

Town Board Meeting April 10, 2012

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 8:45pm following the Annual Meeting. All board members were present.

The minutes from the March 6th Public Hearing and Town Board meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

- Discussion concerning the need of new turn-out gear for township firefighters. Suggestion offered that a reserve fund be started for future fire department needs.
- Inquiry about whether or not the new height restrictions found in the Zoning Ordinance recently adopted by the County also apply to two story residences.
- Town Board is encouraged to consider adopting the new County Zoning Ordinance.
- Tom Brindley suggested that a calendar of meeting dates and other events be added to our webpage

The following recommendations from the Plan Commission were reviewed:

-Fran Wedam appeared before the Board requesting his property on CTH T be rezoned from Exclusive Ag to Agriculture District A to be in compliance with the current County Zoning Ordinance. Motion to approve by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

-Randy Christopherson requested a variance for the height of his new pole shed located at N9471 McIntosh Road. Motion to approve by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

-Leon Pfaff requested a variance on the number of outbuildings and the height of the barn on Lot 1 of his proposed addition. Motion to approve by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

- Dave Kirchner requested a variance for the height of his new pole shed located at W3020 Cty Hwy T. Motion to approve by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

State election law changes have created a one week gap between the end of the current term of office for township officers elected either in 2010 or 2011 and the start of the next term in either 2012 or 2013. To resolve this issue, the town board passed Ordinance 2 -2012 which extends the town boards' terms ending on 2nd Tuesday in April 2013 to the 3rd Tuesday in April 2013, thus filling the gap. Motion to pass made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Ordinance is approved.

Due to recent fund raising efforts by the Friends of the Mindoro Library, the township treasurer has received several checks. Treasurer has been advised to forward all checks written directly to the Friends of the Library to that group for deposit. Any checks received written to the Town of Farmington and specified for the library project are to be deposited into the Library Fund of the township.

Board members briefly discussed the new County Zoning ordinance and the various changes it brings. The County Board adopted the Ordinance on January 19, 2012 and townships have until January 19, 2013 to also adopt the Ordinance or choose another method of managing land use and zoning. All present were reminded of the meeting scheduled for April 23 in West Salem at

which Richard Stadelman, Executive Director, of the WI Towns Association would present information regarding this issue.

The local Girl Scouts continue to conduct studies and to work on gathering the needed information for the Safe Routes to School grant. They would like the township to apply for the grant with funding to be used to construct a sidewalk from the school playground to Church Street, then across DE, extending the sidewalk to the trailer park. A motion was made by Kirchner that the grant be applied for, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The WI Towns Association has produced several informational training videos covering guidelines, procedures and state laws for viewing by Township officers. These videos are available online through an annual fee of \$100 and can be watched at any time via the Internet. Kirchner made the motion to gain this access for board members, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The Plan Commission currently has no secretary. The Board determined that the position will be advertised for someone to take minutes at the Plan Commission meetings at the same rate of pay as the previous secretary.

The township truck has been ordered, delivery is expected in mid to late July.

Roads:

- Board members reviewed the price list from Kraemer Co. for 2012. A motion was made by Hesse to accept the prices, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.
- Bridge inspections are currently being completed.
- The Sand Shed passed inspection
- Town board to review the roads next meeting and determine which need repairs.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863970 through #863979, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #18498 through #18538. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner at 10:12pm.