

Town Board Meeting March 3, 2015

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

The minutes from the February 3rd meeting were read. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Gilbert.

There were no public concerns.

Kimberly Cain and Danny Gilbert appeared before the Board requesting to rezone two adjacent parcels. Cain is requesting that the parcel on which the Black Oak Inn is located be rezoned from Rural Residential with a conditional use permit to Commercial Zoning.

Gilbert is requesting that the adjacent parcel which has been leased for 35 years and houses the septic, parking and horseshoe pits for the Black Oak Inn be rezoned from General Ag to Commercial Zoning, Ms. Cain is purchasing the property. This comes to the Board approved by the Town Planning Commission. Kirchner made the motion to approve both rezoning requests, seconded by Hesse. Motion passed.

Cemetery update:

Chairman Hesse reported that our Attorney approved the Deed copy for the purchase of cemetery plots. All purchasers of cemetery plots starting in February of this year will be provided a deed as a receipt of purchase.

A business owner in the Township has asked if the township crew would plow snow from in front on his business. By State Statute we are not allowed to plow parking lots except for government buildings such as the Post Office and Town Hall. Board recommended that where feasible, we plow up to 3 paths wide from the white line on State Hwy 108 in front of businesses and that excessive snow piles be hauled away.

Chairman Hesse reported that he is working with Ron Chamberlain to put together the bid package for the Davis Creek and A. Craig Road projects.

Board reviewed the 2015 price list from Kraemer & Co for rock, gravel, etc. Motion to approve the pricing was made by Kirchner, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

Chairman Hesse outlined some of the items in the proposed State Budget that will have impact in our Township if passed: Recycle Grant program may be discontinued, Local Property Insurance Fund discontinued, State shared revenue appears to be stable, Countywide property assessment has been proposed.

Solid Waste update:

A proposed solution to the screen venting on the Recycle Shed that is allowing snow/rain to enter the building is to install a whirly bird vent or a gable vent in the roof of the building. It was also suggested that some X bracing be added above each door to add stability to the building.

Our garbage hauler has informed us that he may contract with a new Refuse/Recycle company in order to get the best price for paper, etc. There would be no changes for township residents.

To reduce the number of hauls from our site, the large dumpster has being used again. It is housed inside the shed and the ramp installed next to it for resident access. This will be used until a conveyor system that is affordable and practical for our needs is located. The ramp will cause no safety concerns as it will remain dry inside the building.

Emergency Services update:

La Crosse County Emergency Management will be conducting a table top emergency exercise here on March 30th. First responders, fire fighters and other area municipal officers have been invited.

Town Plan Commission:

A motion was made by Kirchner to nominate Crystal Sbraggia to the empty seat on the Plan Commission; she is currently filling the position of secretary and is interested in being a voting member. Motion seconded by Gilbert.

Upcoming dates:

March 28th – Wisconsin Towns Association training session in Tomah – Chairman and Clerk to attend

April 7th – Spring Election

April 14th – Town Board Meeting

April 21st – Annual Meeting

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Gilbert to approve receipts 205114 through 205125, seconded by Kirchner.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19523 through #19563 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4197- 4200. Seconded by Hesse.

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