

Town Board Meeting May 6, 2014

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

The minutes from the April 8th monthly meeting and April 15th special meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Gilbert.

Public Concerns-

- Kirchner reported that some contractors had expressed to him that our new building inspector was expensive and he wondered about their billing policies. Chairman Hesse informed that he receives monthly communication from GEC regarding inspections in our Township and agreed that the inspections were higher than under our previous inspector but comparable to other building inspection prices in this area.
- Hesse reported that First National Bank of Bangor intended to complete repair and maintenance work on the bank building.
- Some pine trees need to be trimmed on Baker Road. Dan Gilbert trimmed the Bridal Wreath bushes at the cemetery.
- A new stove was purchased from Menards for the town hall at a cost of \$404.00.

Chairman Hesse reported that a potential fence dispute has been brought to his attention. No formal complaint has been received as yet. No action needed at this time.

Chairman Hesse nominated Mike Raabe to another term on the Plan Commission, he had expressed interest in remaining on the Board. Becca Berg also applied for the position and was interviewed, she is encouraged to apply again when another position opens. Motion made by Kirchner to approve Mike Raabe for a three year term on the Plan Commission, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

Steve Lechnir appeared before the Board requesting Board approval for a Conditional Use Permit allowing him to park his camper on his property on Hwy T which is zoned agricultural. He would park the camper near Fleming Creek in a flood plain from approximately May 1 (after the threat of spring flooding has passed) through October 1st for a total of 180 days. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the CUP, seconded by Gilbert.

Roads:

- The township has been awarded a TRIP-D grant for \$289,747.48 to be used to rebuild Davis Creek Road, which covers about 49% of the total cost. We have until 2019 to complete the project. It will include reconstructing the intersections at both ends of the Road.
- A new Implements of Husbandry law was recently passed at the State level which allows axle limits to exceed normal limits by 15% without penalty.
- Some work is needed on a culvert in Herman Coulee Road.
- TRIP grant application was resubmitted to help with the costs of replacing the culvert on Schultz Road
- The serpentine belt needed to be replaced again on the new truck, it was covered by warranty.

Solid Waste:

- There has been a problem recently with individuals putting garbage in with the newspapers and cardboard. Each time this happens the township does not get reimbursed for recycling the paper or cardboard. Those individuals have been mailed letters of warning. This has also

prompted the Town Board to consider hiring one more employee to help at the drop-off site. Chairman Hesse has been discussing this with the DWD/DVR, who would provide candidates for the Board to interview for the position, provide job coaching and cover the wages for two months. After that time, the township would pay the salary.

- Recycle Shed update: Chairman Hesse has had some phone calls showing interest in bidding on the construction of the shed. A Special Meeting of the Town Board will be held on May 20th following the Plan Commission meeting to open the bids and award the construction contract.

Emergency Services updates:

- Discussed the need for a “knox box” on the gate which closes Hwy VV during flooding so that both the Farmington and North Bend emergency services departments are able to open the gate if necessary.
- The fire department has purchased three new chain saws.

Board reviewed Operator License applications for Kelsi Munn and Kristi Munn. Motion to approve applications made by Kirchner, seconded by Gilbert.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #281815 through 281829, seconded by Gilbert.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks # 19252 through #19272 and EFTS. Fire Department checks 4145- 4147. Seconded by Gilbert.

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