

Town Board meeting December 6, 2016

The town board meeting was called order at 7:40pm. Board members present: Hesse, Kirchner, Anderson and Sacia. Not present due to illness: Mulder

The minutes from November 1st meeting were read. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Hesse.

Public Concerns

Township resident inquired about getting better internet service in the area. He proposed that the town board draft a Resolution to be sent to CenturyTel and Charter to improve the broadband services they provide.

The question was again raised as to whether or not clear plastic bags were required at our drop-off site as many are not using them. The Board clarified that the use of clear or translucent bags has been a requirement for several years however, it is a rule that has not been followed by many and is difficult to enforce. Residents will again be reminded at the drop-off site.

The Board reviewed the following zoning requests which were previously approved by the Plan Commission:

Tim Adamson's request to construct a duplex on parcel 5-325-3. It was noted that this parcel is zoned as rural residential on which there is no restrictions on building a duplex. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the building of a duplex on this parcel and specifically noted that this is not to be a precedent setting decision, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Swiss Valley Farms' request to rezone parcels 5-905-0 and 5-904-0 from residential to light industrial. Motion to approve the change from residential to light industrial made by Hesse, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

The Board noted that the 2017 Budget had been approved at the Hearing held earlier. A motion was made by Hesse to adopt the Budget as presented, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Board reviewed the Municipal Property Insurance Company (MPIC) renewal quote and confirmed that all property and equipment owned by the township were appropriately covered. The only update needed is the address change from State Hwy 108 to Cty Rd C where applicable.

Chairman Hesse announced that township attorney Richard Heitman is planning to retire at the end of 2016. Mr. Heitman offered that the law firm of Arndt/Buswell/Thorn from Sparta also handle government/township law. Hesse to arrange an interview with them at our February meeting.

Roads:

- Chairman Hesse and Jewell Engineering met to review the completion of Davis Creek Road. They determined that the following two items were not completed:
 - Lines painted on the roadway (which will be completed in the Spring)
 - A culvert added to the driveway at the entrance to Fisher's fieldJewell to close-out the project so we qualify for the TRIP D grant payment.

- Chairman Hesse met with the FEMA representative to review the damages and cost incurred in our township due the heavy rains and flooding in September. They determined that the damages to bridges in our township were just under \$18,000. All figures have now been provided to FEMA, as well as, photos and other necessary back-up documentation.

- Scott Winsett from Jewell Engineering is reviewing the mitigation needs on Herman Coulee Road and will give us an estimate of costs. He also informed that the Ho Chunk Nation may be interested in helping to pay the cost of some of the road maintenance in the area of the Bell Coulee Rock Shelter as it was created by Native Americans and is a National Historic site
- Skidsteer rent/lease discussion
Board reviewed the information on costs to rent/lease or hire a skidsteer for the winter months. They decided to lease a skid steer for 3 months. The motion was made by Kirchner to lease a skid steer for 3 months at the rate of \$600/month for up 100 hours of monthly usage and to give Chairman Hesse permission to negotiate a lease agreement. Seconded by Hesse.

Solid Waste/Recycling

The Recycler brochures have been printed and are currently being addressed.

Emergency Services

The fire grant has been submitted, they are asking for \$363,126 to help pay the cost of the new fire truck. Grants will be awarded during the first quarter of 2017. Chairman Hesse thanked the Fire Department secretary for pulling together the call data needed for the grant application.

Caucus

The motion was made by Hesse to set the caucus for January 3rd at 7:30pm with the January town board meeting to follow. Seconded by Kirchner.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 135249 through 135258, seconded by Hesse.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #20162 through #20199 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department check #4284. Seconded by Hesse. Clerk presented expenses of \$669.27 and Treasurer presented expenses of \$211.80 for 2016. Chairman presented expenses of \$26.18 for picture development and 27.5 hours as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion made by Hesse to approve payment of Clerk, Treasurer and Emergency Management expenses, seconded by Kirchner.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm by Hesse, seconded by Kirchner.