

Town Board Meeting – January 5, 2010

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. All members were present with Jack Glennie participating via speaker phone, having been supplied with an agenda and other relevant documents via e-mail.

The minutes from the December 1st meeting were read. Motion made by Steve to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jack. Motion passed.

Public Concerns:

- Tom Brindley, Plan Commission Chair, informed that the Plan Commission had reviewed our current Dog Ordinance and provided an updated draft for the Boards review. Board to discuss at the February meeting.

The Board reviewed the 3rd Qtr 2009 Financial Report, all agreed that the new format is easier to read and comprehend the information provided. Clerk to discuss with Tostrud and Temp the possibility of receiving the Quarterly Reports electronically in a pdf format and if they then could be sent to us in a more timely manner.

Reviewed and discussed a resolution to support high speed rail service being considered to run between Chicago and Minneapolis. Mike Hesse noted that as long ago as 1903 the Town of Farmington was interested in having railroad service in the area when they authorized a bonding to finance a spur line from West Salem. He further noted that this railroad never materialized and was replaced by State Hwy 108. Jack made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Steve. A roll call vote was also completed with 3 yes, a unanimous vote. Resolution 1-2010 passed. Copies of the Resolution will be posted and sent to our government representatives.

The Board reviewed the Assessor's contract and determined that it was sufficient to fulfill the needs of Assessment for 2010. Steve motioned to approve the contract as currently written, Jack seconded the motion. Clerk to provide a copy to Jerry Kins for his approval and signature.

The Plan Commission has reviewed our current Driveway and Culvert Ordinance and found it to be in order. They recommended no changes.

Clerk was informed that refuse from events held in the Town Hall was occasionally being thrown into a neighbor's dumpster. Jean Van Riper will be reminded to instruct those using the hall to either leave the bags of garbage in the hall or take the refuse home with them. If necessary she may post signage stating these instructions also.

No action taken on the Employee Manual. Will look at a couple of examples at next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Operator's License application from Jason Stoll and found all to be in order. Steve motioned to approve application, Mike seconded.

The February and March board meetings will be rescheduled to the first Thursday of those two months due to a conflict in Chairman's schedule. Motion for this change made by Steve and seconded by Jack.

Library update:

Our attorney has reviewed the contract provided by Vantage Architects, contract was signed on 12/28/09. The Friends of the Library group is planning to have some public input meetings in the next couple of months, dates will be announced in a newsletter sent to all land owners of the Township. They have also learned that a grant may be available from WI Emergency Management which would help the pay the expense of constructing the lower

level to the meet the code of an emergency storm shelter for the residents of a nearby trailer park. Chairman Hesse and Clerk Sacia to meet with Rural Development representatives later in the month to discuss the grant options they have and whether or not we would qualify.

The final numbers from the survey sent out earlier this year to determine the average status of the income in our township. Approximately 80% of the surveys were returned with responses reflecting 32% in the lower income bracket, 44% in the higher income bracket, 3.5% were incomplete and 20% not returned. Since the results do not reflect more than 50% in the lower income bracket we will not qualify for the Federal grant earmarked for low income communities. Survey responses will be destroyed after all data is collected.

Roads, update-

- Keith Butler from Emergency Management gathered costs from area municipalities after the snowstorm of December 8 – 10 and submitted the information to FEMA hoping the costs would qualify for government repayment; however, costs were not great enough. Costs taken into consideration were overtime for employees and repair to equipment, township property and home owner property.

The Recycler newsletter has been delivered to all township households. New regulations for recycling now demand that electronics must be kept dry. We will begin to store electronic recyclables in the tractor shed. Hilltopper Refuse has informed us that they will register to handle electronic recycling.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Jack made a motion to approve the receipts 114277 through 114281, seconded by Steve.

December township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve to approve checks 17511 through 17551, seconded by Jack.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm.