

Agenda:

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Tom Johnson at 6:34 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Chairman Tom Johnson, Supervisor Scott Luostari (arrived late), Supervisor Jon Winter, Mark Rau, Mark Saari, Nova Nordrum, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, Miina Helske and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: none
4. Town board reports: none
5. Approval of minutes: Jon motioned to have the 3/8 town meeting minutes approved Tom seconded, carried 6:36 pm. Tom motioned to have the 3/14 special board meeting minutes approved Jon seconded, carried 6:37 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented March balances, Tom motioned to accept, Jon seconded, carried 6:38 pm.
7. Confirmation of March revenues and expenses: Jon made a motion to approve the March checks 20829– 20864 + 2 EFT's, Tom seconded, carried at 6:39 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 20870-20904 presented for payment approval. Tom motioned to accept, Jon seconded motion to pay the bills carried at 6:40 pm.
9. Correspondence
 - a) Old Brule Newsletter
 - b) Housing Rehabilitation Assistance-down payment and improvement assistance to qualified applicants
 - c) Rural summit with Governor-April 21-22
 - d) Land use workshop for officials-at Solon Springs April 20th (planning commission, 3 attending)

Department and Committee Reports

10. Fire department: Presented by Nova. 3 calls. Audit is still upcoming, auditor is consulting with all chiefs and will help with any up training that will be needed. Radio audit is still in process for the radio grant. "Be somebody" the first weekend in June. Wildland grant now closed out. It is prime wildfire season, everyone needs to use extreme caution when doing any outside burning, grilling, smoking etc. The **FD is always in need of members**.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark- they had to take the radiator back out of the little grader due to a flaw on the newly repaired weld, but after all the upgrades it works really nice. They are grading roads this week while the weather permits, they have a gravel road grading course tomorrow. Starting to slowly smooth and fix what they can until the road restrictions are off and we can get in some gravel. Lots of the shoulders on the roads are bowled and need to be pulled. Property owners are responsible for the area under and around their own mailboxes. A resident keeps grading one of the Town's roads and is making a mess of the road. People are accessing the Town Hall outside of rentals, fridges are left open, and doors are left unlocked. The Town needs to invest in cameras, board gave the ok. Also ongoing issues with the collection site personnel, the Town also needs to find reliable fill in options for the site, especially now that the site is open Wednesday nights for the summer. We need to look into replacing the smaller riding mower, it's 15+ years old and is starting to show its wear.
12. Building permits and zoning issues: Ervin-DeVires Road-is filing an appeal, for his permit/variance denial with the county. The building was built, but there are set back, as well as lot line issues. The Town needs to vote to approve or object to the requested variance. Scott made a motion to object to granting the variance, Jon seconded motion carried at 7:27 pm.

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

A taxpayer contacted the Town stating they are a seasonal resident and the collection fee should be removed from their tax statement, the board decided not to grant the refund. Tom will contact the resident.

Old Business

13. SVL: still in progress, Dave Ponzloff is scheduled to be at the annual meeting.
14. Bardon Creek Road: still in progress
15. Dumonson property: still ongoing, adjacent property owners need to be contacted
16. Pukema Road: trees still need to be removed
17. Insurance: Tom spoke on the differences in the insurance bids/coverage comparisons etc. Both bids are almost identical. Jon made a motion just to stay with Rockwood Insurance our current carrier, Scott seconded, motion carried at 7:40 pm.
18. Gravel: Bids were opened, delivered pricing ran between \$9.25-\$12.44/ton and picked up ran between \$6.00-\$6.42/ton. After much discussion: A motion was made by Scott to purchase 2,500 tons from Trusty trucking for the Town Hall and 2,500 tons from Phoenix farms for the Windmill site (contingent on Phoenix farms supplying testing results), with Trusty delivering 1,500 tons to the Hall and Phoenix 1,000 tons to the Windmill as soon as delivery is possible. Jon seconded, motion carried 8:06 pm.

New business

19) None

Motion to adjourn made by Tom, seconded by Scott, meeting adjourned 8:08 pm.

Annual meeting April 19, 2016 Town Hall 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ruth Ann D Schnepper, Clerk
4/28/2016

Posted:
Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Garage

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**