

Town Board meeting December 5, 2017

The town board meeting was called order at 7:45pm following the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting. All board members were present.

The minutes from the November 7th, 21st and 27th meetings were read. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve the minutes of the November 7th and November 21st meetings as read and the November 27th meeting with two corrections, seconded by Lash.

Public Concerns

-Questions were asked about the maintenance of Radcliffe Road and the snow plowing of the Lewis Valley Church parking lot. Chairman Hesse confirmed that both are responsibilities of our township. The parking lot plowing is done by the Township in order to have the lot available in the event it is needed by a medical helicopter to land for the transport of an accident victim.

-Chairman Hesse updated with information from the recent County Towns meeting regarding new rules for the Open Book and Board of Review hearings which state they must be held 15 days apart.

-A township resident spoke out against a recent County Board of Adjustment decision which allows the construction of a shed to house cattle on property near his residence. He is concerned that the nearby stream will be contaminated by run-off from the animals. Board reminded him that it was a County decision, that they are unable to change a County decision.

Andy Sobkowiak appeared before Board requesting a variance on a shed he is planning to construct on his parcel 5-1505-2 which will exceed the 17 foot height limit by 6 feet. He further stated that the square footage is allowable on this parcel and that he plans to plant trees and shrubs to block the view of the shed from the neighbors and road. The Township Plan Commission has already approved this variance. Motion made by Kastenschmidt to support a variance for him to construct a shed which exceeds the height limitation on his property at 5-1505-2, seconded by Lash.

Jerry Den Boer from Benefit Advisors presented health insurance options. He informed that we were unable to get into the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium for 2018 but provided alternative options from Unity Point-of-Service Health Plans. Board reviewed the plans and selected the Platinum P2 option which will allow our employees go to either Gundersen or Mayo for medical services yet reflect a cost savings to the township in monthly premiums. Mr. Den Boer will meet with our employees to inform them of the new plan.

8:28pm- Chairman Hesse turned the meeting over the Supervisor Kastenschmidt so he could to assist with a First Responder call in the area.

The Board noted that the 2018 Budget had been approved at the Hearing held earlier. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to adopt the Budget as presented and set the levy limit at \$412,041.00, seconded by Lash. Motion passed.

Board reviewed the information provided by our Treasurer regarding accepting property tax payments by credit card through PayGov.us. She explained that both La Crosse and Jackson counties currently use the service and have had no issues. There would be no cost the township; all fees are paid by the individual paying by credit card. Payments can be made either in person or online through our website during tax collection season. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve the credit card service, seconded by Lash.

Board reviewed the following list of election inspectors: Kay Timm, Barbara Loken, Artis Aasen, Colleen Hoeth, Julie Kish, Keith & Lynn Valiquette and Cindy Roberts. Motion made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Lash to appoint them to be our township's election inspectors for the Jan. 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 term.

Board reviewed Operator License application for Robin Hanson, motion to approve application made by Lash, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Solid Waste/Recycling

Dennis Konze asked permission to meet personally with staff at Hilltopper Refuse to determine what the best method would be to dispose of the large number of light bulbs that have been dropped off at our recycle site. Motion by Kastenschmidt to grant this permission, seconded by Lash.

Dennis also asked that a load of gravel be spread on a low area at the drop-off site as a temporary fix, he feels it would be best if the entire area could be re-blacktopped.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Lash to approve receipts 541501 through 541509, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Lash to approve township checks #20563 through #20590 and the EFTS and the Fire Department checks 4332-4334. Seconded by Kastenschmidt.

9:10pm - Chairman Hesse returned and resumed chairing the meeting.

Roads

- Two quotes have been received for the lettering of the new town truck:

Jerry Harris - \$150.00 and through the Sleepy Hollow dealership where truck was purchased- \$110.00

Board recommended to allow the lettering be done through the dealership.

-Work is being completed along the township roads using the boom mower

- Scott Whitsett of Jewell Associates Engineers has completed the TRI-D application for Wanlass Road.

Emergency Management

Hesse updated on the progress of the FEMA application and noted that a meeting with the FEMA rep is scheduled for next week to begin the information gathering process.

Chairman Hesse also informed that he had found a reasonably priced digital camera with GPS capabilities which he will purchase. It is needed to document the conditions of bridges, culverts, roadways and the areas surrounding them before and after a flooding or other such event.

Emergency Services

The fire truck has been ordered; estimated arrival date is in September 2018.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35pm.