

Town Board Meeting – January 7, 2014

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

The minutes from the Public Budget Hearing, the Meeting of the Electors and December Town Board were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes. Seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

Public Concerns:

- Tom Brindley was concerned that he was unable to find the agenda for tonight's meeting on the township webpage. Clerk assured him that it had been posted and was available on Monday afternoon. There may be a problem with Tom's internet connection.
- Status of the Hwy C and State Rd 108 swap: the County has submitted their position to the State which included a suggested Park/Ride at Hwy C and a request for more money to help with the necessary road upgrade.
- Chairman Hesse informed of the bequest from the estate of Beverly Michelson for the Farmington First Responders, Farmington Fire Department and for the Library with the stipulation that the library construction was imminent.
- Chairman Hesse provided an update regarding the new Radio System plans being considered by La Crosse County. The proposed upgrade would add towers to the system which would increase coverage.
- Supervisor Gilbert inquired regarding the possible revitalization of the boardwalk and steps in front of businesses in Mindoro. Board members suggested that he speak with the business owners and inform them of the loan opportunities that are available.

The cold weather outbreak has presented no problems in the township.

Town Board discussed the benefits of our Fire Department and Emergency Medical Team participating in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, this would allow for the creation of a pre-plan of how services would be shared with surrounding Fire Departments and EMS teams. Motion to approve Resolution 1-2014 to allow the Farmington Fire Department's participation in MABAS and Resolution 2-2014 to allow the Farmington Emergency Medical Team to also participate in MABAS was made by Kirchner, seconded by Gilbert. Resolutions were signed and attested.

Fire Department Annual Meeting was postponed due to weather, Fire Chief to be elected at next scheduled meeting in January.

Solid Waste Update:

- ACT has been awarded the contract to construct the addition to the salt shed; they have not gotten started as yet.
- Plans for the Recycle shed have been sent to Madison for approval, as it must meet State specifications.
- Solid waste/recycling was closed this morning due to the subzero temperatures.

Roads:

- One of the trucks need a wing repaired

- Drain in the town shop has been cleaned out and restored to working properly.

Town patrol employees will be registered to attend the MSHA training course offered by Alpha Terra on February 20th held at Stoney Creek Inn in Onalaska.

Town Board reviewed the Operator License applications for Benjamin Fowler and Jordan Larson. Motion to approve both licenses made by Hesse, with the stipulation that Benjamin's court records be reviewed again at the time of renewal in May 2014. Seconded by Gilbert.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Kirchner made a motion to approve the receipts 235483 through 235491 seconded by Gilbert.

December 2013 township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Hesse to approve checks 19111 through 19154 and Fire Department checks 4108 through 4114, seconded by Gilbert.

Motion to adjourn by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner at 9:00PM.