

TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2020

Meeting was brought to order by Chair Apps at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Chair Apps, Supervisors Bob Mushinski and D.A. Kloes, Clerk Kathy VandeCastle and Treasurer Roger Williams.

Others Present: Robert Eckert, Jeff Kratochwill and Mike Urban

Motion was made by Chair Apps, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to approve the agenda with one change: Add Summary of Comprehensive Plan to New Business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 12/9/19 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Chair Apps, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to accept the minutes of the 12/9/19 meeting with one change: correct the spelling of Brendan Woodall. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read and discussed by all. Snowplowing billing for December will be coming later in January. The group discussed the increases on the property tax bills. Motion was made by Supv. Mushinski, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Chair Apps, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS: There hasn't been a lot of snow lately which is good. The snowplowing is going well. A little more sand is needed in some shady spots where it is icy. The hill on Akron looks like it is sanded well. A loose gravel sign was knocked down on 13th and Apache. Mike fixed it in about 1.5 hours. During the last snow storm, one road was missed and the bridge was not done well. Chair Apps made a call and the County came out to fix.

Supv. Mushinski gave an update of the Town Forest. The Board first discussed the logging contract from Bell. It is a pretty generic contract. The hazardous waste on the property was discussed. The Board does not know of any hazardous waste on the property. The loggers have to be careful of the boundaries, especially of Roy Mitchell's by Akron. It shouldn't be an issue. There hasn't been any wind damage to cause the contract to be re-written. The figure that was given in the contract was low. The final figure will come from what is scaled. Bell has a market for utility poles. The estimates total around \$33,000 for the whole project: poles, logs and pulp. The Board discussed the conversion factor from tons to cords. They also discussed red pine over white pine. Supv. Mushinski believes the prices are competitive for a job well done. Supv. Kloes is concerned with the lack of wording regarding how the land will be left after the logging is complete. Supv. Mushinski doesn't believe it is necessary to add to the contract. As the contract is currently written, it is understood that Bell will follow regulations (Best Management Practices) on how to leave the land. Supv. Kloes would like to add a section from an old Koerner contract to the Bell contract that spells out how the land will be taken care of after the logging is complete. Chair Apps made a motion, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to accept the contract from Bell with the stipulation added on how the land will be taken care of after the logging is complete. Motion carried. Clerk VandeCastle will type up the verbiage from the old Koerner contract and email to Ben Preston at Bell along with the signed contract.

Supv. Mushinski updated the Board on the 25 year plan for the Town Forest. Ben Preston from Bell will do the plan for the Town free of charge. The Plan will be done sometime in the future. The new Plan should be similar to the old plan. Bell has written an estimated 400 managed forest plans in Wisconsin. Supv. Mushinski made the motion, seconded by Chair Apps, to have Bell write up the Managed Forest Plan for the Town of Rose Forest free of charge with Town input. Motion carried.

Supv. Mushinski would like to see the money that comes from the logging be put back into the Town Forest. Re-planting is not necessary because of all the regrowth.

Supv. Mushinski began the discussion on the grant from Fish and Wildlife. Brendan Woodall would like to avoid the old dump site area. The grant is \$11,400 and would cost the Town \$2,750 over the 9 year project. The first installment would be \$1,400 due in May of 2020. If there is no money in the budget for it, Supv. Mushinski would take care of the \$1,400. The Town would be responsible for spraying and cutting the brush and keeping out the invasives. They will be re-seeding for a prairie development. It is a hot spot for the Karner Blue Butterfly and Blue Lupine. People from Pheasants Forever will help. The Board would like to incorporate this into the Forestry Management Plan. Supv. Kloes would like to find a way to invite the public to the Town Forest to use the hiking trails, etc. More will be discussed at the February meeting. Supv. Mushinski made the motion, seconded by Chair Apps, to enter into an agreement with Fish and Wildlife WIPLO-20-10 Grant to restore prairie habitat for Karner Blue Butterfly and Blue Lupine. Motion carried. Supv. Mushinski will contact them to tell them to proceed.

Chair Apps reported nothing new regarding the Erickson fence issue. Erickson has not contacted Chair Apps yet.

Supv. Mushinski found out that the Janka property is still in probate. The well is in the back of the house. The well and septic have value if the property would be sold.

Chair Apps asked the Fire Chief if reducing the frequency of inspections by the fire chief would increase the insurance of the business owners. The Chief said the businesses have no concerns.

NEW BUSINESS: Supv. Kloes gave a summary of the updates to the 10 year Comprehensive Plan. Different options were given to us on how to proceed to update the plan. The intent was to walk through the process, look at the updated pages and decide if there is anything that the Town would like to change or add. Clerk VandeCastle will make copies of the Plan.

Chair Apps reported on the following:

- Letter for final General Transportation Aids amount for 2020: \$95,527.80
- Building Permit: Evergreen Center-6 bedroom dwelling – Section 5
- Letter from Zoning to Jane Slater regarding possible remodeling – W7329 Alp Ct. – permits are required
- Timber cutting: James Phillips – Section 24 – Timber & pulp
- TRIP Committee results for 2020: Towns of Aurora, Richford, Oasis, Bloomfield, Springwater-\$25,195 each

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Email from Accurate Appraisal: They will be conducting new construction checks
- List from DNR: Tax Law Orders Expiring December 31, 2019
- WTA District Meeting will be Friday, March 6, 2020 in Ripon. 4 are signed up
- Received a complimentary copy of the 2019-2020 Wisconsin Blue Book

Supv. Mushinski asked Clerk VandeCastle to check with Mark VandeCastle regarding room tax on a rental property on a pond.

The agenda for February was discussed. The next regular Board Meeting will be February 10, 2020. Supv. Kloes made the motion, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Motion carried.

The foregoing is an unapproved draft version of these minutes. Therefore, they are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of this Board. Any such changes will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the amendments are proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy VandeCastle, Clerk
Town of Rose