

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday September 18, 2017 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting

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

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Motion by Randy to approve August 21, 2017 regular board minutes with changes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Motion by Dennis to approve September 7, 2017 chip-seal, & crack-fill bid minutes, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Clerk's Report: Election Commission is looking into electronic poll books. Cost per station would be \$500-\$900. I indicated we are interested but concerned about the cost and training. There is an offer of pilot test program, which I said would like to participate in, not sure when it will happen. October 2, 2017 Special Elector meeting voting procedures will go over on item later in this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

MM: \$93,965.09
Tax: \$1017.07
MM Town Equip: \$2,503.54
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,203.03
MM Fire Dept.: \$104,232.46

Review/Approve Check Register: Motion by Randy to approve check register for \$267,091.58, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

Communications/Meetings Attended: Shawn Nyhus will be attending an Illicit Discharge workshop on September 19, 2017 in Lafayette. Town workshops coming up September 27, 2017 in Eau Claire, board to let Laurie know if wish to attend.

Public Comment: None

Chairman's Report: Road ratings are done, Laurie will enter them online. Received email that work on Hwy S and Hwy 124 round-about is cancelled was scheduled for September 18, and 19, 2017. No new dates are set at this time. They have until October 31, 2017 to complete the work.

Fire Chief's Report: August 26, 2017 fundraiser went well even though rainy people came out. September 23, 2017 will our open house at the station; will have food, and prizes, will run from 10 am to 3 pm. The last informational meeting be will be held at the town hall for information on the proposed new fire station, the Plan Commission (PC) will be there from 9 am to 11 am.

Planning Commission Chairman's Report: Rick Bowe said no meeting held in September as stated above PC members here this Saturday. Post card reminders will be going out this week to vote on October 2, 2017 on the proposed new fire station.

Old Business:

A. Discuss/take action on purchase of parcel of land from Laura Warrick for existing town road and related right-of-way. Had closed session at 6:00 pm today, board decided not to pursue purchase. 152nd part of the road is now on her property, but right-of-way on other side is open for road to be moved to. Want to pulverize this year and pave next year 2018. Randy said no need to purchase when we have the land to move the road over. Lawrence said would not like to see town go into negotiations to buy the land. Dennis said would like to get ditching, replacing of culverts and Warrick road portion moved and taken care of this year. Town will set later date to meet at site.

B. Discuss/take action on proposal from Superior Sealers for 2017 Crack-Filling. Dennis said only received bid for chip-sealing, no crack-fill bids submitted. Most companies are behind and it is getting late in the year. Bid for chip-sealing was high, board decided to hold off until spring 2018. Dennis spoke with Fahrner and they will put a crack-fill proposal together for this year. Motion by Dennis to accept Superior Sealers bid, unless Fahrner's comes in lower, seconded by Lawrence. Laurie added that crack-fill proposals are not required to be bid out.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	yes

C. Discuss/take action on soliciting bid proposals for the replacement of the cold storage building roof. Randy asked do we need to do loan to cover the costs this year if we do the roof. Laurie said depending on how high the cost will be. Randy said I have not seen it leaking, the day of the fundraiser was rain all day, and no leaks. Lawrence said it leaks and has been all along. With the insulation up there he is concerned the 2x4's might be rotting and would like to see the roof replaced. Jeff Bowe asked why not budget for this in 2018. The money you save this year from not chip-sealing should go toward doing the chip-sealing in 2018 and not the roof. Dennis would like to see us do an ad for bid. Laurie said if under \$25k, needs to be posted in the paper one time. Dennis said would like bids turned in by board meeting October 16, 2017 and then opened and possibly awarded. Motion by Dennis to run aid for bid for cold storage roof replacement, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	no

D. Discuss/take action on preparation and arrangements for September 23 Fire Station Informational Meeting and October 2, 2017 Special Electors Meeting (SE). Dennis asked Laurie to explain how voting will be done. Attendees of meeting if planning to vote must sign in and print their address. In order to vote you do not need to be a registered voter but have your primary residence here, be 18 years old, and have lived here a minimum of 10 days. I will have 2 election workers here to help. Voting will be by paper ballot and will have voting booths set up.

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm after questions are answered, voting will start, if people are late coming in and qualify they can still vote as long as we have not counted and announced the results. The board at this meeting only oversees the meeting. The results will then be looked at by the board at the next board meeting and the board will then vote on the direction to go.

Questions asked were: can we vote by absentee, is the voting for a set time period? Laurie said no absentee, and there is not a set time. You need to be here at 7:00 pm, voting will commence after discussion. Results will be totaled and announced that night.

New Business:

A. Discuss/take action on request for approval of Certified Survey Map for easement on Irene Przybylski property. John Mikesch did survey for easement here tonight to explain that town just needs to approve easement. Przybylski is granting access through her property via way of an easement to their currently owned Lot 3 for the purposed of selling and/or allowing to be built on. Depending on what the use will be for on Lot 3 if zoning changes are required it will go through the normal zoning procedures. Motion by Dennis to approve easement to Lot 3 through Irene Przybylski's property, County will prepare and have Dennis sign, seconded by Randy.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

B. Discuss/take action on ordinance to stagger terms for five-person board. Dennis said at the annual meeting this year it was voted to go to a five-person board. Ordinance 2017-2 will stagger the terms for 2 supervisors to be elected in one year and the other two to be elected in the next year. Laurie explained that in 2019 it will be the first year for a 5 person board, the chairperson and two supervisors receiving the highest votes will serve a two year term, the other two supervisors will serve a one year term. After that in odd years up for election will be the chairperson, clerk, treasurer and two supervisors, in even years the other two supervisors will be up for election. Motion by Dennis to approved ordinance 2017-2, seconded by Randy.

Dennis yes
Lawrence yes
Randy yes

C. Discuss/take action on petition by Progressive Rail (PR) to the office of the commissioner of Railroads to close 95th Ave. Dennis said just received petition that PR has filed to request closing the crossing on 95th Ave. Dennis contacted Heather Graves from PR on the notice. A hearing will be held in either October or November of this year. It will be done by teleconference. Citizens, The Town, Emergency Services can testify. It was stated that PR tried to work with the town and the Town did not want to cooperate. Dennis said that was not true and explained that in 2012 when the town was approached the last it was left that a traffic study was to be done and other options such as an over pass on Hwy S were to be looked at . Heather did indicate she knew of the discussion on the Hwy S overpass.

If we can come to an agreement on the closing we can possibly get cost sharing for the cul-de-sacs, and signage of the road closure. Heather also said there have been very few calls on complaints of trains blocking the road over the last year. Dennis told her that is because up until now there have been very few trains. Just recently the train traffic has increased quite a bit.

The report says the traffic count for 95th Ave. is 750 vehicles but this was done in 2004. Heather stated the numbers could have been estimated. Also The Commissioner of the Railroads is the only one that can order a traffic count, not the railroad as we were told before.

Dennis said the board needs to decide how we will proceed. He would like a closed session meeting with the town attorney to determine the direction we need to take. Jeff asked why a closed session, keep the public involved. Randy said will not be that costly will not need much of a cul-de-sac. Rick Bowe who owns land butting up to the tracks, called them in January to check what was going on, they told him they have plans and would not tell him anymore. Randy said if we get our attorney involved or get the attorney from Madison it is going to cost the town. What will we be fighting for?

Jeff added if they had wanted to talk and work something out they would have contacted the town before sending out the notice of petition. Tony Bowe asked when the overpass was put in for the hospital who paid for that.

Dennis and Rick are meeting with Brian Kelly, Chippewa County Highway Commissioner, and Fred Anderson, on October 2, 2017. Dennis will advise after this meeting on when and if to schedule a closed session meeting.

John Rasmus said town needs to contact our State representatives to help us out that is what they are there for.

D. Discuss attendance of 2018-2019 Local Roads Improvement Program by Chairman and Supervisors on October 3, 2017, 6:30 pm at the Chippewa County Highway Department. Dennis said will have discussion on TRIP D funds, which could pay for doing 95th Ave. Depending on what happens with railroad request to close this road. TRIP D funds only come up every four years and applications are due by November 1. All board member will attend, Laurie will post Notice of Town Board attending meeting.

E. Discuss date and time for town board to meet to discuss construction of berms at exterior of salt shed storage building. Laurie said Craig Moline from Winkler Canvas has been out to repair seam on back of shed, he had recommended we berm foundation to prevent further cracking. Board will work with Shawn on placing dirt on south and west sides, cannot do on north side too close to cold storage shed.

F. Discuss/take action on Bartender Licenses. Laurie received application for operator's license for Daniel M. Lemke for DJ's Mart. All monies have been paid and back ground check OK, recommended to board for approval. Motion by Randy to approve license, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	yes

Jeff asked if Przybylski easement needs to be 66 foot wide, Dennis said if at a later date they want to turn over to the town then it will have to be brought up to our road standards. Right now this is just an easement between private parties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm on Monday September 18, 2017