

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 19, 2017 7:00 pm  
Regular Board Meeting

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

Motion by Randy to approve May 15, 2017 minutes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis           yes  
Lawrence       yes  
Randy           yes

Motion by Lawrence to approve May 23, 2017 minutes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis           yes  
Lawrence       yes  
Randy           yes

Motion by Randy to approve May 31, 2017 minutes, seconded by Dennis

Dennis           yes  
Lawrence       yes  
Randy           yes

**Clerk's Report:** Might be receiving voter maintenance cards in the mail, just sign and return to remain active.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MM:               \$221,435.68  
Tax:               \$1016.95  
MM Town Equip: \$2502.58  
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,115.45  
MM Fire Dept.: \$104,083.31

**Review/Approve Check Register:** Motion by Lawrence to approve check register for \$72,559.89, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis           yes  
Lawrence       yes  
Randy           yes

**Communications/Meetings Attended:** Dennis will attend meeting at new Chippewa Fire Station on General Law Enforcement this week.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Bowe and Chuck Hebert commented on the nice job done on ditch mowing.

**Chairman's Report:** Progressive Rail I installing a rail spur from 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 132<sup>nd</sup> St. Trucks hauling for them have caused damage to 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. Progressive Rail is aware of this and will work with town on submitting a repair plan. Also they need to apply for permit access to the road for 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 132<sup>nd</sup> St. Myself, Randy and Lawrence can issue firework permits for lighting off fireworks.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Not many calls.

**Planning Commission Chairman's Report:** No June meeting.

**Old Business:**

Dennis asked board if OK to jump to New Business A. yes OK.

A. Dennis said may pursue other sites, Klinger Farm Inc., has offered to sell 2 acres just west of the volleyball courts for \$30k. We will have Ben Lane, Town Attorney draw up an offer. The other offer of land was not in the town's best interest. Dennis said at the Special Elector's (SE) meeting will vote in purchase of Klinger land, build on ballfield or not at all. Want to get Plan Commission (PC) on board to have informational meetings, will discuss at the July PC meeting. Jeff and Mike asked if will still be an option to add on to the existing station. Dennis would like to see that decided prior to the SE meeting. Rick Bowe said need to get to newspaper, maybe a special mailing, get as many people involved and informed. Rocky Berg said will have information at the Fire Department fundraiser in August. Bonnie said need to have one SE meeting to vote on doing a new station and the location. Rick, Bonnie, and Dennis said need to move quickly and not drag this out. Rick would like to see the board make the decision on whether new or remodel. Kevin asked that the questions be clear, you don't want them to vote no to doing a station, and then still have the opportunity to select a site. Motion by Dennis to recommend building a new station, seconded by Randy.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

B. Dennis said paving on Clear Lake Rd. should be done mid-July. There is a lack of gravel on the geo-grid area, working on now. It was suggested to look into hiring for shoulder work, \*see attached proposals. Lawrence said town can do themselves and save the money. Randy said with labor costs, fuel and time, might be best to hire and be done. Rick added it takes our guys away from other jobs that need to be done in the town, and will take them more time. Dennis would like to see hired and then it done right and in a shorter time. It was figured in the budget. Chris Michels asked if Monarch was asked to give a proposal, Dennis did not talk to them but will. Motion by Randy to hire Olynick for shouldering on Clear Lake Rd. proposal is \$13,355, unless Monarch has a cheaper price, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        no  
Randy            yes

**New Business:**

A. Tyler Rongstadt present from Department of Transportation (DOT) to discuss bridge repair closure on Hwy 124 for 2018. Dennis said most of the gravel haulers are going to take 145<sup>th</sup> St. the planned detour route is Hwy S to Hwy 53 then Hwy 64, this is a 22 mile detour. Work will start April 2018 and end July 2018. Dennis asked if one lane could remain open-Tyler said it is a re decking and cannot do just one side, would have to have a bypass which would be too costly, and involve use of private land owners. There are three bridges and they are required to do only one at a time. Jeff said you need to think about the, garbage haulers, and school buses, could you start after school is out. Mike O'Donnell asked why all the bridges can't be done at the same time. Dennis said we may have to do permitting for 145<sup>th</sup> St. Randy said make it known we are permitting and the authorities will watch and enforce. Randy asked if they are planning to re-surface Hwy 124, Tyler said not aware of at this time. Will have item on the July agenda.

B. Rocky has reported several call for EMS and people have turned them away because they do not want \$100 charge. Dennis said Fire Department discussed at their June meeting and would like to amend Resolution 2017-2 to remove charging for EMS calls at \$100 each. Rocky said this started because of frequent calls to the nursing homes for lift assist, we are not here to be staff. One call he went on the person had hit their head and refused help because of the charge, this is very concerning. Jeff added we should do away with both the EMS charge and the Fire call charge. Randy and Dennis disagree several other municipalities around us charge for fire calls and it is also

built in your policy to pay. Sheena owner of Aggies Country Living said by state law if a resident falls and hits their head they have to call 911. Sheena asked if you can control the number of responders who come and if an ambulance comes, Rocky will talk and work with her on this. Motion by Dennis to amend Resolution 2017-2 to remove EMS call charging of \$100, seconded by Lawrence. It was brought up should we refund the already collected EMS fees, Laurie said the amount is \$800, Dennis said board will discuss this at the July board meeting.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

C. Dennis said we need to meet to go over 2018 possible projects Bernier Road, Birch Bay and 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave. will be involved and could be costly projects with needing to address issues such as drainage, and widening. Would like board to meet this year to look at these. Will post notice to meet prior to the July board meeting.

D. Dennis said need to put newsletter together some items: garbage service contract extension, moving to a five person board in 2019, and fire station building or remodel information.

E. Motion by Dennis to approve Cigarette License applications for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Laurie said all back ground checks, sellers' number verification done, monies have been paid, and all are selling over the counter which is preferred for preventing under age selling, seconded by Lawrence. \*See attached list.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

F. Motion by Randy to approve Bartender License applications for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Laurie said all back ground checks done, and monies have been paid, seconded by Lawrence. \*See attached list.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

G. Motion by Randy to approve Liquor and Beer License applications for July 1 2017 to June 30, 2018. Laurie said all back ground checks, sellers' number verification done, monies have been paid, and none are delinquent on liquor invoice payment, seconded by Dennis. \*See attached list.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

H. Motion by Dennis to approve Firework selling permits for the following: DQ Properties at 8434 149<sup>th</sup> St.; Celebration Station at 8685 State Hwy 124, and Jerry Weigel at Eagle Valley Speedway-19630 150<sup>th</sup> St., and 15152 State Hwy 124 which is his campground-however only one of these stands can be open at a time since they are on the same grounds. All monies, permit applications, and insurance requirements have been submitted by DQ Properties and Jerry Weigel; Celebration Station is contingent upon receiving all by Thursday June 22, 2017, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm on Monday June 19, 2017