

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

October 14, 2014

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, Pat Connolly Ed Schabers, Ralph Shemanski, Amy Buebke, Mark Theis, Chad & Jaimie VandenBoomen, Molly Abraham, Gary Frank and Lyle Buettner.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda and to move Item 13 a. and 13 d. up on the agenda to follow Item 6 – Assessor’s Report. 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 9-9-2014 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on August 1, 2014 there was a total cash balance from both the State Farm Bank and 1st National Bank Checking Account of \$258,247.33. During August, there were recorded Revenues of \$34,199.85. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$6,509.63. The 1st National Checking Acct. Bank Balance was \$16,871.54. There were outstanding checks totaling \$4,398.61, leaving a balance that matches the August 31, 2014 working balance of 12,472.93. The total adjusted Bank balance on Set. 30, 2014 of both 1st National and State Farm Acct. is \$285,937.55. The Equipment CD fund balance was \$54,698.83. There were funds in the Assessor Fund CD that totaled \$25,296.08 and in the Repair fund CD of \$26,443.27.40. The total in the reserve fund balance is \$106,438.18. There is \$32,367.18 from a matured Assessor Fund CD currently held in the State Farm Acct.

Assessor's Report: No new report.

New business: Noise Ordinance – Planned Wedding. A family interested in planning a wedding reception on August 8, 2015, to be held on Lake Morris with a DJ going past 10:00 p.m. They had checked with Waushara County on their noise ordinance and were told to check with the Town of Mount Morris Board next. These were advised to make contact with the neighbors to explain what is happening and make sure they are not in disagreement. They also asked about firing off some fireworks and were advised to get a fireworks permit before starting.

Operator Permit: Tricia A. Bast submitted an application for an Operator Permit at the HideAway Bar and Grill. Her application and papers were review by the Board. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve an Operator Permit for Tricia A Bast. Motion was approved.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski told the Board that he has been working on the third mowing along the roads. Scott Construction had started the road improvement projects today which include both 24th Ave. and Porters lake Road. He has prepared the trucks for the snow season.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster said he has been checking into companies that clean heat ducts and most of the companies are coming out of the Fox Valley area. He finds this to be a costly process and he is still looking for someone to come out to the Community Center for a cost estimate.

Land Use Planning: No report.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis said they only had a 15 minute meeting.

Wautoma Fire District: Chairman Nowak said they had no meeting last month.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster said that truck 502 has been made ready for use. The plans to replace 508 were put on hold as the replacement costs were higher than they expected. 508 is still in good enough condition to remain in use.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department: Ed Schaber said they received a grant from the DNR for \$1,600. He also turned in the cost of fire protection for the Town of Mount Morris and the cost had gone up slightly.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: Chairman Nowak had no report.

Johns Lake Management District: Mark Theis said the meeting was primarily to discuss the need for workman compensation insurance coverage. He indicated their board was not aware of this requirement and asked the Town Board to help review how other Lake Associations were meeting this requirement.

Morris Lake Management District: No report.

Porters Lake Management District: No report.

Old Business: Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Amy Luebke, DNR. Amy gave a short description of the purpose of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and answered some questions from the board. One of the main purposes is to get information out to residents that live on or near narrow roadways or driveways that could prove difficult to access if a wildfire struck. The town of Mount Morris is considered to be a very high risk. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approved "A Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Mount Morris" and with the motion, designated Supervisor Foster as the representative of the Town Board to work with the DNR on this project. Motion carried.

New Business:

b. Review 2015 Budget Report: The 2015 budget was read and reviewed with explanations on the proposed increases in salary, road improvement expense account, starting a Park Pavilion replacement fund, and increasing the town levy by 20,393 over the total allowable town tax levy. The Board made a few adjustments to the proposed budget and it will be presented at the November Budget Hearing and special elector meetings.

c. Resolution #4-2014 – Proposal to Exceed Levy Limit: A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis supporting an increase in the Town Tax levy for 2014 (to be collected in 2015) and directs that the question of increasing the town tax levy in 2014 (to be collected in 2015) by 10 percent, which would increase the town levy by \$20,393 on an ongoing basis, for a total town levy of \$222,752.00, shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on November 11, 2014. Motion carried.

e. Implements of Husbandry: Chairman Nowak described a new law being promoted in the State of Wisconsin, which places restrictions on the use of heavy, multiple axle vehicles/farm implements on state, county and town roads. During November, the Waushara County Board will be deciding what method they will be using, one of six (6) options available to local governments for the protection of roads. The Mount Morris Town Board decided to wait until the Waushara County Board makes a decision on which option they will use before making its own decision.

The town Board must make a decision before January 2015 and asked that the item be placed on next month's agenda.

f. Replacement Clerk Computer – Clerk Anderson explained that the town's computer works on Windows XP, a system that no longer is supported. When comparing the cost of upgrading the computer to replacement, the board recommended replacing the computer. Four bids were presented and the board suggested going with a local provider, Waushara PC, for support that is more available. Funds are available in the Clerk Expense Acct. for this year.

g. Resolution #6-2014 Budget Amendment; Be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Mount Morris as follows:

That the sum of \$730.00 is hereby transferred from the Road Improvement Expense Acct. to the Weedcutting/Brushing Expense Acct. and the sum of \$2,300.00 is transferred from the Road Improvement Expense Wage Acct. to the Hwy/St Local Maintenance Expense Acct. and the sum of \$1,100.00 from the Road Improvement Expense Acct. to the Equipment Repair Acct. and the sum of \$200.00 is transferred from the Parks Expense Acct. to the Parks Wages Acct. and the sum of \$1,000.00 is transferred from the Parks Expense Acct. to the Mountain View Community Center Utilities Expense Acct. A motion was made by supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve Resolution #6-2014 budget Amendment. Motion carried.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Lyle Buettner told the board that he had worked with a group interested in planning the July 4th parade and asked the Board to purchase the highway parade permit. He said that 6 people have begun the planning process.

The next town board meeting is Tuesday November 11, 2014 following the 7:00 p.m. budget Hearing and Special Electors meeting to be held at the MVCC.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk