

Town Board Meeting November 1, 2011

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

The minutes from the October 4th meeting were read. Motion made by Mulder to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

The minutes from the October 10th and October 25th Special Budget meetings were read. Motion to approve as read by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner, Motion passed.

Public Concerns:

- Chairman Hesse informed all present of an information meeting on frac sanding that is scheduled for November 3rd in Black River Falls, any interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- Township resident, Nancy Hoban, inquired about the status of frac sand mining in our Township. An overview of the zoning and permit procedures required for this type of business was discussed.
- The First Responders have received \$7000 for the sale of their old responder vehicle.

The Board reviewed operator license applications from Jeanne Racicot and Kaylin Gunther. Motion to approve by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder, motion passed.

The Board discussed the town employee request of a 5.8% raise prompted by the recent state mandate that employees enrolled in the State retirement program begin to pay half of their monthly contribution. Board did not approve increase in wages. A second request for reimbursement for cell phone usage was discuss. A motion was made by Mulder and seconded by Kirchner to provide Glen Cain and Jeremy Christianson a month stipend of \$20.00 each for the purchase of phone time. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Kirchner to purchase a radio for the township grader, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed. Cost of the radio is approximately \$380, if purchased under the state buying plan. All other township vehicles have been equipped with radios previously.

The board considered Steve Lechner's request for a variance to build a 32 x 25 foot building onto an existing 14 x 14 milk house. This comes recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion to approve the variance made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Roads:

- Anderson Road repair has not been completed as yet.
- Township employees have been stocking up on the sand needed to keep township roads safe for winter travel.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #863913 - 863920. And that the \$1320 grant money received from Emergency Management be forward to the Farmington First Responders as they had applied for the grant to purchase radio equipment. Seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #18302-18329. Seconded by Mulder

Budget planning. Glen Cain reported that we have options available to us in purchasing a new town truck: keep current plow and sander or get ½ off in trade, keep the box and put on new cab

and chaise. Board estimated that a new vehicle would cost approximately \$100,000. To cover the cost of a new vehicle it was determined that we have \$63,068 left unused this year from highway maintenance in the general fund and a total of \$121,000 in the Truck Fund. The Board determined that \$50,000 would be used from the truck fund combined with the unused portion of highway maintenance money from 2011 to purchase the vehicle, additionally, no contribution to the Truck Fund will be budgeted this year. The Budget Hearing and Meeting of Electors to approve the tax levy were scheduled for December 6th, 2011.

Motion to adjourn by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder at 9:03pm.