

Town Board Meeting October 4, 2016

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

The minutes from the September 6th meeting were read. A motion was made by Mulder to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kirchner.

Public Concerns:

No public concerns.

Melrose/Mindoro School officials

District Administrator Del DeBerg and Middle School Principal Cory Peterson presented information regarding the needs of the school district and the Referendum asking authorization to issue a general obligation bond not to exceed \$24,700,000 to satisfy those needs. The referendum will be on the November ballot. They are holding public sessions in both Melrose and Mindoro to provide this same information to all interested persons. If passed, ground breaking will begin in spring 2017 and the buildings will be ready for use for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roads

- September 21 & 22 storm damage. FEMA representatives will be in the area on October 6th to review damages from the flooding. They will decide if recommendations for Federal Disaster Relief are warranted. Several town and county roads in our township as well as some residences and the sanitary district received flood damage.
- County Road C update:
Most of the reconstruction has been completed. Issues related to the work are being addressed as they are discovered, such as, vector control measures are now being addressed in the rain water holding area near the school. Some residents reported water in their basement after the heavy rains on Sept 21 & 22. We continue to wait for final invoices from the County for our share of the work which is estimated to be \$217,000 with some increase for some curb/gutter and paving which were added after estimates were received.
- Davis Creek Road update:
 - Construction is about two weeks behind schedule due to some Centurytel cables that were discovered to be affected and had to be moved.
 - A resident along Davis Creek Road asked if the township would consider replacing some trees that had been cleared from the right-away near their home during the road work. Board's decision is to not replace them.
- Some additional blacktop is needed on Vogel Road to patch damage done during construction.
- Skid steer lease/rental for winter snow removal
Dennis Konze offered that his son has a skid steer which the Town could use during the winter months with the option to rent it by the day or week. No decision made at this time, Mike will look into pricing and other options available. Further discussion and other options will be considered at the upcoming budget meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycle

Board discussed the increase of 25 cents per township resident for the household hazardous fee for 2017, motion made by Kirchner to approve the new fee of \$1.25 per person, seconded by Mulder.

Emergency Services

-Chairman Hesse informed of the Federal Fire Grant that is available for helping to fund the new fire truck. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve applying for that grant, seconded by Mulder. Grant application is available starting October 12 and due by November 18th.

- The Fire Department has proposed the Mindoro location for the Smokey the Bear fire warning sign be the South wall of the Bank building along Cty Rd D at the intersection with Cty Rd C. Motion made by Mulder to approve adding the sign to the side of the Bank, seconded by Kirchner. Future sites for two additional signs are being considered in Burr Oak and Stevenson, yet to be determined.

- New fire truck update:

Upon further review, the fire truck committee has learned that there is some quality issues with design of the rear pump fire truck viewed in Viroqua. They have now gotten a third bidder involved and are considering sitting down with all three bidders together to be sure all proposals are equal.

-During the recent loss of electricity in the Mindoro, it was discovered that the current generator no longer can supply sufficient electricity for today's needs, especially the Co-op store due to the updating and additional coolers now in use. Replacement of the generator will need to be addressed in the future, perhaps cost sharing between the FD, township and Allied can be considered.

- It was also brought to the attention of the Board that the fire department will need to replace the 1164 dually pickup as it is starting to deteriorate; they are in the looking stage now. The plan would be to keep the box and skid unit and use in on the new truck. The FD has money in their accounts to help cover the cost of replacement.

- Emergency Services have received a CLIA waiver so our First Responders can administer Glucan, Narcan and Epinephrine drawn from ampoules for emergency treatment of diabetes, drug overdose and allergic reactions.

Plan Commission

Chairman Hesse recommended Dr. Michael White to complete Joan Dolbier's term on the Plan Commission. A motion was made to Mulder to approve his selection, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 135218 through 135233, seconded by Mulder.

The township/fire department checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #20105 - 20130 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4279-4280. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 by Hesse, seconded by Mulder.