

Town Board Meeting April 8, 2014

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

The minutes from the March meeting were read. Motion made by Gilbert to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns-

- Attendees asked about the status of the Hwy 108 and Cty C swap. Chairman Hesse explained that the County Hwy Commissioner has responded to the State Hwy Dept asking for more money to help defray the cost of repairing the current Hwy 108. No decision has yet been made on the potential name for the road.
- Chairman Hesse informed that both the Fire Department and First Responders will be receiving \$18,000 from the estate of Les/Bev Mickelson.
- Burning ban will be lifted as of 4/9/14

Town Board reviewed the Conditional Use permit for Jeff Gilbertson to construct a single family residence and pole shed on 3.5 acres of land zoned exclusive agriculture. The residence will be accessed using a driveway that is already present and will not be shared by anyone else. Town Plan Commission has already approved. A motion was made by Gilbert to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Jeff Gilbertson, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Tim and Bonny Goodenough appeared before the Board requesting a variance to repurpose and construct buildings that exceed the size allowed by County ordinance on their property located at N8982 State Rd 108 for the purpose of starting an aquaponic farm. They plan to raise lettuce, herbs, other greens and tilapia. Town Plan Commission has already approved this variance. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the Variance, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

Clerk reported that the new DS200 digital vote scanner worked without issue at the election held on April 1st. Board then discussed the replacement of our voting booths with a style that would be easy to set-up, tear-down and fold for storage. Clerk to talk with other municipalities and bring suggestions and pricing to a future town board meeting for discussion.

The stove in the kitchen of the town hall is no longer working. Board authorized Chairman Hesse to purchase a new electric stove for up to \$600.00, seconded by Gilbert.

Solid Waste:

- Andy Schlifer from ACT was present, he suggested that the Board consider a different strategy for the recycle shed. He felt that it would allow for the construction of a building that would be sturdier and that it would make the traffic flow at the drop-off site more efficient. The building could be 30 x 72 with four to five overhead doors. Dennis Konze, Dan Gilbert and Andy will meet at the drop-off site on April 9 to review this suggestion and take some measurements. A special meeting of the town board will be scheduled following the Annual Meeting on April 15th to review preliminary design and for further discussion.
- Board suggested that the Township purchase a Magnet on wheels to clean-up the nails and other metal at the drop-off site.

Roads:

- Pumped out two frozen culverts

- Received a bid from Keith Christianson to remove the cottonwood tree on the corner of Hwy 108 and Jostad Road for \$425. Also received a bid to trim some oak trees on Severson Road, Perkins Road and Davis Creek Road as well as the removal of two elm trees on Cty EE for a total of \$875.00. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Kirchner to accept all bids with the stipulation that the Oaks be trimmed at the appropriate time of the year.
- Chairman Hesse informed that the township was not awarded a TRIP grant we had applied for to do repairs on A. Craig Road. Commissioner Chamberlain explained that that the road surface was rated too high. Chamberlain suggested that an alternate road could be identified and the grant resubmitted. Town Board determined they would review the potential of realigning the intersection at Jostad Road.

Board reviewed the Operator License applications for Jennifer Bunker and Taylor Schmeckpeper. Motion made by Hesse to approve both applications providing they pass the background check and submit proof of completing the online server class. Seconded by Kirchner.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #281808 through 281814, seconded by Gilbert.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Gilbert to approve township checks # 19221 through #19251 and EFTS. Fire Department checks 4140- 4144. Seconded by Kirchner.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm by Gilbert, seconded by Hesse.