

Town Board Meeting May 1, 2012

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

The minutes from the April Town Board meeting were read. Motion made by Mulder to approve the minutes with two corrections, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns: No public concerns were brought before the board.

Operator License applications for Janel Parker, Mary Kastenschmidt and April Judd were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Chairman Hesse recommended that Joan Dolbier be reappointed to the Plan Commission to fill a three year term ending in 2015. Hesse explained he had posted the opening and received only Joan's application. A motion to approve Joan Dolbier for the three term was made by Kirchner and seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Board members discussed the turn-out gear needed for our volunteer fire fighters with input from Rick Paisley, Fire Chief. Paisley has investigated the various brands of gear available and spoken with other fire departments, he recommended that the gear be purchased from Morning Pride. Fire fighters would be measured and gear ordered fitted to size, delivery takes about 6 weeks. The Board discussed options available for payment. Kirchner made the motion that the gear be paid for out of our General Fund balance which is currently about \$558,000 with the decision to replace all or part of the cost at budget time with a loan. Motion seconded by Mulder. Motion passed. It was also noted that fund raisers could still be held and the proceeds used to repay the General Fund or help pay off the loan.

The update to the Township Hazardous Mitigation cites the following needs to make our township a safer place to live:

- address the flooding potential in some low lying areas, i.e., Herman Coulee
- provide a storm shelter for the residents of the trailer park
- back-up power source for our town shop
- add three weather sirens strategically placed throughout the township

County Highway Commissioner, Ron Chamberlain, appeared before the Board, requesting that they consider designating Cty Hwy V from the intersection of Cty Hwy Q to the Jackson County line a town road. The distance of the road is between $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1 mile, it gets little use with only three households on the road and a sand pit at the end. He assured members that the county highway department would regrind and repave that portion of the road prior to turning it over to the township. Board members stated they would like some time to consider the proposal. No decision made at this time, will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Board members discussed the changes made to the County Zoning Ordinance, no action at this time.

Roads:

Chairman Hesse presented the board with the list of potential roads to be resealed this year, they include: Burr Oak Court, Harvey Lane, Badger Lane, Marx Lane, Mickelson Road, H. Mickelson Road, Gartner Road and the south half of Herman Coulee Road. Bids will be sought and reviewed at the next board meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863980 through #863987, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #18539 through #18559. Seconded by Mulder.

The following monthly meeting times were established: June 12th and July 3rd.

Motion to adjourn by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner at 9:20pm.