

Town Board Meeting      November 3, 2015

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

Chairman Hesse pointed out that the header on the Agenda posted for this meeting stated it was the October meeting while the remainder of the posting contained the correct month and date information. He questioned if those present felt this discrepancy should warrant postponing the meeting to another date. All present felt it was not necessary to postpone.

The meeting was called order.

The minutes from the October 6th monthly meeting and October 20 Special meeting were read. A motion was made by Mulder to approve the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns:

- Dennis Konze reported that the ramp to access the recycle bin becomes slippery with tracked sand. Several solutions to the problem were discussed with the decision that expanded metal will be added to the ramp. Work to be completed by township employees and Dennis Konze.
- Dennis Konze reported that he is often asked when the township will begin to collect yard waste and brush. A suggested solution would be to offer limited times in the spring and fall for drop-off of yard waste, then rent a chipper to clean up and haul it away.

Board considered a request from Jason Tracy to rezone 2.5 acres of his property located within the sanitary district from Exclusive Ag to Commercial. This property includes the remaining farm buildings from the family farm. This comes to the Board with recommended approval from the Plan Commission. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the rezone of this 2.5 acres from Exclusive Ag to Commercial use, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Roads:

No new business.

Board reviewed the engineer's report for Davis Creek Road from Jewell and Assoc., no decision made at this time.

Solid Waste:

- Hesse and Konze to look into ways to dispose of mattresses economically.

Emergency Services:

- Members of our Fire Department held a fire drill at the elementary school during Fire Prevention week. They also provided 33 smoke alarms to families whose homes did not have alarms. Teachers helped to identify those families.
- The First Responders of North Bend received a grant from Lunda Construction for new gear.
- Classes for 300/400 level NIMS training will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in January and February.

Budget Review

- Employee compensation

Board discussed Geri Fitzgerald's request for a raise for janitorial work. Motion made by Hesse to increase her wage to \$10.00/hour in January 2016, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

Board discussed compensation increase for full time employees. A motion was made to increase their hourly wage by \$.25/ hour starting in January 2016 by Hesse, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

- Finalize proposed budget:

Board determined that keeping the residents of our township safe through fire protection services and well maintained township roads is important, however, increases in costs and inflation along with levy limits have made it very difficult. A motion was made by Kirchner to adopt a Resolution to Propose Exceeding the Levy Limits by 16.1% which reflects a dollar increase of \$50,000, specifically:

-increase the yearly amount put into a designated fund for Fire Truck replacement from \$10,000 to \$20,000

-increase the yearly amount put into a designated fund for highway truck replacement from \$10,000 to \$20,000

- increase Highway and Street Outlay from \$13,000 to \$30,000 to address deteriorating road structures. The motion was seconded by Mulder.

Board reviewed the Property Insurance Proposals from Municipal Property Insurance Co (MPIC) and Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF). Both proposals contained the same coverage and deductible amounts but a significant difference in premiums: MPIC - \$2856/ LGPIF-\$3627. A motion was made by Hesse to accept the proposal from MPIC, seconded by Kirchner.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 205003 through 205006, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Hesse to approve township checks #19743 through #19761 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4232-4234. Seconded by Kirchner.

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm.