

Town Board Meeting March 6, 2012

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. All board members were present.

The minutes from the February 7th Town Board meeting were read. Motion made by Mulder to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns:

- Inquiry regarding the date and time for the Annual Meeting
- Questions concerning outcome of Library referendum question, i.e., if Library Committee builds on the property who owns the building. Chairman Hesse explained that there are options such as rental or lease, etc. details would need to be addressed prior to building. Also, noted that a Library on town property would be tax exempt and that the Friends of the Library group are also tax exempt.
- Tabletop drill scheduled for Feb. 29th was cancelled and is rescheduled to March 12th 7:30 here in the town hall.
- Still some concern regarding the garbage and recycling for the apartments in Mindoro
- Rick Stadleman will be attending the County Towns meeting in May
- Jennifer Goodnough informed that the Fire Department had depended heavily on getting the grant for to get new turnout gear, but did not receive it. She explained that because the FD operates on such a low budget they have not been able to afford to replace gear as it becomes outdated. She offered several potential ways that the situation could be addressed. Steve Kirchner asked that a summary of prices and needs be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Bruce and Jackie Schlifer appeared before the Board petitioning to detach tax parcel 5-926-0, 18.35 acres, of land from the Sanitary District to qualify for Farmland Preservation incentives on this acreage. A public hearing was held prior to this meeting for input from interested parties. A motion was made by Kirchner to allow the Schlifers to withdraw this property from the Sanitary District, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The Board compared prices for a new town truck. Quotes for a 2012 International 7400 SFA and a Freightliner 108SD were considered. After considering all options, a motion was made by Hesse to purchase the Freightliner. After trading in the current International 4900, the box, wing, plow and sander the final cost will be \$55,235.00. Seconded by Kirchner, motion passed.

The Board considered a request from John Happel to permit him to drive his semi tractor and empty trailer on Baker Road during the Spring weight ban. Motion to approve by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed operator license applications from Amanda Cain, Kyle Worthington and Greg Hansen. Kirchner made a motion to approve all applications, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Board reviewed the explanation of the effect of both a “yes” and a “no” vote of the Advisory Referendum question for the April ballot, as follows:

The purpose of this advisory referendum is to give guidance to the Electors making decisions at future Town Meetings and to the Town Board as to the use of this piece of town real property.

A “yes” vote means the land purchased for the library should be kept for three years while fundraising continues for a branch of the county library system.

A “no” vote means other uses of the land can be considered.

This is an advisory referendum, it does not empower the Town Board to dispose of the land, nor does it compel the Town Board to take a particular action.

Roads:

- The Spring Road ban started March 5th.
- Reminder to increase next year’s budget by \$300 per month to cover the increased cost for health insurance for town employee
- Town patrol employees will be attending an Asphalt Road Maintenance seminar in Eau Claire on March 21st.
- The radio has been installed in the grader.
- Monroe Truck Co from Marshfield will bid on the box for our new truck.
- Clerk questioned the consistent Airgas bill of approximately \$20 each month. Board advised Clerk to call the company for explanation.

Board members: Hesse, Sacia, Pfaff and Kirchner will attend the Annual Towns Association meeting on March 31st.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863962 through #863969, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #18458 through #18497. Seconded by Mulder.

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