Town Board Meeting November 11, 2014

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

The minutes from the October 7th monthly meeting were read. Motion made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Gilbert.

#### **Public Concerns:**

-Chairman Hesse reminded those present of the Public Service Commission meeting and public hearing regarding the planned Badger Power Line to be held at the Holland Town Hall in December.

### Variance for Mike Gilbert-

Mike Gilbert appeared before the Board requesting a two rod easement rather than the required four rod easement for tax parcel 5-1432-0 to serve a possible single family dwelling on this parcel. This comes to the Board already approved by the Plan Commission. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the easement, stipulating that the parcel will need it to be deed restricted to one single family dwelling, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

# Variance for Mike Grant- Rumors

Mike and Jenna Grant appeared before the Board requesting a variance to remove and reconstruct an overhang/roof on their business located at N9261 State Hwy 108 in Burr Oak which lies within the county setback restrictions. This project is necessary for structural and safety issues involving the building and their business. The proposed constructions will be a 20 foot roof on the east side of their building which will tie into the existing overhang and extend over the existing concrete patio area. This comes to the Board already approved by the Plan Commission. A motion was made to approve this variance by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

#### Roads:

- Board members were reminded that there will be an Implements of Husbandry workshop on December 10 at 1:30 at Club 16 in Sparta.
- The damage on Mickelson Road from logging trucks and how to move forward in getting it repaired was discussed. Board decided to ask the County Commissioner or his foreman to look at the damage and provide an estimate of the cost to do the repairs.
- A letter has been sent to the landowner regarding the need for an appropriate culvert and repair of the damage on Wild Road.
- Larry Konze has agreed to help our town employees with snow plowing, etc. for the winter months. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Kirchner to retain him with his hours to be as needed.
- Jeremy asked if an extension could be added to the box of the township truck he general uses. Board authorized him to try constructing this addition using wood purchased locally.

# Solid Waste/Recycling

- The verbiage for the Recycler has been completed and is at the printer.
- Adam Swenson's completed his first day on the job today at the Recycling Center.

Board reviewed the health insurance plans offered by HealthTraditions and decided to go with the Gold Plan 1000/80. Employees will pay 5% of their month premium which will be deducted pretax from their salary.

Board completed the necessary work on the 2015 Budget. The Budget hearing was set for 7:30 on Tuesday December 2, followed by the Town Meeting of the Electors to approve the 2014 town levy.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Hesse to approve receipts #281887 through 281892, seconded by Kirchner.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19395 through #19417 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4171-4175. Seconded by Gilbert.

A new computer will be purchased for the Treasurer. His current system has insufficient capabilities and memory to access the necessary information from the County to complete the tax collections and record keeping.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55pm by Gilbert, seconded by Hesse.