

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday May 15, 2017 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting

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

Motion by Randy to approve April 14, 2017 minutes, seconded by Lawrence

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Motion by Dennis to approve April 17, 2017 with corrections, seconded by Randy

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Motion by Randy to approve April 27, 2017 minutes, seconded by Lawrence

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Clerk's Report: Lawrence had reported back in February of this year that the salt shed canopy was coming loose on the backside. Made contact with Winkler the company who makes the canopy and they got me in touch with Craig Moline from Lakeside Hoop Structures. Cover has a 15 year warranty which is prorated and would not amount to much reimbursement. Warranty is up June 2019. He also noted that they have had trouble with the stitching and have since switched to heat seal. He came out to look at and after verifying with Winkler will be repairing at no charge. He suggested we backfill the foundation as it is cracking in places.

Treasurer's Report:

MM: \$273,353.84
Tax: \$1016.90
MM Town Equip: \$38,932.72
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,084.82
MM Fire Dept.: \$104,031.15

Review/Approve Check Register: Lawrence asked about two checks both to Bloomer Auto Supply #43169-\$335.67 & #43154-\$301.78. The note for \$335.67 states 1 ton serpentine belt, this should not have cost this much. Laurie will check out and get back to board. Dale Shipman asked about #43153 Eau Claire County Treasurer for Rain to Rivers contract for \$2000.00. Dennis explained we are required to do storm management and this is a way to combine efforts with Chippewa and Eau Claire County to have them provide this service. The town was under contract prior for 5 years, we have renewed this for 3 years this is the second of these payments. Motion by Dennis to approve check register for \$43,230.54, seconded by Randy

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Communications/Meetings Attended: Dennis and Lawrence attended Wisconsin Town's Association Unit Meeting in the Town of Sampson on April 25, 2017. Officers were elected, Ron Arts current Chair was re-elected. Discussion on assessing being done by State, County is against this as are local assessors and towns. April 18, 2017 Shawn Nyhus and Randy attended Asphalt seminar put on by UW-Extension in Eau Claire. They have testing areas one of which where they ground up and then sealed the road. It has extension travel on by heavy trucks and has held up well for over 3 years. Much cheaper to do, then paving.

Public Comment: Chris Michaels gave board design of benches they want to place in park for his mother's memorial. They will do two benches each with a saying-will be square tubing and powder coated. Will require a cement slab for each to mount bench on. Chris will work with Shawn on having area laid out for slabs and have Stelter pour pad. The Michael's family will paying for the cement work.

Chairman's Report: We are using part-time help this summer and will re-visit this in October of this year to see how things went and if stay this way or hire another full-time road crew worker. Lee O'Donnell and Kevin Lueck are working now based on needs of the town. In April we were notified that the County may repair the bridges on Hwy 24 in 2018. This will result in closure and a detour, which will put the majority of traffic on 145th St. of which will be gravel pit haulers. This road is in poor condition now and the extra weight will be problem may consider weight restrictions. Will bring back up on the June agenda. Will start work on newsletter if anyone has any things want addressed in the newsletter contact Laurie.

Fire Chief's Report: A few Calls.

Planning Commission Chairman's Report: No meeting held in May.

Old Business:

A. Discuss/take action Wisconsin Town's Association (WTA) on required Special Electors Meeting (SEM) for town building projects, selecting option, and setting date for SPE: Dennis said at annual meeting this year it was voted to have question on a ballot as a special referendum. That was illegal, to vote on building it must be a SEM. Jeff asked so you could have an advisory referendum, Dennis said yes. Laurie said you can have an advisory referendum, or SEM to find out direction electors would like to take, but yes it must be a SEM to vote on the levy dollar amount to build a new station.

Jeff said public will not turn out for SEM, unless the information is gotten out to the public. Dennis said will not pay to hold an advisory referendum and will have to wait until April or November of 2018. Randy added that Planning Commission can help out with informational meetings, Rick was OK with this.

Most of the residents that spoke tonight would like to see promotions to get people informed-door to door, postcards, meetings, and information at Fire Department Fundraiser this fall, and Newsletter.

John Rasmus said before a vote can be done residents need to know prices and length of levy amount. Randy said need to know whether will be new or remodel. Bonnie said if drag out prices will go up can't wait until 2018. Rick said take three months this summer to inform, then vote on in September 2017. Dennis would like to set date of SEM now for September 2017, Jeff asked how long this posting needs to be set in advance? Laurie sat 20 days ahead. Randy asked to hold in October, Dennis said design is usually done in October, then bid out early next year and can start project in spring of 2018.

Jeff asked what information will you have for the meetings and also what is the rush to do this now. He would like to see it done nice and right and that takes time. Dennis said will have costs and design and also since study is done we do not want to wait because cost to build will go up. Kevin Lueck if new and new land what will be the cost and where will it be? Dennis said have sketch tonight showing how it will sit on the ballfield, it does not take up much room. Lawrence said several people have told him do not want on the ballfield. Dennis said need to look for alternate sites. Motion by Dennis to look at alternate sites and have that information at the June 2017 board meeting, also set date for early October for SEM, Dennis amend motion to have alternate sites options at June board meeting, seconded by Randy. John asked if doing remodel and addition is out of the picture, Dennis said no.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

B. Discuss/take action amending April Town Board action to provide Plan Commission terms for Dawn Lueck, Ron Woodruff, and Patty King: At the April meeting it was voted for the three members listed above for two year terms expiring in 2018. Dennis said that was incorrect; Patty King's term is not up until April 30, 2018 and Ron and Dawn should have been appointed to three year terms expiring April 30, 2020. Motion by Dennis to appoint Ron and Dawn to the PC for a three term expiring April 30, 2020, and Patty King not up until April 30, 2018, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

New Business:

A. Discuss/take action, if appropriate, following Chippewa County Hwy Depart. (CCH) Presentation on Cobban Bridge 2017 funding update: Dennis said Fred Anderson is here from CCH to give an update on the funding. This presentation is available on our town website and is *attached to these minutes as a packet.

Main points and questions were: This affects towns of Eagle Point and Arthur. Because project is above 5 million it has to go under high cost local bridge program which is 33% Federal, 33% County, and 33% town. The local bridge program is 80% Federal, and 20% County. Dennis said the projected cost increase from 2015 is 53% that seems way too high of an increase. Fred said original estimate was very preliminary and had changes in the design. Randy said he went to the first meetings and the push was to go with the least expensive design. Laurie added: Eagle Point and Arthur more than likely cannot afford the portion, Fred said the County is not expecting us to pay that much. Dennis added might have stayed in the local bridge program if costs had not increased so much. Ruth asked does it need to be done now, Fred said a lot of people use this bridge. Jeff added costs going up and project date not even set yet. Fred said they apply for funding every two years, it was denied in 2015. Dennis would like to see AECOM explain the increase in costs. Rick added why pursue this if not able to get funding. Chris Michaels asked if will be concrete or steel, Fred said concrete.

B. Discuss/take action on resolution to borrow funds to complete 2017 road projects and payoff Mack truck loan: Dennis had presented road projects and costs at the April board meeting, if completed as stated will be short approximately 100K. Motion by Randy to payoff truck loan using Town Money Market Equipment account and Road health and Road Wages accounts-Laurie explained since we are currently at 1 full-time we will not use all of the budgeted amounts in these accounts, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

Randy yes

Motion by Dennis to do resolution to borrow a maximum of 100K to either be financed 1 or 2 years decision will be made on needs and amount at the time the loan is taken out, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

Randy yes

C. Discuss/take action on proposed bid specification for cold storage building roof repair: Dennis has flyer from Miller coating, he contacted them cost is \$2.25 to \$2.50 per square foot. Old roof stays on spray over it has 19 year warrantee. We could use contingency fund, which has \$15k and would drain it, Laurie would like to see us wait if can, too early in year to drain the contingency fund. Dennis said will re-visit on June agenda.

D. Discuss/take action on Cornell Area Fire Department's claim to receive portion of our 2% fire dues check: Eagle Point used to pay a portion to Anson and Cornell. Laurie and Dennis looked into and there was never a formal agreement. Laurie checked statutes there is no requirement by the state to do this. Anson was contacted to go over this and wondered why we even sent the check. Several calls made to Cornell but received no call back. Jeff said he can remember when the mutual aid contracts were done, this was talked about, not sure if there was a formal written agreement or how the 7.6% came to agreement. We did not pay the portion to either Cornell or Anson in 2016. Eagle Point has been sending 7.6% of the dues check for over 10 years. Motion by Dennis to send 7.6% of the 2017 fire dues check which we will receive in July to Cornell along with letter explaining for this year only, seconded by Randy.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

Randy yes

E. Discuss/take action on bartender licenses: Laurie received application for David C. Cross for DJ's Mart, all monies have been paid and background check OK. Motion by Randy to approve, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes

Lawrence yes

Randy yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm on Monday May 15, 2017