

Town Board Meeting –May 4, 2010

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

The minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting were read. Motion made by Jack to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve.

Public Concerns:

- Paul Hoff questioned the relocation of the Library to town hall. Chairman Hesse explained that the school is cramped for space and has asked that the collection of books belonging to the Township be removed. The books are going to be stored at the Town Hall and available for checkout on the honor system.
- Paul Hoff inquired about the taping of township meetings. He was informed that the Annual Meeting had been taped, however the small cassette recorder, which the township has for taping Board of Review proceedings is not adequate for a large group or room. In reviewing the tape from the annual meeting it is apparent that a better system will need to be purchased.
- Paul Hoff inquired about plans to repair the "boardwalk". The elevated sidewalk belongs to the property owners; therefore it is their responsibility to maintain it. Rural Development has funding available for projects such as this, they loan the money to an intermediary such as a government body or non-profit who would then oversee the dispersal and repayment of the loan. Chairman Hesse has spoken with the property owners and is willing to arrange a meeting with Rural Development later this summer.

Road bids received from La Crosse County Highway Dept, Fahner, and Scott Construction were opened and reviewed. Fahner submitted bids for two process styles. Due to the varying processes utilized by the bidding companies, Jack motioned to table the discussion to a special meeting later in the month giving board members opportunity to review the bids, seconded by Steve. Board will determine at the special meeting which of the roads will be completed in 2010 and which company will be awarded the jobs.

Special meeting to make decision regarding the road bids and continue work on the employee manual scheduled for 7:30 on May 11.

Set date of Tuesday, June 29, for Clerk to issue Liquor, cigarette and bartender licenses at 6pm. The July board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in July following the regular schedule of meetings.

As discussed during public concerns, the collection of books belonging to the Town of Farmington can no longer be housed in the grade school library. Chairman Hesse explained that the books could be stored on a shelving unit located along the wall exiting into the fire department, that the Library committee already has volunteers willing to work one night per week and that the shelves could also be built by volunteers.

Steve made a motion that space be provided in the town hall for the book collection and that the cost of materials for the shelves be covered through general fund monies budgeted for library use, seconded by Jack.

Reviewed the bid and design prepared by Kerry Redfearn for a replacement bulletin board outside the town hall to be built using weatherproof composite materials and plexiglass at a cost of approximately \$160.00. Discussed size and determined a larger display case would be beneficial. Motion made by Steve to approve a replacement bulletin board with a display area of approximately 26" wide and 22" tall and authorized Clerk to move forward with the plan design, seconded by Jack.

Roads:

Noted that a Waste Management dumpster was set next the pavement on Severson Road which created a traffic hazard. Land owner was contacted and dumpster moved off the roadway onto a gravel area.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Jack made a motion to approve the receipts 867517 through 867531, seconded by Steve.

Checks written in April were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve to approve township checks 17702 through 17717, seconded by Jack.

Chairman Hesse announced that the Miss Mindoro Committee has scheduled the annual Mindoro Clean up Day for Saturday, May 15. All interested in helping should meet at Cindy's at 7am.

Our township will be hosting May meeting of the County Town's Association on May 27th here in the town hall. Sandy Asleson has been asked to cater the event.

Town Board members have been invited to attend the Jackson County Towns Association meeting to be held on Thursday, May 6 in the courthouse in Black River Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.