

Town Board Meeting February 7, 2012

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

The minutes from the January 3rd Town Board meeting and the special meetings on January 17th & 24th were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

- Tom Brindley wondered how the public would be informed of the Advisory Referendum on the April ballot. Chairman informed that the election information would be posted and published as determined by statute and perhaps have media coverage.
- Community Dinner to be held on February 15th in Cindy's Hall, sponsored by local groups including the Lions Club and Mindoro churches.
- Steve Kirchner pointed out that the tenants of the apartments on Hwy 108 in Mindoro have been disposing of their garbage inappropriately, landlord to be informed.
- The fire department was very disappointed to learn they would not be getting funds from the Federal Fire Grant.
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Board members reviewed garbage/refuse/recycle proposals submitted by Hilltopper Refuse and A+ Roll-Off. After reviewing both proposals and listening to input from representatives from both businesses, Kirchner made a motion to accept the proposal from A+ Roll-Off, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed. Five year agreement was signed. Chairman Hesse thanked Hilltopper for the fine job they have done for the last several years. Mr. Hougom from Hilltopper stated they would remove their equipment by the end of the month.

The Public Hearing for Bruce and Jackie Schlifer's petition to detach land from the Mindoro Sanitary District will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30 with the monthly Town Board meeting to follow immediately. The Schlifer's would like to put the land into Farmland Preservation.

The Annual meeting date will not be changed. It will be held the second Tuesday in April as established by state statute, meeting date: April 10th.

Board considered the request from Leon and Ruth Pfaff to rezone three lots on Brookview Drive from Exclusive Ag to Agriculture District A. The Plan Commission has approved this rezone request. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the rezoning of the three lots located accessed by Brookview Drive from Exclusive Ag to Ag District A stipulating that these three lots would count toward the Pfaff's total farm base units. Seconded by Mulder, motion passed.

Board reviewed the Wellhead Protection Ordinance requested by the Mindoro Sanitary District Number 1. Ordinance has been reviewed by Township attorney. Motion to approve the Wellhead Protection Ordinance made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder.

The County Board recently adopted a new County Zoning Ordinance, townships now have one year to consider this ordinance before deciding if they will also adopt it. Townships will be able to operate under the rules of the previous Ordinance until Jan 30, 2013. Townships have the choice of adopting the new ordinance or opting out of County zoning. Opting out offers the option of either entering into a Co-Op Zoning agreement with other townships for services or managing zoning services individually. County Board member, Don Bina, has indicated that he would be willing to come to our township to present educational information on this issue.

The Board discussed the need to adopt an ordinance extending the length of township officer terms by one week to accommodate the recent enacted voter identification law. This law stipulates that the deadline for receiving provisional ballots is 4pm and absentee ballots is 5pm on the Friday after the elections, final canvas will be completed on the following Monday. In order to assure that Township offices remain filled, the length of office for current board members must be extended by one week. Ordinance will be presented and adopted at a future meeting.

Board members are encouraged to review the information on frac sand mining they were provided.

Board members determined the specifications for the new dump truck chassis. Bids will be solicited from De Bauche, River States, Freightliner, La Crosse Truck Center and Mid State in Marshfield. Bids to be reviewed at the March town board meeting.

Operator License applications for Nicole Stumlin and Julie Fisher were reviewed. Motion to approve both applications by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Roads:

- Recently repaired brakes on one of the trucks are again in need of repair, will ask for a discount on the cost of new brakes.
- Health insurance premiums estimated to increase by 7.4% in 2012.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863940 through #863961, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Mulder to approve township checks #18393 through #19457. Seconded by Kirchner.

Motion to adjourn by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner at 9:38pm.