

Town Board Meeting January 6, 2015

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. All board members were present.

The minutes from the December 2nd monthly meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Gilbert.

Public Concerns:

- Les Bryhn informed the Board that he has the books for the Township cemeteries and is currently taking care of keeping these records for Sara Pfaff.

Plan Commission Vacancy-

Chairman Hesse reported that he had received one application for the vacancy. Board members suggested that Crystal Sbraggia, who is currently serving as the Plan Commission secretary, be asked if she would be interested in the position. This would not add another member as previously the secretary was also a voting member of the Plan Commission. Board to discuss this further and make a decision at the February Board meeting.

Roads:

- Jeremy has completed the extension on the box of his truck.
- The pickup has been tuned up
- A county engineer looked at the damage to H. Mickelson Road and estimated that the repairs would cost over \$30,000. Chairman Hesse will talk to the logging company responsible for the damage and present them with the estimated bill. He further reminded the Board that under State Statutes they could be liable for triple the cost of damages.
- The railing on the bridge on Baker Road was damaged when hit by a pick up truck. We will send the bill to the owner of the truck for the damage repairs.

Implements of Husbandry-

Board discussed the new Implements of Husbandry law changes. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the Ordinance to Opt-In for Category B which states the IOHs must comply with the Table of Statutory Weight limits under Sec. 34.15(3)(g). This statute states that all implements of husbandry may not exceed the weight limits imposed by the state. And that in order to lawfully exceed the weight and/or length limits a no-fee permit must be applied for from the municipality. The motion was seconded by Kirchner. This is the Ordinance that has been adopted by La Crosse County as well. Violations are to be reported the State Patrol.

Recycling/Solid Waste-

- Another electrical outlet to be added to the Recycle shed.
- The Recycler newsletter is scheduled to be mailed out tomorrow.

Emergency Services –

- Allied Coop is offering grain handling safety training in Blair on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Some of our Fire Department and/or First Responders will be attending.
- Allied Coop has also provided our municipality with a grain coffer to be used to rescue an individual who has fallen into a grain storage area. It will be stored either in the First Responder building or Fire Department depending on available space.

- The Fire Department is going to replace their thermal imaging camera. The current camera is over 20 years old and no longer working properly. The cost of the new camera will be substantially lower; funds which have been donated to the Fire Department will be used to make the purchase.

#### Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan

Board members reviewed the Mitigation Plans or Projects that were previously identified and the timetable for each as listed in the County-wide Multi-Hazards Plan. Board discussed steps that need to be taken in the near future. One of the projects discussed was the absence of severe weather sirens and that under consideration is the purchase of four weather radios that would be located in areas where groups of people gather for events, such as: the Lion's Club kitchen, the announcers stand of the ball field, the town hall and Brown's Valley School. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the resolution stating that the Town of Farmington Board adopts the La Crosse County Multi-hazards Mitigation Plan 2015-2019 as an official plan, seconded by Kirchner.

Board reviewed Operator License applications for Ashley Gilbertson and Dorothy VanRiper. Motion made by Hesse to approve, seconded by Gilbert.

Board reviewed the Clerk's expenses for 2014 which include mileage, office supplies and reimbursement for part of the cost of internet access to her office, totaling \$413.77. Motion to approve by Kirchner, seconded by Gilbert.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 205101 through 205106, seconded by Gilbert.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19439 through #19474 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4180-4193. Seconded by Gilbert.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner.