

Town Board meeting April 11, 2017

The town board meeting was called order. All board members were present.

The minutes from the March 7th meeting were read. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns

- Barry Schimke reported that the Sanitary District will need to put in a new lift station soon as the current one is 47 years old. They will need to apply for a grant to help pay for it.
- Chairman Hesse thanked outgoing Supervisors, Steve Kirchner and Dirk Mulder for their service to the Township, stating that they had worked well together and accomplished a lot during their terms in office.

Memorandum

The Board reviewed the memorandum of Understanding between the County Health Department and the Township concerning the use of the town hall for the Strong Seniors exercise program. Chairman Hesse stated a like agreement had been signed previously and that the program was beneficial to all who chose to participate. Motion to approve made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder.

Hayman appeal to the Board of Adjustment

Bill Hayman appeared before the Board requesting the Board review the revised variance to construct a single family residence.

Motion made by Hesse to recommend approval for variance for a zero foot (North) rear and east side setback on residential parcel 5-1232-0 to construct a single-story residence of similar but larger footprint than the existing 100+ year old two story residential structure. Seconded by Kirchner.

Plan Commission has also approved the variance.

Emergency Services

Members of the Farmington Fire Department were in attendance. Les Bryhn informed of the three bids they received for a new fire truck. He explained that the fire department truck committee had chosen the bid from Pierce because they had matched all the specs. The other two bids included lower quality components. The total bid price for the truck is \$374,088. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the selection of the Pierce design for the new fire truck, seconded by Kirchner.

Currently, the fire department is waiting to learn if they will be awarded the \$350,000 Federal grant they applied for. In order to use the grant monies for this truck, the truck must be ordered after the grant has been awarded. The grants are slowly being released throughout the next few months.

Broadband Update

Karl Greene from University Extension is helping to create a survey we can send to town residents to learn of their internet needs. He has provided a survey sent out by the PSC to use as an example.

Town Hall roof

Frank Wells, who painted the town hall roof 15 years ago, has provided a bid of \$2,100.00 to repaint it. A motion was made by Kirchner to accept his bid, seconded by Mulder.

Roads

-FEMA has denied the claim for the bridge repairs completed after the heavy rains in September 2016 because the information we provided did not substantiate that the riprap was in place before the flooding. We have 60 days to appeal the decision. Hesse is searching for pictures and documentation.

-The township sand and salt shed has passed the DOT inspection.

Solid Waste/Recycling

-The board discussed options for accepting yard waste and limbs. They decided to provide a temporary space in the recycle shed for bundles of branches/limbs and plastic bags of yard waste. As needed the bundles and bags will be hauled to our former landfill site to be composted.

Branches/limbs are to be tied with baler twine into 5 foot by 2 foot bundles, cost \$2.00 per bundle

Yard waste/leaves must be in clear plastic bags and contain no other items, cost \$1.00 per bag

- Dennis Konze will contact Revolution Plastics to see if they would provide a container at our drop off site for the disposal of plastic Ag bags.

- Brief discussion about the need to replace/add blacktop in the area around the compactor and shed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 135284 through 135298, seconded by Mulder.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Hesse to approve township checks #20337 through #20367 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4308 - 4309. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder.