

Town Board meeting April 17, 2018

The town board meeting was called order at 9:00pm following the Annual Meeting. All board members were present.

The minutes from the March 6th meeting were read. Motion was made by Lash to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Public Concerns

No public concerns.

Board reviewed request from Justin Koss to rezone the portion of parcel 5-1154-0 that is currently zoned Exclusive Ag to Rural Residential in order to construct a storage shed for various personal items. Request has been previously approved by the Farmington Plan Commission. Motion made by Hesse to approve the rezoning as requested with a deed restriction that no other structures be built on this parcel as the proposed building will max out the allowable square footage for this size lot. Seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Brent Miller appeared before the Board requesting a Conditional Use permit to mine sand for agricultural and construction uses from his parcel 5-40-0. Mr. Miller stated the total area to be mined is 12 acres and that he will only mine one acre at a time. Motion made by Kastenschmidt to approve the Conditional Use Permit for him to mine sand for the above stated uses only (non frac sand) with no more than one acre being active at any one time and a that a reclamation plan, as required by the County, would be filed. Seconded by Lash. Request has been previously approved by the Farmington Plan Commission.

Board considered the proposal from the local garden club, Lilies of the Cut, to add a planter next the town hall steps. The garden club will maintain the planter. Motion made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Hesse to allow them to add a planter to the area.

Board reviewed the necessary budget adjustments for the purchase of the fire truck and town truck. The following budget adjustments approved by Hesse, seconded by Lash:

\$73,602.58 added to the Fire Department Outlay account

\$62,305.05 added to the Highway Equipment Outlay account

This adjustment was necessary as these purchases were made after the budget was completed in November 2017. It does not affect the amount levied.

Board considered the recommendation to appoint Penny Lash as Cemetery Manager for the township. Motion made by Hesse to approve her appointment, seconded by Kastenschmidt. Lash abstained.

Board reviewed new Operator License application from Diana Lundt and license renewal for Ashley Pugh. Motion to approve both made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Lash.

Board reviewed the proposal from the La Crosse County Environmental Department to move the County's record keeping costs for septic tank maintenance from a fee based process to adding a Special Assessment to tax bills. Board did not agree with making this change.

Roads

- After discussion with the Sleepy Hollow dealership regarding the snow plow issues on the new truck it was determined that this style of plow was intend for parking lots and not heavy road maintenance.

They have offered take it back in trade for a heavy duty Boss V plow at a cost of \$2799 to the township. Motion to replace the plow made by Hesse, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

- Board reviewed mower bids and discussed other needs including new tires on the tractors. Motion made by Hesse to purchase one Kubota mower at this time at a cost of \$6,190.00 from Portland Implement and to obtain bids from Degenhardt and one other tire dealer for new tractor tires, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

- Board discussed the potential effect of increased truck traffic on Baker Road due to the new weight limits placed on bridges on County Roads in our township. In an effort to preserve the integrity of Baker Road the motion was made by Hesse to make Baker Road a Class B highway, seconded by Kastenschmidt. Necessary signage will be added.

Emergency Management

FEMA grant application is almost complete.

Solid Waste/Recycling

Dennis Konze provided information from the Recycle Workshop that he attended recently which included the need to update our Recycle Ordinance to include e-cycling information and provide totes to dispose of batteries. Additionally the need to post recycling documentation at the drop off site.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve receipts 641647 through 641553, seconded by Lash.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Lash to approve township checks #20740 through #20791 and the EFTS and the Fire Department checks #4360 through #4367. Seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40.