

Town Board Meeting July 3, 2012

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

The minutes from the June 12th Town Board meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

- Chairman Hesse announced that a burning ban will be in place effective at 8am on July 5th until such time as deemed safe to have outdoor fires again.
- Kirchner expressed concern that the garage foundation on the Church Street property has not been cleaned up
- Kirchner also inquired as to the plans to get the fender repaired on the township pick up truck, Hesse informed that it would be completed when the road patching was finished.
- The county has proposed a modification to the Zoning Ordinance, townships have until January 17, 2013 to adopt.

Rezoning requests:

-Paul Hoff appeared before the Board seeking approval for a variance to add 5.5 feet to the east side of his current garage. This will allow the existing garage to be widened to accommodate 3 overhead doors. The building will have a steel roof and vinyl siding. This comes to the Board recommended by the Township Plan Commission. A motion to approve by Mulder, seconded by Hesse. Motion passed.

-Sheldon Everson appeared before the Board requesting approval of the renewal of his conditional use permit. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the renewal of this Conditional Use permit adding that the Board suggests that the permit be extended to a longer period of time or on a permanent basis. Seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

-Ryan Pfaff requested that his existing home on approximately 1.5 acres be rezoned from exclusive Ag to Ag District A to bring property into compliance with County Zoning ordinance. This comes recommended by Township Plan Commission. Motion to approved rezoning request by Hesse, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

-Randy and Barb Hanson also appeared before the Board requesting a variance on property located at N8283 Hall Road to allow them to purchase 1.32 acres with an existing 42ft by 72 ft accessory building to be added to their current 6.43 acres for a total of 7.75 acres. This request was inadvertently omitted from the agenda; however the Board heard the request as it had been recommended by the Township Plan Commission. Board was unable to act on request at this time. Plan Commission approval information will be forwarded to County Zoning.

Jeff Treder, President of the Tri-County Trailblazers ATV Club appeared before the Board requesting the Board consider a proposed ATV Route on a 775' section of Baker Road. The club has already received authorization to use a portion of the William Bassett Foundation property for an ATV trail. Additionally, they have met with Ron Chamberlain, County Highway Commissioner, who recommended that the safest route into the Black Oak Inn would be by using part of Baker Road to access the driveway to the establishment. The complete ATV trail would come from the Jackson County line on Cty Hwy V to the intersection of CTH Q at which time it will cross into the Bassett Foundation property travel across the property to Baker Road. The

club would establish a field entrance/exit consisting of a 10-15' apron of bituminous material and maintain this driveway. Hesse recommended conditional approval of this Route with the Board considering an Ordinance at the July meeting to finalize the Trail designation.

Roads:

- Update on patching, sealing and drainage: drainage problem has been corrected on H. Michelson Road- put on one new culvert and cleaned out another.
- The lettering has been completed on the new truck
- The Heston mower is having transmission problems, will be repaired.

The Board reviewed the propane program offered by the Farmer's Coop. Mulder motioned that 5000 gallons of propane be prepaid at \$1.44 per gallon for the 2012-2013 heating season. Seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Clerk announced office hours at the Town Hall for Absentee Voting for the August 14th election: Tuesday, July 31-6:30pm – 7:30pm, Saturday, August 4 – 10am-11am and Thursday, August 9-6:30pm – 7:30pm. These will be posted in designated posting locations as well as on the Township webpage. The practice of holding Absentee Voting hours at the town hall will continue for all future elections as well. Dates to be announced and posted before in-person absentee voting begins with each election.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863996 through #864000, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #18598 through #18619 and EFT's. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder at 9:32pm.