

Town Board September 11, 2018

The town board meeting was called order at 7:30pm. Members present: Mike Hesse, Paul Lash, Greg Kastenschmidt and Betty Sacia. Absent: Jodi Anderson

The minutes from the August 7th meeting were read. Motion was made by Lash to approve the minutes with one correction, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Public Concerns

Discusses briefly that Bug Tussle has been in the township identifying possible locations for broadband towers.

Penny Lash reminded that the easement for the Wet Coulee Cemetery still needed to be addressed.

Alderman Joel Frieders from the United City of Yorkville in Illinois has initiated a campaign of Suicide Prevention and Awareness. He has asked municipalities to sign a Proclamation that September is Suicide Prevention Month. Board adopted the proclamation which will be posted.

Board discussed the future sale/auction of the elementary school. The school board has decided that the building will be sold by auction. Prior to the auction sealed bids will be accepted, and then the top three bidders only will participate in the auction. Board further discussed that the property is currently zoned public institutional and that the school board has stated that it cannot be used to house a charter, private or parochial school. The request has been made that the playground be dedicated as a public park area.

Board addressed the need to move the Veteran's Memorial Plaque which located in the grassy area on school property along County Highway C. Chairman Hesse shared that La Crosse Monument could move the Plaque for \$200- \$300. Board discussed the location for the plaque and determined it should be placed by the bleachers at the ball field near the Charlie Timm memorial sign. Motion made by Kastenschmidt to have La Crosse Monument move the Plaque to the location near the ball field, seconded by Lash.

Employee Manual

Board reviewed the completed Employee Manual. Motion was made by Kastenschmidt and seconded by Lash to approve the Employee Manual. Motion passed. Board will conduct employee evaluations on October 2nd and provide each employee with a copy of the Manual.

Copy Machine replaced

Board reviewed the bid from Tri-State Business Machines for a new copier/printer/scanner for the Clerk's office as toner replacement is no longer available for the current copy machine. Motion made by Lash to approve the purchase of the new machine at a cost of \$595 which includes delivery and setup, seconded by Hesse.

Roads

- Waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers to approve the culvert on A. Craig Road before it can be replaced.
- Received \$40,609 from FEMA for the repairs of the storm damage on Wanlass Road and the Wenzel Road bridge. We can move forward with the design process now and call for bids in 2019 with construction in 2020. Upon completion of the project we will get 12.5% from the State. The other 12.5% is the township's portion of the costs.

- FEMA also approved \$6,805 for town wide road repairs and \$5,235 for the administrative costs which includes the Clerk's and Chairman's time to prepare the application.

-Chairman Hesse spoke with the company doing logging on Davis Creek Road and cautioned them against driving through the ditch onto the roadway as it will cause damage to the road and it would be their responsibility to cover the cost of repairs. They agreed to use an existing driveway.

Emergency Management

The Fill the Boot fundraiser promoted during the Spanferkel parade was successful with \$1185.57 collected. The monies will be used to help purchase equipment for the new fire truck.

Solid Waste/Recycling

The cement work at the Recycle/Refuse Drop-Off center will begin tomorrow. It includes an apron in front of the recycle shed and curb in front of the existing slab under the compactor.

Board scheduled a special meeting of the town board for September 13th at 9AM to consider a Resolution to amend the Township Comprehensive Plan.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Lash to approve receipts 327104 through 327116, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve township checks #20890 through #20920 and the EFTS and the Fire Department checks #4375 through #4378. Seconded by Lash.

Board reviewed Clerk's receipt for pre-stamped envelopes at a cost of \$581.75. Motion made by Hesse, seconded by Lash to reimburse the Clerk for this purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22pm.