

September 22, 2016

Regular monthly town board meeting, as advertised in the ADJ and posted at Mike's Service and the town hall, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman CB. Also present were Supervisors SH and JT, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

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

Treasurer Linda Frank gave her report. Money was transferred to Equipment Replacement CD. Virus protection is due to be renewed on the treasurer's computer, this was approved. J. Mauel who handled the treasurer's tax collection software has sold Transcendent Technologies. The yearly fee will go up using this new company. The board feels this is vital and the new contract will be signed. Approved by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

No non-board member business. An additional tree in the cemetery still needs to be removed.

Manure hauling/husbandry: Discussion on phone message from the Town of Almon and email regarding the roads. Discussion on manure ordinances that have shown up on the internet. Supervisor Hawley has done some investigation into this and suggest the fee for the hauling permit and raising the bond amount to one million dollars per year, which will only cost the farm around \$1300. We need to protect our roads at all cost. The Clerk will follow Supervisor Hawley's lead and review the information she found and try to have something in place for the board to review, as soon as possible. The updated permit, which indicates that the hauler must have the permit on him at all times, will be sent to Spring Breeze Dairy (Ron Michels). It was suggested to include the cost to repair roads, the type of soil. This will support the need for the additional bond. Fines and penalties should also be included. If permits are not obtained then future permits will cost maybe \$500. If hauling without a permit continues, the cost will be multiplied by 3. The clerk will send the updated permit form to Ron Michels for his signature and the haulers signatures. This matter will be on the October agenda. Matsche Farms from Birnamwood also needs to receive copies of this information.

Federal Forest Lands Grant: The clerk got a call from Rhinelander offering their help in preparing the grant form. Mike Boldt suggested looking at including Ada Lake and Diamond Roof roads. Alex and Supervisor Tilkens will go and review the road for needed repairs. We can then get Taylor Tauer to help the town with an estimate to use for the grant forms. This matter will also be on the October agenda.

New – Resolution-Scenic Byways. Presentation is in October.

Electrical repair in the hall and office. An estimate was received to greatly enhance the electrical service in the hall and office. Motion to accept the estimate and additional charges. The cost will be \$2,789.00. The repair includes replaces cloth wrapped wires, additional lighting and making everything more efficient.

Manure Hauling on Erdman. Not allowed at this time. An alternative route must be made to protect Erdman Road, which is partly a corduroy road. The updated permit will be sent to Spring Breeze Dairy, for signatures.

General Building and Plant – Electrical repair which was already discussed.

Highway-paving is done, driveway approaches fixed. Bridges were inspected by Jim Tilkens and Alex. Highway maps have been received and will be reviewed, signed and returned by the due date.

Fire Department – nothing new to report.

Rescue Squad – The Wolf man triathlon went well. No transports. Run history in 2015 - 117. To date the runs have added up to 104.

Recycling - Everything is okay. Shed needs to be reroofed. Alex was asked about it. Metal roofing may be an option. Wilhelm Lumber may also be called, to get an estimate. This should be done soon. Rocks were added by entrance to prevent 4-wheelers from entering dump site.

Cemetery – An additional tree will be removed that wasn't previously marked. Dennis Prigge has taken some of the logs. Brent Hipke said he would like some logs also but hasn't taken any yet. The stumps from the cut trees will be ground. Several compliments were received on how nice the cemetery is kept. No one up there is complaining.

Correspondence - "Turnout for transportation" meeting will be at the fairgrounds in Antigo on the 29th at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Buettner and Supervisor Tilkens will attend. UW Extension classes for town officials were reviewed with the board.

Audit will be done at the October meeting which will be October 11th. At 6:00 p.m. (Later changed to the 13th)

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

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Tilkens and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

