

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center by Chairman Daniel Nowak.

Members and others present: Chairman Daniel Nowak, Supervisor Paul Jarvis, Supervisor Greg Foster, Treasurer Virgil Cole, Clerk Alan Anderson, Ed Schabers, Lyle Buettner, Gary Frank, Skip Hanson and Mark Theis.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda with the movement of 14 a. – Morris and Johns Lake Management Plans Review and Possible Acton to 6 a. to follow Assessors Report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Foster. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the minutes of the 9/13/2016 meeting as printed and waived the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on September 1, 2016 there was a total cash balance from both the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Checking Account and Money Market Account of \$332,344.06. During September, there were recorded Revenues of \$584.89. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$17,845.65 and ACH fees, payroll fees and other expenses approved by the board of \$835.01. The 1<sup>st</sup> National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on September 30, 2016 was \$2,152.86. There were outstanding checks totaling \$4,091.12, leaving a balance that matches the August 31, 2016 working balance of \$2,701.77. The total adjusted Bank balance on August 31, 2016 of both 1<sup>st</sup> National Checking and Money Market Acct. is \$332,344.06. The Park Improvement funds total is \$1,862.34 and these funds are included in the Reserve Fund Balance. There is \$63,506.26 in the Equipment CD Fund, \$15,399.73 in the Assessor CD Fund and \$26,724.55 in the Repair Fund C.D. The Total Reserve Fund balance is \$107,492.88.

Assessor's Report: No report.

New Business: A: Morris and Johns Lake Management District Plan Review: A review of the History of the Morris Lake Management Dist. and AIS control. The Lake Management Dist. Board has existed since 1976 and has been collecting information on the Lake since 1986. By the end of this year, they will be doing their third comprehensive review of the Lake. The Board stated its review of the plan and felt it was a well thought out and prepared plan. Pat Nehring gave some clarification of the purpose of the plan. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Chairman Nowak. Motion carried.

Mark Theis presented comments from the Johns Lake Management Dist. about their activities and plans. He stated that they have had been luck, having a low level with invasive species. Chairman Nowak stated that the Waushara county Water Patrol was being suspended. He also stated that the plan contains comments about supposed increasing phosphorous levels in the Lake and dropping water levels with an implication that farming is the cause. Chairman Nowak did not object to the plan addressing potential future impacts of High capacity well, but he felt that the Lake levels of both Johns Lake and Porters Lake are not low and the plan should not say the water level is low.

Mark Theis agreed that the water level of Johns Lake was not down and he could check with the Johns Lake Board about removing that from the plan.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski has been called away by FEMA. Chairman Nowak has arranged to have the roadside mowing completed by someone else in Ralph's absence. He also stated that the road improvement planned on Porter's Lake Road has been postponed till spring because of the excess of water..

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster reported that the front and back doors of the MVCC have been re-keyed. The carpeting has been cleaned and it looks much better. He has contacted Lehr Heating about the fall maintenance check-ups on the furnace. He has been trying to contact with Adams-Columbia about the installation of the fire detection system. He also would like to arrange the pick-up of branches on the MVCC property and stacking of the picnic tables.

Land Use Planning: Nothing

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis described the search for a replacement Fire Engine at Slinger, WI but they accepted another district's offer. They are continuing to search for another truck.

Wautoma Fire District: Meeting next week Monday.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster reported that the Budget was approved with a slight increase to the Town. He explained how they now have to put the 2% Fire Insurance Dues in the budget which contributed to the increase in the levy. The new exterior LED lighting has been installed and the cost of installation should be made up in four years of reduced electrical expenses. They talked about the changes that have resulted by having the ambulance housed at the Fire Hall and may result in increased cost to the County for this storage. They conducted a dry hydrant test and Supervisor Foster asked that all the Departments be reminded that the dry hydrant is available.

Springwater-Saxeville Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Ed Schabers advised the Board of an increase in the levy because of an increase in insurance costs.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Met on Sept. 29, 2016, compiling a list of plans for 2017; Spring mailing for spring fire season awareness, put up a Smokey the Bear Sign, and continue to stress thoughts about fire prevention and being aware of the need to keep private drives open enough for fire trucks. Supervisor Foster has applied for grant funds to help cover cost. The Town would only be responsible for soft expenses as opposed to out of pocket expense.

#### Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management Dist.: We had the meeting a couple of weeks ago and the Board did approve their plan.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: No meeting

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: Snow Plow Truck: Chairman Nowak said he is still searching for a replacement of the oldest snow plow truck and hasn't found the truck yet that they desire.

New Business: b. Reschedule November Monthly Town Board Meeting and set Annual Budget Hearing and Town Electors Meeting. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by

Supervisor Foster to hold the November Town Board Meeting for 11/15/2016 to be followed by the Annual Budget Hearing and Special Electors Meeting.

C. The 2017 budget was reviewed and prepared for the Budget Hearing. Clerk Anderson presented the 2017 Budget with proposed wage increases to the Clerk and Treasure while the wage scales for the Chairman and Supervisor were also discussed.

d. Resolution #4-2016 Wautoma Area Fire District Agreement Changes, Discussion and Possible Action; A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve Resolution #4-2016. Motion carried.

e. Assessor's Contract – Possible Action: A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the 2017 Assessor Contract with Bowmar Appraisal. Motion carried.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Gary Frank asked if the We Care Fishing club could place a box at the Public Boat Launches in Mount Morris Park for collection of new member cards. There will also be a 8 ½ inch posting of the history of fish plantings in the past.

Chairman Nowak received two calls this past week from land owners wishing for a location to haul brush. The Board discussed options of burning, or chipping and whether the town had property available for this use. He believed that the Town would be responsible for removing the ashes. This would be an added cost because someone would have to be there. They asked if the DNR would help with funding. Supervisor indicated that this was discussed in the community Wild Fire Planning meetings but one concern is that future funding is not likely to be continued. There were no further plans or decision make to deal with this issue. Chairman stated that some people are throwing brush in ditches because they have nowhere to take it.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to pay all the bills. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly town board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the MVCC, immediately following the Budget Hearing and Special Electors Meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk