

Town Board meeting April 12, 2016

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

The minutes from the March 1st meeting were read. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with two corrections, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

- Two public involvement meetings to discuss safety improvements for County Highways have been scheduled:

April 13 at the Holland Town Hall to review planned improvements on Cty Rd T

April 20 at the Farmington Town Hall to gather public input on known safety concerns for conditions on County Roads in our township.

Max Hart, Loan Officer from Black River Country Bank was present to introduce himself and to thank the Board for working with the Bank for our financing needs to complete the Davis Creek Road Project.

Brian Hougum, Business Manager for Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling, met with the Board to discuss their proposed Contract Extension Agreement after acquiring the current contract from A+ Roll-Off. Board reviewed the proposed cost increases and asked that Hilltopper consider some alternate haul schedules and fees.

Board reviewed Resolution to modify the Comprehensive Plan allowing Swiss Valley Farms to rezone parcels 5-905-0 and 5-904-0 from commercial use to light industrial. This comes to the Board after a public hearing and 30-day comment period were completed and is recommended by the Township Plan Commission. Motion made by Kirchner to adopt Resolution 1-2016 allowing Swiss Valley Farms to rezone from commercial use to light industrial both above listed parcels, seconded by Mulder. Roll call vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Chairman Hesse provided that the energy conservation updates to lighting being done by Joe Lord and Associates is almost complete. All agreed that the LED lighting is much brighter and look forward to a decrease in cost of electricity.

Chairman Hesse informed the Board of a recent incident at a tavern licensed by the Township, Sheriff's report was reviewed. No action taken at this time.

Roads

- Xcel Energy is in the process of updating township street lights to LED.

- The State's contracting process for ordering salt for winter roads has changed. Townships will need to place their salt order early in the year for the following winter needs. We have ordered 70 tons for winter 2016- 2017.

- The township has been reimbursed for the costs of the Baker Road guard rail repairs by the individual who caused the damages.

- Road sealing will be completed on Young Road this year. Will advertise for bids.

- Davis Creek Road project:

- Most of the Temporary Limited Easement information has been provided the landowners - delivered in person or mailed to those who live outside the township.

- Board discussed the need to purchase 0.33 acres from Paul/Penny Lash along Davis Creek Road in order to complete the project. This is considered a right of way purchase. Motion to approve pursuing this purchase was made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder.
- Per Jerry Kins, Township assessor, the 0.33 acres is assessed at \$891. Motion made by Kirchner to offer the Lashes \$900 for the property and give Chairman Hesse latitude to negotiate in order to accomplish the purchase goal. Motion seconded by Hesse.

- County Road C reconstruction:

- Board reviewed County Highway Department plans for the reconstruction of Cty Rd C (formerly State Rd 108) through Mindoro, the plan includes those costs of the project that the Township is expected to cover. Some changes in the cost sharing were suggested that would reduce township expenses. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the project co-op work with the County Highway Department through Mindoro from Bernhard Valley to Fleming Creek and give Chairman Hesse the ability to negotiate cost sharing changes. Seconded by Hesse.

-Township employees attended a blacktop maintenance workshop in Black River Falls.

- Chairman Hesse reported the he was informed by the County Highway Commissioner that the township could request a waiver from the Wisconsin DOT for Pumhouse Road and North Street which would allow them to qualify for state aid. Certified survey maps of both roadways are needed to make this waiver request, Hesse to research the availability of maps and/or the costs to get them.

Solid Waste

ACT has completed the venting rework on the recycle shed.

Emergency Services

The Fire Department truck committee has met with a representative from Pierce Manufacturing in preliminary research for replacement of our current fire truck purchased in 1998, which will need to be replaced by mid 2018 in order for our department stay in compliance with insurance company life expectancy standards of 20 years. Lead time from order to delivery is currently 11 months. Committee will advertise for bids.

First Responders reported that the Chili dinner fundraiser was a great success again this year.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Hesse to approve receipts 205039 through 205100 and 880701-880740, seconded by Mulder.

The township/fire department checks and office supply/postage expenses submitted by Chairman Hesse were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19919-19961 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4258-4262 and Chairman Hesse's expenses. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn at 10:10pm by Mulder, seconded by Kirchner.