

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

October 13, 2015

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 Greg Foster, Supervisor Paul Jarvis, Treasurer Virgil Cole, Clerk Alan Anderson, Ned Schaber-Fire Chief for the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept., Gary Frank, Mark Theis, Collette Ross (Pine River Library) and Sheila Dassow.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda with one amendment, dropping item b. under New Business behind item d. of New Business and the motion was seconded by Supervisor foster. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve the minutes of the 9/8/2015 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on September 1, 2015 there was a total cash balance from both the 1st National Bank Checking Account and Money Market Account of \$211,452.99. During September, there were recorded Revenues of \$1,092.98. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$41,034.01 and payroll expenses and fees of \$5.00. A credit of \$638.43 was noted for an ACH double entry. The 1st National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on September 30, 2015 was \$22,482.66. There were outstanding checks totaling \$9,427.07, leaving a balance that matches the September 30, 2015 working balance of 13,055.59. The total adjusted Bank balance on September 30 2015 of both 1st National Checking and Money Market Acct. is \$172,386.95. The Park Improvement funds total \$1,517.33 and are included in the Reserve Fund Balance. There is \$63,103.91 in the Equipment CD Fund, \$30,549.86 in the Assessor CD Fund and \$26,443.27 in the Repair Fund. The Reserve Fund balance is \$121,641.37.

Assessor's Report: Clerk Anderson reminded the Board of the date for the Board of Review on November 2, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski is gone again with FEMA travels and is expected to be out for three weeks.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster described the first experience of a poor renter of the MVCC. He recommended not returning the security deposit to the renter. He also told the Board that there was a broken window being replaced, and that the broken window was not related to the poor renter. He has also had the furnaces serviced for the year.

Land Use Planning: One planning committee member is up for renewal and he, Kent Peterson, had agreed to serve another term.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis – The budget was approved for 2016. The energy audit of the Fire House showed replacing lighting around the Hall would cost around \$10,000.00 and the costs would be offset by energy savings within a couple years.

Wautoma Fire District: Supervisor Nowak reported that the 2016 budget was approved and that there had been a fire at the fire hall. The most recent repair estimates were around \$30,000.00.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster reported the 2016 Budget was approved and an energy audit was done, with plans to upgrade the facility lighting that should have a three payback. He stated there is an agreement with Waushara County for the storage of an EMS vehicle for which the Fire Dist. will receive \$150.00 a month.

Springwater-Saxeville Fire Dept.: Ned Schabers gave a report on an audit they underwent and were in compliance. He indicated that he discovered that his position must be sworn in and he was attempting to determine details about this process.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Nothing.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management Dist.: Chairman Nowak reported on a change of law regarding town representation on lake district board, that now require anyone on a lake management district board to reside within the district. This was not the intent of the new legislation and measures were being taken to correct this legislation.

Johns Lake Management District: Meeting on Saturday.

Morris Lake Management District: Nothing.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: Wood Chipper purchase- Possible Action: Chairman Nowak said they have searched for and located a used chipper selling for \$9,750.00. New, this type of chipper sells for around \$70,000.00. The Town Board has an Equipment Fund that could be used for this purchase. Supervisor Foster agreed that this would be a good purchase, and that the one of the areas of recommendation from the Wild Fire Prevention Committee dealt with removing brush piles, which are potential fire hazards. Having a wood chipper would make cleanup of storm damage and general road maintenance better. Supervisor Jarvis agreed that this would save the Town money because the Board frequently rents a chipper costing \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster, to purchase the used wood chipper for \$9,750. Motion carried. They are making arrangements to assure that it can be stored inside when not in use.

Tax Letter Content: Treasurer Cole discussed the request of Health Department to enclose a brochure on Radon Gas with the Tax Bill. Because of a concern that putting more information in with the tax bill will result in fewer persons actually reading the Town Tax letter, the board recommended that we decline the request to enclose the radon letter and put information on the Town's web site instead.

Park Fence: There was discussion of a Park Fence but no action was taken.

Heating Fuel – Pre Buy: The board discussed the current pricing and availability of L.P. fuel and decided against confirming a pre-buy while following the price of fuel.

New Business: Act 25 – Lake District Representation: this matter was already discussed.

Approval of Operator Permits: A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster, to approve Operator Permits for: Nikki Bauknecht, William Ringenoldus, Jeff Zaremba (Nordic Mountain) and Scott Schroder and Jeff Niles (The Trading Post). Motion carried.

Review of the 2016 Bowmar Assessing Contract: A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve the 2016 Contract for Assessing Services with Bowmar for \$14,000.00. Motion carried.

Review of the Proposed 2016 Budget: Clerk Anderson and Chairman Nowak presented the proposed 2016 budget and after discussion and review, minor corrections were offered for the Budget Hearing on November 10, 2015.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Collette Ross from the Pine River Library thanked the Board for its annual financial support of the Library system, and invited the public to join in on a Story walk with picture books planned in Waushara County Parks.

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

The next town board meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2015 following the Budget Hearing and Special Elector's Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the MVCC.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk