

TOWN OF ROSE – REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2019

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 and Jeff Kratochwill

Motion was made by Supv. Kloes, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 11/11/19 meeting were read by all. Motion was made by Supv. Mushinski, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to accept the minutes of the 11/11/19 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read and discussed by all. Snowplowing billing was for 2 snowfalls in November. The December plowing won't be billed until January. The Board would like to prepay American Asphalt for the wedging that didn't get done this year. Motion was made by Supv. Kloes, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to prepay American Asphalt the money that is left in the Highway budget before 1/1/20. Motion carried. Motion was made by Supv. Kloes, seconded by Chair Apps, to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Robert Eckert, N7103 17th Dr., addressed the Board. He wanted to know if the Town of Rose had a website where he could see agendas and minutes. Clerk VandeCastle gave him the website address: townofrosewi.com. Robert also inquired about getting CenturyLink to install fiber optic further into the Town of Rose. Supv. Kloes is working on contacting someone at CenturyLink and is awaiting a call from him. Jeff Kratochwill, N7141 17th Dr., stated there is a 2019 Farm Bill to expand Broadband in rural areas. Supv. Kloes will also contact the Wisconsin Towns Association to see what can be done with Broadband in the Town of Rose.

OLD BUSINESS: The snowplowing is going well. Chair Apps has not heard any complaints. There are a few icy spots in the shaded areas that will need more sand. Chair Apps will contact the driver and show him some things about the Town's roads.

Supv. Mushinski updated the Board on the Town Forest. Supv. Mushinski contacted Rynish regarding writing the new forestry plan. They would charge an estimated \$13.30 per acre to write the plan. Supv. Mushinski and Chair Apps met with Bell Timber to discuss timber cuttings in the Town Forest for power poles, etc. Ben Preston from Bell Timber told them about the Management Assistance Program (MAP). Ben Preston stated he would write the new forestry plan for free. Supv. Mushinski will be receiving more information soon. Supv. Mushinski also met with Brendon Will from the Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the 40 acres at the old dump site which is part of the Town Forest. The Fish and Wildlife Service is offering the Town of Rose a grant for \$11,200 to restore 8 acres of this area. The Town's share of this contract would be \$2,750 and annual mowing to keep the brush down. The Board will need to decide if they want to accept the grant. The costs would be spread over 2 years: \$1,400 in 2020 and \$1,350 in 2021. The timber cuttings will more than pay for it. The Town has spent very little of the timber sales on the upkeep of the Town Forest. The Board discussed opening a separate account for forestry revenues and expenses. The dump site was inspected when it was closed. Jeff Kratochwill is concerned with disturbing the land that was inspected years ago. Supv. Kloes stated that it is a 10 year contract. Supv. Mushinski will contact Brendon from Fish and Wildlife and invite him to the January meeting to discuss the grant. The Board may contact an attorney to look at the contract.

Chair Apps contacted Keith Erickson and Steve Stroess regarding the fence dispute and sent them both copies of the State statute regarding fences. Steve Stroess agreed to pay Keith Erickson for his share of the fence. Chair Apps will meet with both of them and be the mediator. There will be a written agreement.

Supv. Mushinski reported that the Janka property is cleaned up. The Board is concerned that the well and septic were not closed properly during the cleanup process. Supv. Mushinski will contact Mary Robl at the County Health Department to discuss the Board's concerns.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk VandeCastle presented the Board with the list of Election Inspector Appointments for 2020-2021: Lois Kolka, Faye Urban, Dorothy Apps, Vicki Jenks, Mary Ellen Kloes, Barbara Perez, Cindi Gotthart and Shirley Etheridge. Chair Apps made the motion, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to accept the Election Inspector Appointments as stated by Clerk VandeCastle. Motion carried.

Chair Apps presented an ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to reduce the frequency of inspections. It would save \$3,000 in the fire district's budget. Chair Apps made the motion, seconded by Supv. Mushinski, to accept the ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to reduce the frequency of inspections. Motion carried. Jeff Kratochwill questioned if the businesses know that by reducing the frequency of inspections, their insurance rates may increase. Chair Apps will bring this up at the January Fire District meeting.

Chair Apps reported on the following:

- Letter from Zoning to John Hacker regarding the storage of a travel trailer on his property – Section 33
- Building permit: DAK Realty LLC – Section 35 – Personal storage shed with a lean-to
- Letter from Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning regarding proposed amendments to Waushara County's 20 year land use plan.

Clerk VandeCastle reported on the following:

- Number of website visits in a month – It was suggested to contact the County Clerk to give out the new website address if people ask and to post the new website address at the elections to inform residents.
- Letter from Wisconsin Towns Association for the Town Advocacy Council – The Board did not want to join at this time.
- Orders from the Department of Natural Resources relating to land designated as Forest Tax Law land.
 - Thomas Deist – 43 acres in Section 8 – 25 years
 - James J. Gilmour – 38 acres in Section 17 – 25 years
 - Russell S. Heinrichs – 55 acres in Section 17 – 50 years
- MLS Application confirmation – 11/24/19
- WTA District Meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 in Ripon. Clerk VandeCastle will send in the registration for Chair Apps, Supv's Mushinski and Kloes and Clerk VandeCastle.

Jeff Kratochwill stated he will be applying for a building permit for a pole building after 1/1/20. The Board informed Jeff that the County Zoning department handles everything for the Town.

The agenda for January was discussed. The next regular Board Meeting will be January 13, 2020. Chair Apps made the motion, seconded by Supv. Kloes, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm. 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