

Town Board Meeting November 5, 2013

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

The minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> meetings were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes, seconded by Gilbert.

#### Public Concerns

- Hesse spoke with the Erosion Control regarding the rocks in the roadside ditch in the vicinity of Badger Lane and learned that they were part of the erosion control design. Town patrol will be reminded of the need for weed control practices in this area.
- Hesse reported that the firefighter who injured his shoulder will be going back to work soon
- Clerk presented the checks from Dummers and the McMullins as donations toward the purchase of new tables for the town hall. Board members expressed their gratitude for this generosity
- Some brush needs to be removed on McIntosh Road.

Board reviewed the request from RC's Tree Service for a Conditional Use Permit to continue operation on property zoned exclusive ag. Town Plan Commission has already approved this request. Motion to approve by Gilbert, Seconded by Hesse. Motion passed.

Board reviewed resolution to oppose legislative action (Senate Bill 349) to pre-empt local government's ability to regulate in the interest of public health and safety regarding non-metallic mining and the ability to protect their highways in general. By Roll Call Vote to approve: 3 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Resolution passed. Will be posted in the township and copies sent to our government representatives and Wisconsin Towns Association.

Board reviewed proposed Budget for 2014. Town Board felt that due the levy limit restrictions placed by the State, it would be in the best interest of the township to exceed the levy limit by \$35,000. A resolution was introduced that this request to exceed the levy limit would be on the agenda for the Special Town meeting to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Motion made by Hesse to approve the Resolution, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Public Hearing of the proposed budget scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

Meeting of the Electors to set the levy for 2013 to be collected in 2014 will follow the Public Hearing of the Budget on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Roads:

- Approval for LRIP monies from the County to do repair work on A. Craig Road. We qualify to receive ½ of the cost of repairs up to \$8,000. Preliminary estimate for repairs is \$12,000 – \$14,000.
- Application for the LRIP monies was reviewed by County Hwy Commissioner. He offered suggestions of additional information to include, such as: accident reports, cost of engineering, etc., before it is submitted to State. Due by 11/15/13.
- Employees have been hauling sand in preparation for winter road conditions.

Solid Waste update: Halverson Engineering in Black River Falls should have the plans completed for the salt shed addition so that an estimate of cost can be determined. A special

meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, November 11 to review and possibly approve the bid for construction of the addition.

Emergency Services update:

-Fire fighters conducted a fire drill at Elementary School and spoke with the students about the importance of having smoke detectors in their homes. Several students expressed that they did not have smoke detectors. The fire department was able to supply detectors to 18 families through the use of the 2% Fire Dues monies received from the State.

Board reviewed the Operator License application for Megan Sacia. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the application, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts #235465 through 235475, seconded by Gilbert.

The township and fire department checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks # 19046 through 19075 and EFTS with the stipulation that the purchase of water softener be from Fire Protection expense rather than townhall maintenance expense. Fire Department checks 4102-4105. Seconded by Gilbert.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50pm by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner.