

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

Roll Call: Dennis Ferstenou, Lawrence, Randy Woodruff-absent, Ruth Knapp, Laurie Hebert

Motion by Dennis to approve June 14, 2017-closed minutes, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Motion by Lawrence to approve June 19, 2017- closed minutes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Motion by Dennis to approve June 19, 2017-regular minutes, seconded by Lawrence. Dennis wanted to note request to check with Monarch on pricing for shouldering on Clear Lake Rd. if cheaper than Olynick; only way Monarch would do if bring in their own gravel. Town has contract with A&B for gravel so no on this.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Motion by Lawrence to approve June 23, 2017 130th Ave. road damage minutes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Motion by Dennis to approve July 6, 2017-future road work minutes, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Clerk's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

MM: \$240,042.34
Tax: \$1016.99
MM Town Equip: \$2502.90
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,145.56
MM Fire Dept.: \$104,134.58

Review/Approve Check Register: Motion by Dennis to approve check register for \$95,164.80, seconded by Lawrence. Jeff Bowe asked if check #43294 for TV recycling for just one? Laurie said several TV's from the recycling center, the others from the ditch were taken in utilizing the roadside ditch cleanup program.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Communications/Meetings Attended: Dennis attended County Board meeting July 7 discussion on the Cobban Bridge. Both Eagle Point and Arthur noted the extreme increase in cost. Causeway was shortened which raised the cost. Bridge will also be built on current site. Will be discussed at August County board meeting. Wisconsin Town Association Chippewa County Unit meeting is in Town of Sigel on Tuesday July 25, 2017, board members to Laurie know who is attending for posting.

Public Comment: Jeff asked if new proposal for bridge is lower will Eagle Point and Arthur be involved in the cost. Dennis said no. Rick Bowe asked about vet bill on dog that Eagle Point paid, are we trying to collect from owner. Laurie explained that we were given the owners first name and the address from the vet in Eau Claire was his parents in Chippewa, son does not live there. Parents were informed and son was supposed to pick up dog from vet and never did. Dog has been placed in good home. Laurie did stop by and give the parents the bill information. Laurie said that is all we can do. Rick would like to see small claims court pursued and offered to do it himself. Laurie said does not feel it fair to put the parents in the middle of their son's responsibility.

Dave Decker said when clearing land the back of the Dallmann property the town owns there is a hole from an old dry well that is covered up by a metal plate. Dennis said we will look at and take care of.

Chairman's Report: Paving of patches on Clear Lake Rd. will be done Tuesday July 18, 2017 and then Clear Lake Rd. paving will start on Wednesday July 19, 2017. We received a citation from the DNR on Beaver trapping and killing off of Finley Lake Rd. The original one was issued to Dennis, and was corrected and issued to the Town. Dennis contacted Ben Lane, our Town Attorney, who noted the discrepancies in the citation statutes and entered a not guilty plea, which meant Dennis did not need to appear in court. Ben said he has two others in and waiting to hear from the Assistant District Attorney, these were filed in August of 2016. May be a while before we hear on.

Fire Chief's Report: Very few calls. Dry hydrant is installed at Cornell Lake Boat Landing, had most of the members, plus neighbors and members of the Cornell Lake Sportsman Club there working on, also Adam and Daryl Frazer donated their time and equipment to help with the install. Need to have some black dirt added and signage put up and will be complete.

Planning Commission Chairman's Report: July meeting went over setting dates for informational meetings on fire station, agreed to have two mailings. One two page for information, then a postcard just prior to the Special Electors meeting. Also Plan Commission members have had a chance to review flash drives on 4 different topics from UW-Extension teleconferences.

Old Business:

A. Option 1 remodeling and addition and Option 2 new station estimates have been updated to Option 1 \$529K and Option 2 \$883k. Klinger land will cost \$30k plus \$2k in closing costs. Dennis said Doug Clary from Chippewa County Zoning said will have to have public hearing for rezone on the ballfield and the Klinger property. Dennis will check with Doug on time table to do this. It was discussed to do this after the Special Electors meeting. Cost will be \$300 for rezone. Jeff noted will need building permit.

B. Plan Commission (PC) will work on information for meetings. September 12, 2017: 6 pm to 8 pm and September 23: 9 am to 11 am for information meetings. October 2, 2017 for Special Electors meeting. August 21, 2017 to mail out two page information sheet, and September 25 to mail out reminder postcard for Special Elector meeting.

Motion by Dennis to hold Special Elector meeting October 2, 2017, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

Rocky said at their fire department meeting on July 12, 2017, majority members voted to use \$100k of the money donated by Shirley Dallmann towards the new fire station. That money is currently in a money market account.

C. Dennis said June 19, 2017 board meeting it was voted to amend resolution 2017-2 to remove EMS call charge of \$100. We have had payments of \$800 taken in on these calls, recommend we reimburse all payments to these individuals. Motion by Dennis to reimburse all EMS call amounts we have received total of 8 individuals' total amount \$800, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

D. Dennis said Tyler Rongstad responded to questions from the last meeting in regards to Hwy 124 bridge deck re-construction. *See attached questions and answers.

New Business:

A. Dennis would like to see weight restrictions placed on Clear Lake Rd. after it is paved. Statute 348.17 allows the town to place signs to enforce a weight limit. Can have either a 1 or 2 year period. Town of Hull all their roads are Class B, their ordinance also has a provision for new roads to enforce a 2 year weight limit of 15k per axle. Dennis would like to see less per axle. Randy at the last meeting was for doing a short term weight restriction also. Lawrence said the tax papers pay for the roads and should be allowed to drive on them and not have restrictions. Why should we stop gravel and other trucks or place weight restrictions on this road, he would like to have Randy explain more as to why he wants this. Garbage trucks, school buses will still be able to use the road. The road should be built to stand up to the weight and traffic. Dennis would still like to see a weight restriction for at least a year. Jeff said if you do this you are setting a precedence for any future roads and what you do for one you should do for all.

B. Dennis said Laurie received letter from West Central Wisconsin Regional Business Fund, Inc. Towns can have a committee or provide a resolution or minutes from a board meeting indicating you would like the County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Committee to review any loan applications. Majority of other towns have the County Economic to the loan reviewing. Dennis said these can be low interest loans for local businesses who may want to take advantage of them in the future. Motion by Dennis to elect to have the County Economic review any loan applications submitted by local businesses, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

C. Dennis said August 10, 2017 in Eau Claire there will be a workshop on using WISLR and PASER to manage roads. Every other odd year we need to do road ratings, which will be done this fall. The entries are done all on the computer and knowing how the scale of the ratings are read and how to read the roads is important to our transportation aids we receive. Dennis last went in 2013 and Shawn has not gone. Laurie will register both Dennis and Shawn to attend.

D. Laurie received applications for bartender licenses for DJ's Mart for: Sheyanne C. Elliason, and Patricia K. Wold and Fitzwells: Rebecca L. Jamison. All background checks OK and monies have been paid. Motion by Dennis to approve these three bartender licenses, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes

Jeff asked if still have beaver problem, Dennis none so far, but will be keeping an eye on this since it causes the road to flood when they build their dam.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm on Monday July 17, 2017