

Town Board Meeting September 6, 2011

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

The minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Public Concerns:

- Township residents have contacted Chairman Hesse about the Frac Sand mining potential in our township. Hesse reported that County Zoning and the Towns Association have addressed this issue at recent County Township Officers meetings. This type of business would require a Conditional Use Permit or Ag B zoning designation in La Crosse County.
- Town resident Tom Brindley spoke stating that it is important that residents be informed of the potential for this type of business in our township.
- Also discussed was the upcoming informational meeting regarding the Badger Coulee High Power line which has a potential to be constructed through the Town of Farmington. Town Board members are encouraged to attend the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> here at the town hall.
- New First Responder truck is expected the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fire Department has submitted a grant application for a Federal Fire Grant to purchase turnout gear. An inventory of our current gear revealed they are using gear that exceeds predicted length of life, for instance, a pair of boots from 1971 and a jacket from 1981.

Two zoning requests were recommended to the town board by the Planning Commission:

A request to consider rezoning repossessed property located at W4271 Cty Hwy T was made by Cindy Gerke and Associates. The property is currently zoned as Exclusive Ag but must be rezoned to Ag A in order to be in compliance with current County Zoning and in order for potential buyers to secure a bank loan. Kirchner made a motion to approve request, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

A request to consider rezoning the property located at W1663 Cty Hwy A from Exclusive Ag to Ag A. The parcel is less than 2 acres but has had a residence on it for several years. This will bring the parcel into compliance with current County Zoning regulations. Kirchner made a motion to approve request, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Wellhead Protection Ordinance is currently being reviewed by Davy Engineering.

Salt/sand shed repair bid of \$350 was received from ACT Concrete. A motion to accept this bid and approve the repair work was made by Hesse, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

A recent change in state law mandates that municipal employers who participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System must adopt a Grievance Resolution which clearly describes all procedures and timelines. Hearing officer will be the Plan Commission Chair at the time of the grievance hearing at a fee of \$100 each time he is called upon to hear a grievance. A motion was made by Mulder to adopt the Grievance Resolution, numbered 3- 2011, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Roads:

- Leon Pfaff appeared before the board requesting that a road into his property located at N8595 Cty DD be designated as township road. He explained that he has had the road rebuilt and it is now paved. That it has been certified by Dick Berg. Mr. Pfaff further explained that he is considering selling parcels adjacent to this road for residential building, which requires the access to be a township road in order to qualify for bank lending. A motion was made by Kirchner to table the decision on this matter until the October town board meeting which would give Board members time to view the road and consider the request, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.
- Anderson Road repair timeline has not been received from Scott Construction.
- Chairman Hesse will work with County Highway Commissioner Chamberlain to apply for road funding through TRIP and TRID grants. The TRID grant would be used in conjunction with the Town of Holland to repair Amundson Coulee Road. Consideration to apply for monies to repair part of Davis Creek Road was also discussed.
- A leak was discovered in the fuel tank on the 2001 International truck leak and will need to be replaced.
- Jeremy Christianson has requested that the township purchase an oxyacetylene torch and necessary supplies which he will use for various repair jobs.
- Christianson has also requested permission to purchase some extra bottle jacks for use when doing equipment repairs.
- With the change to narrow band broadcasting, radios in town trucks will be programmed to comply and a new radio will be purchased for the loader. Motion was made by Mulder to approve the purchase of the oxyacetylene torch, bottle jacks and a radio for the loader, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

The Public Service Commission has determined that the cost to the township for Fire Protection/Hydrant rental will need to be increased to \$25,000 to assure funding for maintenance of the new well and for future needs of the sanitary district. Chairman Hesse will continue to work with the Sanitary District board to determine the best way to collect these monies from township residents.

Board members reviewed the Operator License application from April Norton. A motion to approve application was made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder, motion passed.

The Board reviewed the 2011 preliminary estimate of the population of the Township to be 2070 as determined by the WI Demographic Services Department. Board agreed, no need to challenge.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve receipts 580594 – 580600 and 863901 – 863904, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Mulder to approve township checks 18239 – 18280 and fire department checks 1780 – 1781, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Budget meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner at 10:10pm

