

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday April 17, 2017 7:00 pm  
Regular Board Meeting

Roll Call: Dennis Ferstenou, Frank Braswell, Randy Woodruff, Ruth Knapp, Laurie Hebert

Motion by Frank to approve March 20, 2017 minutes, seconded by Randy

Dennis yes  
Frank yes  
Randy yes

**Clerk's Report:** All Election done for this year; 2018 will have February primary, April, and November General for Governor Election.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MM: \$318,221.17  
Tax: \$1016.86  
MM Town Equip: \$38,928.24  
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,058.22  
MM Fire Dept.: \$103,985.85

**Review/Approve Check Register:** Motion by Dennis to approve check register for \$26,834.69, seconded by Frank

Dennis yes  
Frank yes  
Randy yes

**Communications/Meetings Attended:** Dennis attended Wisconsin Town Association meeting on Saturday March 25, 2017. Road funding per mile is projected to increase in 2018 will mean approximately \$19k for Eagle Point. Number of Assessors have dropped from 800 to 400 in the last year. There is no formal training available at this time, State is working to get training available. Legislation Committee said there is a declining number of EMS/Fire volunteers, working to provide tax credits as an incentive. Possible \$1000 credit.

**Public Comment:** Chris Michaels asked since the recent passing of his Mom; Ann, the family would like to create a memorial in the park with either a piece of playground equipment or bench. Laurie gave him a catalog to go through, he is asking for some direction. Laurie said playground equipment is expensive and a bench which you see them in the local parks is a very nice touch. It is of course up to them and the town will work with on whatever they decide. Chris and the family will talk and then get back to Laurie.

**Chairman's Report:** Road bans off as of Thursday April 13, 2017. As noted in the public comment from March; Lawrence mentioned Chippewa County might be doing the three bridges on State Hwy 124 in 2018. Dennis said in spoke with Matt Gundry who has been commissioned by the WI DOT to prepare plans. The plan is for a detour from County Hwy S to Hwy 53. Local residents will use local roads to bypass bridges. This might mean 145<sup>th</sup> Ave. will be a heavily traveled road with material from the gravel pits on Hwy 124. Will talk more on this at the May or June Agenda. There is a unit meeting April 25, 2017 in the Town of Sampson, board members will let Laurie know who is attending for proper posting.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Calls down, had only small grass fire so far, working on organizing rescue trailer.

**Planning Commission Chairman's Report:** Plan Commission did not meet in April.

**Old Business:**

A. Discuss/take action on DNR request for Town to reconsider the 11 acres north of the Jim Falls dam along State Hwy 178 to be included in DNR Fire Protection District: Dennis said DNR approached town in January 2017 about this and another area along County Hwy Y to the west. Steve Edge from the DNR said this 11 acres owned by Xcel between State Hwy 178 and the river would make it easier for the DNR to have jurisdiction for fire protection. Xcel does have concern with the direction this may go.

Randy asked Steve if we do this will the DNR be responsible for the cost and include Anson in the billing. Rocky Berg is OK with what the board decides. Steve said will take responsibility for the billing, they do not anticipate a lot of fires in this small section. Motion by Randy to relinquish the fire protection for these 11 acres to the DNR, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy yes

B. Update on fire station space needs: Dennis said will have more information at the annual meeting.

**New Business:**

A. Discuss/take action on awarding 2017 paving and gravel supply bids: Bids were received and opened on Thursday April 6, 2017 \*see attached. Laurie explained was not at the bid opening and had received prior to April 6 a bid from Olynick. Opened this on Monday April 10, 2017. Noticed numbers seemed off and contacted Sheldon from Olynick. Mistake was made and reversed the supply and supply delivered numbers. State Statutes state bidder cannot change numbers, but he can withdraw his bid. Sheldon sent email to withdraw his bid.

Dennis prepared option 1 and 2 for 2017 proposed road work includes shouldering, crack filling, sand and salt, blade in. \*\*See attached, If go with Option 2 doing all of Clear Lake Rd. will have to borrow \$107,736. Dennis would like see down this year since asphalt prices are lowest we have seen in the last four years. Finance by paying off the last Mack truck payment of \$44k and still budget that for a payment of \$50k for two years to pay off road note. Lafayette borrows on regular basis for such items and others. Randy said we could use equipment fund balance of \$38k to pay off truck early and save interest. Also not pave west end of Clear Lake Rd., that way we would not have to borrow funds.

Dennis presented five year plan\*\*\*See attached, Jeff added if we start borrowing it will not go away. He cannot see why we need to borrow funds. Lawrence Frazer said price of \$41/ton do not think will see this low next year. Adam added Monarch due their plant location would have to drive on new pavement to access west end to pave and they will not do this. Dave from Monarch said they use two pavers so no seam, also when they pulverize have roller behind. Dave noted that County had more tonnage, Phil from County said east end may have issues and want to be have enough to cover. Motion by Dennis to accept bid from Monarch for all of Clear Lake Rd. at \$41.94 per ton, seconded by Frank.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy no

Motion by Dennis to accept Monarch bid for all of the large patch jobs, seconded by Frank.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy yes

Jeff added why doesn't the town think about hiring for the shoulder work?

Motion by Dennis to accept bid for gravel both supply and supply and deliver from A&B Materials, seconded by Frank.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy yes

B. Discuss/take action on results of 2017 Annual Road Check: Dennis, Shawn, Lawrence, and Randy performed road check Friday April 14, 2017. Discussed five year plan, \*\*\*See attached. Roads needing attention are ranked, 93<sup>rd</sup> ranked 7 out of 10 is going to be a big job with widening and ditching. 170<sup>th</sup> Ave. ranked 9 is gravel now, and if we do 95<sup>th</sup> Ave. Darrow Rd. ranked 10 we can look at applying for TRIP D funds, this is open every 4 years, will have to submit application November of 2017. Chippewa County said should not be hard get approved and it pays for the majority of the project. 152 St. has major drainage issues and will be costly to do.

C. Discuss/take action on Chairman's recommendation to re-appoint Patty King, Ron Woodruff, and Dawn Lueck to two year Planning Commission terms. Motion by Dennis to re-appoint, seconded by Frank.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy yes

D. Discuss/take action on soliciting firm bids for cold storage roof repair: Randy would like to see us wait until after roads are done to see where budget is at. If we get bids have a 60 day proposal to give us time to look at budget. Lawrence said this has been leaking for a long time do not understand why we have to wait. Will have on agenda for June.

E. Discuss/take action on approval of bartender license for Aubrey G. Iwinski for Cornell Lake JP Bar and Grill, LLC: Laurie said background check OK and all monies have been paid. Motion by Randy to approve, seconded by Frank.

Dennis yes

Frank yes

Randy yes

Dennis and the board wanted to thank Frank Braswell for the 6 years he served on the Board as Supervisor I, and wish him well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on Monday April 17, 2017