthly town board meeting as advertised in the Antigo Daily Journal and posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present at the meeting were Supervisors Susan Hawley and James Tilkens, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople in attendance were Mike and Sharon Steckbauer, and State Representative Jeff Mursau.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

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

Treasurer Linda Frank gave the treasurer's report. The cemetery CD is up for renewal and will be renewed for another 2 years. The treasurer's report was thereafter approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Non-Board Member Business:

Discussion on public meeting held prior to this board meeting concerning a possible bridge crossing for ATV and snowmobilers. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation were present at this meeting, as well as state representative, Jeff Mursau. They are suggesting a separate bridge for this purpose, however, this would not be done for 2 or 3 years.

Old Business: Bridge on Hollister Road – Supervisor Tilkens received a call from Bill Livingston regarding the brushing that was done along the creek. This was done by the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. Supervisor Tilkens stated that the board needs to approve the engineering firm for this project. The town does not have to get bids for professional services if they are under \$25,000. The two firms we have heard from are REI Engineering from Wausau and MSA Engineering based in Rhinelander. MSA's bid is for \$7500 and is vague as to what this fee covers. REI's bid includes information gathering, looking into the waterways and wetlands, plan and development. They will also take care of construction bidding services for a total of \$12,500.00. They also oversee the actual construction. They will also take care of all documentation. After further discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Tilkens to hire REI Civil Engineering to do the work for the East Hollister Road bridge project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Supervisor Tilkens will contact REI and the county highway commissioner as to our decision. An initial outlay of \$3000 may be necessary. Chairman Buettner explained to Representative Mursau what the project all entails. Supervisor Tilkens was complimented on the job he is doing in this matter. Representative Mursau stated that the DNR and our legislature need to be contacted if we have issues. Comments were also made on all the Blue Books the board received.

Conditional Use permit for Jeff and Carol Blawat – The Blawats came before the board because they need a conditional use permit to establish a used car lot in a commercial district. They recently purchased Strong’s gas station and this permit is part of the State licensing process. The permit goes with the people. Motin to approve the conditional use permit for the Blawat property was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilken, motion carried.