

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

December 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center by Supervisor Greg Foster.

Members present: Supervisor Greg Foster, Supervisor Paul Jarvis, Clerk Alan Anderson and Treasurer, Virgil Cole. Chairman Wayne Mentink has expired since the last monthly Town board Meeting. Supervisor Foster asked for a moment of silence in respect for Wayne Mentink and in honor of the excellent service he provided the Town of Mount Morris during his time served as Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda with the following additions: under New Business – Item e. Adams - Columbia Consent; Item f. Operator Permits. Supervisor Foster seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Foster explained the need for appointing a replacement for Chairman Mentink. He explained the process of appointment and said that two individuals expressed a willingness to help fill a vacancy on the Board, Dan Nowak and Sheila Dassow. Supervisor Foster asked if they had any comments for the Board. Dan Nowak stated that he had told Chairman Mentink that after he had stepped down from the Chairman position, he, Dan, was willing to help out in any way he could and now that Wayne has passed, he was willing to step back into that roll. Sheila Dassow stated that she was interested in getting on the town board but did not want to start out in the Chairman's position. Supervisor Foster asked if anyone else had an interest in filling the chairman position and no one made any further comment. Clerk Anderson stated that the WI statutes provide for the Clerk to vote in the matter of the appointment of town board member filling a vacancy. Supervisor Foster made a motion to appoint Dan Nowak to fill the position of Town Chairman for the remainder of the present term. Supervisor Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve the minutes of the 11-12-2013 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole's report was disbursed and reviewed by the Board. On 11-01-2013 there was a cash balance in the 1st National Bank checking account of \$17,214.37. During November, there were Revenues of \$9,204.59. There was a transfer of \$1,000.00 from the State Farm Bank to the 1st National Bank checking acct. There were Disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$8,074.80. The checking account balance on 11-30-2013 was \$19,344.16. The Bank Balance on November 30, 2013 was \$21,564.48 with seven (7) outstanding checks totaling \$2,220.32, leaving a balance that matches the November 30, 2013 working balance of \$19,344.16. In the State Farm Bank, there was a beginning balance of \$143,809.41. There were deposits of \$2,424.55. There was a transfer from the State Farm Bank to the 1st National Bank of \$1,000.00. The balance in the State Farm Bank Account on November 30, 2013 was \$145,233.96. The Equipment CD fund balance was \$44,337.03. There were funds in the Assessor Fund CD that totaled \$52,229.38, and in the Repair Fund CD of \$26,220.40. The total in reserve fund balance is \$122,786.81.

Assessor's Report: Clerk Anderson reported that one of the individuals appearing at the Board of Review continues to express some questions of the property values even though the state appeals hearing sustained the Assessor's Valuations.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski reported the snow removal activity for the year to date. Supervisor Foster stated that one call came in about a mail box being hit and he asked Ralph to go out to look at the situation. Ralph thought the mail box in this situation may have been very close to the road and was difficult to work around. Supervisor Foster also mentioned a situation on Johns Lake Road where he intervened. He stated that a contractor had been dumping leaves in the road right of way and on other private property. He stated that he was able to stop this activity but planned to follow up with a letter from the Town board which the Clerk will be asked to send out to the land owner. Ralph Shemanski asked if it would be possible to get his cell phone replaced because it is cutting out calls at times. Clerk Anderson will contact U.S. Cellular.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster reported that he had repositioned the chair racks and tables so that they will be easier to move in and out of storage. He stated that the MVCC has been quite busy and Clerk Anderson confirmed that revenues that have been received so far this year have exceeded the cost and revenues for December have yet to be counted.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster stated that he will be contacting the Land Use Committee members by email, soliciting their comments on new proposed state legislation that would take power away from the local land use committees. The State proposal reduces the right of local municipalities from directing what sand fract mining activities are permitted or denied. There were no other activities involving the planning comm.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis reported that the dept. purchased two new sets of turnout gear and a new spreader. He indicated that they were now pursuing the MABAS agreement and wanted each municipal board to consider approving it. Clerk Anderson reported that the Mount Morris Board had approved the resolution earlier this year supporting MABAS as requested by the Wautoma Area Fire Dist. and this should be comprehensive, covering the Redgranite Area Fire Dist. as well. Supervisor Jarvis also stated that the ladder truck had more repair costs and they are debating whether it pays to keep the truck or not. They may consider selling it next year.

Wautoma Area Fire District: Supervisor Foster reported that the October open house was well attended. He said that FEMA would not be funding rescue vehicles that were civilian conversions to rescue vehicles. The Fire Hall will be getting some replacement windows.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster stated that they have received the money for the sale of the old fire hall and it has been applied to the principle of the new hall. He indicated that the dept. has an issue with limited responses by first responder coming out for increasing numbers of emergency calls, frequently involving elder care facilities. They also had discussions about the possible privatization of the county EMS.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department: Supervisor Foster was unable to attend the last meeting but Ed Schabers, Fire Chief for the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept. was present and reported on a mutual aid activity involving cold water rescue training to be done together with the Wild Rose Area Fire Dist. He also reported on the possible privatization of county EMS and they are definitely opposed to this. They feel the present available emergency service is good and a change to privatization would result in delays in response times.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: No activity.

Johns Lake Management District: No activity.

Morris Lake Management District: Supervisor Foster reported that the Golden Sands Research Consultant group had a contract with Morris Lake in 2013 for \$2,200.00 to inspect boats for invasive species. A total of 53 boats were inspected for invasive species in 2013. They plan to sign with this group in 2014 as well. The Dist. has attempted to seek out volunteers to do the boat inspections but there have been no volunteers so they will resign with Golden Sands. Supervisor Foster stated that the Morris Lake Dist. continues to work on establishing the Lake endowment fund. They plan to pursue the Goose round up again in 2014 if the goose count is at least 120-125. The Waushara County Zoning Administrator, Terri Dopp Paukstat, spoke to the district board, advising them of their interest in working with the Lake Dist. to meet the Lake's needs even if some of the policies or positions differ. Supervisor Foster also briefly discussed the new flood plain maps that currently show most properties around Waushara count lakes fall within flood plains. The result is that when new mortgages are set, flood plain insurance coverage will be required of properties within this flood plain area unless the land owner provides evidence that their property is not at risk of flooding.

Porters Lake Management District: Nothing.

Old Business: None

New Business: Appointment of Election Inspectors: Clerk Anderson presented the following list of residents to serve as Election Inspectors for 2014 & 2015; Karla Temple, Jane Behlen, Carol Thompson, Marilyn Lassanske, Arnold Bleisner, Christine Bleisner, Ruth Lafraniere, Sandy Burgermeister, Jacqueline Tesch and Gail Schwersenska. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve these names as election inspectors for 2014 & 2015. Motion carried.

Renew Assessor's Contract: A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the contract with Bowmar Appraisal for 2014. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustment Amendment; A motion was made to approve a budget adjustment amendment to transfer \$404.00 from the Town board Expense Acct. to the Town Board Wages acct. was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

Appointment of Signor on Checking Acct.; A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve adding new Chairman Dan Nowak as a signor to the 1st National checking acct. Motion carried.

Adams Columbia Electric Coop. Consent; A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Adams Columbia Electric Coop. consent form. Motion carried.

Operator Permit for Diane Dorau and Pamella Burk; A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to approve an Operator Permit for Diane M Dorau and Pamella Burk. Motion carried.

Such other matters:

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

The next town board meeting is Tuesday January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the MVCC.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Alan Anderson, Clerk