

Town Board Meeting – March 4, 2010

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

The minutes from the February 4th meeting were read. Chairman Hesse pointed out a correction under Roads: the sanitary district council suggested that Pumphouse Road be designated as a town road not township legal council. Motion made by Jack to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Public Concerns:

- Supervisor Steve Kirchner asked if supervisors could be given a paper copy of the meeting minutes to review as Clerk reads them aloud. This practice will begin with the April meeting.
- Dewey Wegener spoke regarding the planned Library project. Due to the cost of the building, he suggested that the issue be put to a referendum vote. He feels that it is the obligation of town officials to include the whole township in the decision, that this would give everyone an opportunity to be involved. Chairman Hesse clarified that the referendum would be advisory not binding and that the town board will take it under advisement.

It has been suggested by Sanitary District Council that Pumphouse Road, which will provide access to the proposed new well site, should be designated as a township road. This would allow the township to enroll 366.82 feet of it into the state road aids program as that portion fulfills the guidelines. The remaining 115 feet is too narrow for road aid but will be maintained through township funding. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Jack to dedicate Pumphouse Road as a town road.

John Happel appeared before the Board requesting an overweight permit during the weight restrictions on Baker Road. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Jack to authorize Mr. Happel to travel to and from home on Baker Road with an empty truck. A permit was issued to Mr. Happel.

The Town of Holland will be hosting an Emergency Operations Center exercise and has invited other area township officials to come to observe or participate on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 6 to 8pm.

The town board reviewed and accepted the current Health Traditions rates, however quotes will be solicited from other providers to determine if better rates are available. Further discussion at a future meeting.

The town board reviewed the 2010 price list provided from The Kraemer Co and determined that the costs remained the same as last year. Motion made by Jack, seconded by Steve to accept the pricing for 2010. Motion passed. Chairman Hesse signed the terms of agreement to be forwarded to the Kraemer Co.

The Board discussed a storage facility for recyclable electronics brought to the township recycling drop-off location. These items must be kept dry. Steve Kirchner to obtain pricing and information, he will report his findings at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the 2009 Financial Report as provided by Tostrud and Temp. No action.

Library update: the first of two public input meeting was held on February 25th. Several residents attended, preliminary plans for the building size and location were presented. Second meeting to be held March 15th.

Roads update:

- Weight bans will be effective starting March 12
- Township bridges are due to be inspected this year, La Crosse County has engaged Jewell Associates Engineers to complete their inspections. They will inspect our bridges at a cost of \$60 per bridge. There are four bridges in Farmington township to be inspected. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Jack to retain Jewell Associates Engineering to complete bridge inspections in our Township. Motion passed.
- We have been notified by Centurylink that they will be doing some utility work on Hale Road in late May which will cause some traffic disruption for a couple of days.
- TRIP funds have been approved for Anderson Road, bids will be let out in May. Mike Hesse will work with County Highway Commission to put together a bid to review at the April meeting.

Employee manual discussion tabled, a special board meeting will be scheduled in April or May to review sample employee manuals and draft a new employee manual for our Township.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Steve made a motion to approve the receipts 114295-114300 and 867501-867505, seconded by Jack.

February township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve to approve checks 17612 through 17662, seconded by Jack. Fire Department checks #3865 – 3874 were reviewed, motion to approve made by Steve and seconded by Jack.

April town board meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm by Jack, seconded by Steve.