

Town Board Meeting December 2, 2014

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

The minutes from the November 11th monthly meeting were read. Motion made by Gilbert to approve the minutes, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns:

Larry Jostad approached the Board with township property related questions-

- there is a narrow strip of land adjacent to tax parcels 5-451-5 (6),(8),and (9) that was inadvertently left from these parcels and is now owned by the Township, he is wondering if we would sell it to the landowners. Larry has been working with the Zoning office to identify this strip.
- He also inquired about our plans for the former town dump property. It has been sealed for 20 years and can now possibly be sold for another use. Chairman Hesse reminded him that the liability goes with the landowner. Larry is interested in purchasing parcel 5-626-0 at this location. No decision as made at this time.
- He also inquired about the plans for the Church Street property. At this time the Board has no specific plans but feels it would be a good location for an elderly housing and/or assisted living facility.

Board discussed the outcome of the Budget Hearing and Town meeting. A motion was made by Gilbert to adopt the Budget as read at the Budget Hearing with the levy approved at the Town meeting, seconded by Hesse.

Chairman Hesse updated the Board and those present on the actions currently being considered by the Town of Onalaska and Village of Holmen. The Township has filed to become the Village of Midway. The Village of Holmen has passed a Resolution to Annex the entire Town of Onalaska. Both scenarios have the potential to affect our Township through territorial zoning issues.

The town board accepted Nan Hoban's resignation from the Plan Commission, made necessary by her move out of the Township. The opening will be posted, with a recommendation for a resident to fill the vacancy at the January town board meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycle:

- The new recycle shed is now being used, however there continues to be difficulties that need to be worked out, such as the lack of proper lighting for the late afternoons on Tuesdays, snow melt running off the roof and freezing on the ground outside the door. Bahr Electric will be contacted and informed that the lighting needs to be completed before next Tuesday afternoon.

Roads:

- County Highway engineer, Joe Clements, looked at the damage on H. Mickelson Road and will provide an estimate of cost to repair it.

- Board again discussed the extension for Jeremy's truckbox, they suggested that a 10 foot length of plywood in combination with angle iron for stability would provide the needed extension.
- The County Highway Commission has sent a letter the State DOT asking them to seriously consider allowing the current State Hwy 108 to be called Business 108 in the event that the exchange is approved.
- Chairman Hesse and Supervisor Gilbert will attend the Implements of Husbandry informational meeting on December 10th at Sparta. Chairman Hesse also showed a power point presentation that provided education on the definitions of the Implements of Husbandry law and the regulation options to choose from. A decision will be made at the January meeting.

Emergency Services:

Board reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement for County 911 Emergency System effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Motion to approve the agreement by Kirchner, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed.

The date for the Caucus was set for Tuesday, January 6 at 7:30 with the monthly Board meeting to follow.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 281893 through 281898, seconded by Gilbert.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19418 through #19438 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4176-4179. 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 9:30pm by Gilbert, seconded by Kirchner.