

Town Board Meeting July 2, 2013

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

The minutes from the June 4th meeting and were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Gilbert.

Public Concerns

- Report of a resident concerned that cemeteries were not getting mowed fast enough, later call complementing on good job done.
- Chairman Hesse reported that despite the fact that the Workers Compensation reporting for the First Responders has gone from paper to electronic the premiums were raised from \$1200 to \$2500 due to a new interpretation of the state statute.

Brian Fukuda, La Crosse County Community Development Specialist, attended the meeting and informed of the many opportunities and grants that are available for economic and community development. He will provide a written summary of his remarks. Town of Farmington business owners were sent letters of invitation to attend this presentation and participate in a brief brainstorming session; however, there were none in attendance.

Levi Polege and Dave Hammer appeared before the Board requesting conditional use permits to construct single family residences on three parcels located off Cty Rd TA. Each parcel exceeds 35 acres in size. Township Plan Commission has already approved this request. A motion was made by Gilbert to approve all three conditional use permits for these properties, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

The Board considered the proposal from Steve Rebcan to pay half of the cost of the remaining inspections needed to complete the single family residence he has been constructing since 2009. He obtained the necessary building permits from Gordon Van Dunk in 2009 and 2010 but did not get the home completed before Mr. Van Dunk retired. GEC, current township building inspectors, will now conduct the remaining inspections and bill at their rate. A motion was made by Kirchner that the township would pay half the cost of these inspections; Mr. Rebcan would be responsible for the other half. Seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

Board discussed the need for new voting equipment (ballot scanner/tabulator). The current machine has been in use here since 2006 and has become obsolete as repair parts are no longer available. Most municipalities in La Crosse County are replacing their Automarks with the DS200. Board reviewed the proposal from ES&S which includes the machine, used metal ballot box, 4gb jump drive(encrypted), one year warranty (machine and ballot box), shipping, installation, clerk/chief inspector training, and technical support for a cost of \$6,255.79. This final cost includes a \$500 trade-in for our current machine. Motion was made by Gilbert to approve the purchase of the new voting equipment, seconded by Hesse. Motion passed. Equipment will be received in September 2013 with training to follow. Payment will be delayed until January 2014 for budgeting purposes.

Roads:

- Waiting for dry weather to complete crack sealing of the roads
- Fahner is planning to complete the microsealing the 3rd week in July
- Scott Construction will be here later in the fall to complete road sealing
- Gilbert will talk to landowner on Fulton Street about lilac bushes that need trimming

- Culvert on Herman Coulee Road has been completed
- A new driveway being added off Amundson Road
- Township workers would like a mig welder. Christianson will research pricing for next Board meeting.

Solid Waste

-Board reviewed the Architectural & Engineering proposal from GEC to construct a new Solid Waste/Recycling building to replace the current structure. Proposal included engineering costs and a timeline for completion by December of this year for a total of over \$30,000. Cost of construction would be additional. No action taken on this proposal, Board will seek other sources before making a final decision on this project.

- Dennis Konze reported there have been some raccoons invading the compactor; he offered to make the necessary updates to remedy this problem.

- Marvin Heinrick will substitute for Dennis Konze at the drop-off site on September 14, 17 and 21. Dennis to provide him necessary training before hand.

Board reviewed Operator License application for Jason Collins. Motion made by Kirchner to approve his application, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #235412 through 235419, seconded by Gilbert.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks # 18967 through 18987 and EFTS. Fire Department checks 4089. Seconded by Gilbert.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25pm by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner.