

Town Board meeting May 2, 2017

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

The minutes from the April 11th meeting were read. A motion was made by Lash to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

#### Public Concerns

No public concerns

#### ATV trail Ordinance

Several ATV Club members and residents from the McIntosh and Albertson Roads area were present to review the changes to the ATV Ordinance proposed by the ATV Club. After much discussion it was determined that some residents were concerned that the proposed Ordinance update needed to have better guidelines for issues such as speed and hours of operation. Some residents also stated they had not been sufficiently informed of the changes being proposed before the ATV Club approached the La Crosse County Board.

A motion was made by Hesse to table the discussion and put it on the next meeting of the Township Plan Commission with the inclusion of operating times, speed limits and the addition of Hutch Court to the proposal. Motion seconded by Kastenschmidt. Town will send letters to all affected residences to inform them of the proposed Ordinance and the plan commission meeting date and time. Town Board will review the proposed Ordinance at a future meeting.

#### Broadband survey

Chairman Hesse informed that the Broadband Needs/Usage Survey created by Karl Greene of will the County Extension office will be mailed out soon. They have selected 721 households in the township to receive them. Additionally, a link to the surveys will be added to the Township website, allowing individuals to either download the pages and mail it back or return it via e-mail.

#### Plan Commission

Plan Commission member update:

- Mike Raabe has agreed to serve another 3-year term
- Paul Lash will become the town board representative on the commission, which is a 2-year term
- One 3-year position remains open and can be filled by a resident of the township, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

A motion was made by Hesse to approve Mike Raabe for another 3-year term and Paul Lash as town board representative, motion seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Board members were informed of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals Workshop scheduled for June 29th. Members of the Town Board are encouraged to attend. Plan Commission members will also be informed. Registrations will be confirmed at the next Board meeting.

#### Roads

-FEMA denial-

Hesse is gathering photos, etc. to submit the appeal to FEMA for bridge repairs after the Sept. 2016 flooding. Board discussed the need to have photographic records of our bridges and culverts that are updated regularly with GPS coordinates included if possible.

-Township tractor

Hesse informed that the air seat on the Ford tractor is being repaired

-Township pickup truck

Board discussed the need to replace the current pickup truck with a heavier duty truck that would be better suited for the work it is expected to do. They also discussed the need for better tracking of when maintenance is completed on township equipment.

- Future work includes two culverts that need replacing
- The fog lines need to be completed on Davis Creek Road.

#### Emergency Services

The Fire Truck Committee has selected the bid from Pierce for the new pumper tanker, it is a larger truck and can carry more water than the current truck.

The Board was informed of the need to purchase a new back-up generator for the town. The current generator is a 1967 model that was purchased used 18 years ago and is unable to supply enough electricity for the increased needs of the Allied Coop. Fire department members propose replacing it with a 60kw generator from Kish and Sons at a cost of \$24,750 that will run on propane. They suggest that the cost be shared equally by the township, fire department and Allied Coop. The current generator would be placed in the town shop for their use in the event of a power outage.

Kastenschmidt suggested that before purchasing a new generator we ask Prairie Farm if they would consider letting us wire into their new generator. Hesse will contact them.

First Responders report raising \$14,000 at the Chili Dinner fund raiser held March.

#### Solid Waste

- A small number of yard waste bags have been received at the drop-off site to date.
- The compactor has been leaking oil and will be repaired
- Board discussed the fee increase from \$1 to \$1.25 per resident for the La Crosse County Household Hazardous Waste program. Increase is due to the increased processing costs.

Board members were reminded of the Board of Review scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th from 7 to 9pm.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Hesse to approve receipts 541701 through 541708, seconded by Lash.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Lash to approve township checks #20368 through #20401 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department checks 4307 - 4311. Seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm.