

Town Board meeting July 11, 2017

The town board meeting was called order at 7:30pm. Board members present: Mike Hesse, Betty Sacia, and, via speakerphone, Greg Kastenschmidt. Unable to attend: Paul Lash and Jodi Anderson.

The minutes from the June 6th meeting were read. A motion was made by Hesse to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Public Concerns

No public concerns

Plan Commission recommendations:

Board reviewed the request by Steve and Linda Heimdahl, W2392 Herman Coulee Rd for a variance to retain all four outbuildings located on this parcel when they purchased it. Although the parcel is allowed only 3outbuildings the total square footage of all four (2775 sq. ft.) is under the allowed amount of 3200 sq. ft. Motion to approve the variance request made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Board reviewed the request by Diane Craig, N9491 State Road 108 for a variance to construct a 30x36 pole shed which is larger than the square footage allowed on this parcel. She will remove two current outbuildings to make room for this pole shed. Motion to approve the variance for the shed made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Board reviewed the request by Jeff Meyer to rezone parcels 5-898-0 and 5-895-0 from commercial to industrial in order for him to add and/or expand his businesses at this location. This rezone request meets our land use plan for these parcels. Motion to approve the rezoning request made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Farmington Plan Commission has also approved all three requests; county zoning will be provided these recommendations.

Karl Green from UW Extension presented the results of the Broadband survey sent out earlier this year. He was very pleased with the quantity of responses received stating a good response rate provides reliable data. He noted that over 70% stated they had internet services but not sufficient for their needs and that 63% had high school age children who rely heavily on the internet to complete school assignments and 30% telecommute. Green's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the Township website.

Adrian Swenson presented a proposal to construct a 9-hole Frisbee golf course in the Mindoro County Park. He informed of several other such courses in other area city/village parks, which are popular with pre-teens to adults, additionally he has received positive support via a Facebook page. Approximate cost to construct the course is \$1300.00 for which he would fundraise. He has spoken to the County Facilities Department who has indicated they may help with this endeavor but need more information. Adrian plans to put a design to paper for a course fitted to the area available in the County Park. A motion to allow Swenson to move forward with this plan was made by Hesse and seconded by Kastenschmidt, however they added that safety concerns need to be considered and adequate parking needs to be made available. Board will provide a letter of support to County Facilities.

Board reviewed Operator Licenses for Kathleen Arenz and Taryn Collins. A motion to approve operator license for Kathleen Arenz made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt. License for Collins was not approved at this time, she can reapply after the pending charges against her resolved.

### Roads

- Road bids were opened from Fahrner and Scott Construction to chip seal the following township roads: Baker (CTH T to Stumlin Rd), Stumlin (Baker Rd to end of pavement), Hale, Brookview Dr, W. Pfaff, Roberts and Amborn.

Fahrner bid total: \$62,445.40

Scott Construction bid total: \$45,244

Motion made by Hesse to contract with Scott Construction to chip seal township roads, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

-Board considered the installation of a dual wall four-foot plastic culvert on Amborn Road. Board agreed this location would be suited to a plastic culvert as it is not in an area prone to wild fires or heavy usage. Motion to approve made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

-ATV Ordinance update:

County has installed the signage along county roads in the area, however they did not agree with the 10mph designation on county roads in front of residences as they feel it would be confusing and hazardous to other vehicle traffic. ATV Club will be getting their signage up soon. Residents of the area continue to raise the concern that riders are not following the rules in that not adhering to speed limits and hours of operation. Township will continue to monitor the trail usage, etc.

-Spraying and cutting of weeds along township roads is currently being completed.

### Emergency Services

- Fire Truck committee has not heard as yet regarding the Federal grant to purchase the new truck. All grants should be let out by the end of August. Truck will not be ordered until this process is completed.

- The Farmington First Responders has offered to contribute \$2,000.00 to the cost of the new generator.

### Solid Waste

- Township was unable to accept the offer of concrete from the removal of a garage due to liability issues concerning possible rebar.

- Bids for the 3 old lawnmowers were opened:

Kohlway - \$550.00

Rucker - \$ 200.00

Fisher - \$75.00

The Treasurer's report was read aloud and reviewed. A motion made by Kastenschmidt to approve receipts 541721 through 541737, seconded by Hesse.

The township checks were read aloud and reviewed. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve township checks #20435 through #20459 and the EFTS as well as the Fire Department check 4315, seconded by Hesse.

Chairman Hesse agreed to write a letter of support for the Haymen's confirming township approval of their request to construct a residence on their property and that their request meets the requirements for home construction in our township, as their case moves on to Circuit Court for consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm.