

Town Board January 8, 2019

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

The minutes from the December 4th board meeting were read. Motion made by Lash to approve with one correction, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Public Concerns:

Resident stated he hoped the township would continue to offer the salt/sand mix throughout the winter. Chairman Hesse assured him we are continuing to have it available to residents only. He added the users have been respectful of the rules.

Special thank you to the township maintenance crew who repaired the chairs and table cart in the town hall. Many of the chairs needed screws replaced to make them safe to use again.

Chris Henshue of Bug Tussel Wireless was present to discuss with the Board the denial from the township Plan Commission for a conditional use permit to construct a broadband expansion tower on parcel 5-474-0. Dan Heidel, Plan Commission Chair, was present and explained that the parcel selected for this tower is designated in our land use plan for future residential housing. Henshue explained the reasons this particular parcel was selected which included its proximity to the Melrose-Mindoro Schools and that this site was critical to achieving thorough broadband and FirstNet coverage in our township. Current owners of the parcel have no intention of developing the parcel. Board members and Henshue looked at the areas adjacent to this parcel and determined this to be the best location in this area of the township. Motion made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Hesse to approve the condition use permit to construct a tower for broadband expansion and FirstNet services on parcel 5-474-0, citing the need for broadband services in the this area for residential use and the Melrose-Mindoro school system. Motion passed.

David Meihak and Matt Rhodes provided quotes for liability, auto, worker's compensation and property/buildings insurance for the Township. They have gathered information on our coverage needs by taking pictures, measuring buildings, determining construction materials as well as using values determined by our previous carriers. Board looked over the proposal and determined the coverage to be equal or better than previously carried. Motion made by Kastenschmidt to accept the bid from Rural and move our insurance coverage to Rural Mutual, seconded by Lash. Kastenschmidt stipulated that he did not necessarily agree with all the values of the buildings but agreed those values were the same as stated by our former insurance company.

Chairman Hesse reviewed the process recommended by our town attorney to modify the Comprehensive Plan in order to comply with State Statute. Our lawyer will also prepare a Public Participation Plan Ordinance for amending the comprehensive plan. Board scheduled a special meeting in January 11th at 10am to review and possibly adopt that Ordinance.

Board reviewed the Fire Alarm System Ordinance that has been in place since 1999 which required businesses and residents in our township with Alarm Systems to obtain a permit each year so that the proper emergency services could be informed. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt, seconded by Lash to repeal this Ordinance as it was no longer necessary to keep these kinds of records. Motion passed.

Roads:

- We have received approval from FEMA to go ahead and do the repairs on Wanlass Road and have until the end of 2020 to get the project completed. Bids will be sought in the spring of 2020.
- The salter box on the new Dodge truck has developed a crack which has been welded. We will continue to work with the company on warranty of the box.
- There is some damage on Wanlass Road from a grain cart, cost of \$5000 to \$7000 to repair.

- There are cracks developing on Davis Creek Road. This is normal for the 3rd year after construction and will be sealed this spring and the road should be chipped sealed in year five.
- Water continues to flood over the road on Herman Coulee Road. County Land Conservation has looked at the situation and feels there is nothing they can do as farming practices are causing the problem. This is an area of the road that has been identified as needing to be raised in Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Emergency Services

- The new fire truck has been taken back to have work completed on it that was not done initially.
- Tim Goodenough announced his retirement from the Fire Department after 30 years. Thank you Tim for the years of service.
- The new fire truck takes up more room in the building than expected, so one of the Kabuta's is being stored in at the town shop.

Solid waste/recycling

Several letters were sent to residents who had put trash in the recycle bin reminding them of the importance of keeping them separated.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kastenschmidt to approve receipts 327149 through 327165, seconded by Lash.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Lash to approve township checks #21017 through #21076 and EFTs, seconded by Kastenschmidt.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.