

Town Board Meeting June 2, 2015

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

The minutes from the May 5th and May 12th meetings were read. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

Brief discussion regarding possible choices for the renaming of State Hwy 108 after the swap is completed. No decision was made some ideas brought forth were: IOX, MC and CUT.

A public input meeting will be held on June 9th facilitated by Karl Green of the University of WI Extension office. This is an opportunity for community members and businesses to share concerns and suggestions for improvements and updates, such as: control of rain water run-off, sidewalks, etc. that could be completed in conjunction with the reconstruction of State 108 through Mindoro.

The question was raised regarding a lawn in Mindoro that has gone unmowed for several weeks, as to whether the Town Board could request the home owner to cut it. Chairman Hesse explained that the Board of a Township does not have the ability to administer that kind of rule. The only recourse would be to report it to the Health Department if it can be determined to be health hazard.

The update to the countywide Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement will be considered at a future meeting.

Board reviewed all the liquor license and operator license applications. A motion was made by Mulder to approve all applications with exception of two operator licenses who will need to show proof of having taken the online server course before they can be approved. Seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Propane program will be discussed at July meeting.

Chairman Hesse shared some updates from the State Budget which has not been finalized as yet.

Brief discussion regarding the Village of Holmen/City of Onalaska Boundary Agreement which has been proposed by those municipalities.

Roads:

Bids were received from Fahrner and Scott Construction for road sealing. Board reviewed both bid packages. A motion was made by Kirchner to accept the bids from Scott Construction, seconded by Mulder. Following are the roads and costs:

Skoy Coulee – \$14,330.00	Christianson Road - \$4,104.00
Schultz Road - \$7,913.00	Anderson Road - \$7,196.00
Jostad Road- \$7,921.00	M. Olson Road - \$640.00
Larson Road - \$7,571.00	J. Bryhn Road - \$5,810.00
Amundson Road - \$ 9,985.00	H. Olson Road - \$2,980.00

Total: \$68,449.00

Town Maintenance workers will complete some repairs on J. Bryhn Road in the next few weeks to allow time for the road to settle before Scott comes to do the sealing.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the road through Hoeth Forest has been graded quite often causing large berms on either side of the road, which are hampering drainage in some areas. Chairman Hesse will research information on the best practices for grading/maintaining dirt roads.

Solid Waste:

Board reviewed the request for a raise submitted by Dennis Konze. Members discussed Dennis' current duties and responsibilities and determined that his position has taken on more responsibilities than was required in previous years, i.e., maintaining the integrity recycle bin contents, making sure the area is safe for residents to access, etc. Motion made by Hesse to grant a \$3.00 per hour raise, seconded by Mulder. After some discussion, Hesse amended his motion to granting a \$2.00 per hour raise immediately and \$1.00 more per hour more in January 2016. Motion seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Dennis Konze alerted the Board that there are hazards that come with the drop-off site in this case it was a metal arrow tip that had been dropped inadvertently from someone's refuse and was found by another resident when they stepped on it. No injury occurred. It was suggested that perhaps a surface other than gravel would make the area safer.

Drainage around the new recycle shed continues to be a problem, with rain water runoff standing in the low areas around the sides of the shed. This problem will be reviewed and corrected.

Emergency Services:

Fire Department audit went well. They are using the Fire dues monies received appropriately for education through the school district and purchasing smoke alarms for families who do not have them. Also, they were informed that the State of WI has recently purchased FD Management software that can be used by all fire departments. This will eliminate the Fire Department's need to each year pay a fee for records management software.

Closed Session:

Motion to adjourn to closed executive session to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of an employee under Wisconsin Statute Sec. 19.85 (1)(c). made by Kirchner seconded by Mulder. Roll Call vote: 3 yes, 0 no.

Motion to return to open session by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Roll Call vote: 3 yes, 0 no.

The Board decided to remove Adam Swenson from employment at the Recycle Center, largely because neither DVR nor Riverfront were able to provide a suitable job coach so that Adam would be properly trained and supervised while working for our Township. They felt that for Adam's safety and the safety of our residents this would be the best recourse.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 205146-205157, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19620 through #19651 and the EFTS, seconded by Mulder.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.