

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD  
MEETING

December 9, 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, Ralph Shemanski, Sheila Dassow, Kevin Schmid and Ed Schabers, Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept.

A motion was made by Supervisor Foster to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by supervisor Foster to approve the minutes of the 11-11-2014 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on November 1, 2014 there was a total cash balance from both the State Farm Bank and 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Checking Account of \$292,686.06. During November, there were recorded Revenues of \$11,925.25. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$129,397.80. The 1<sup>st</sup> National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on Nov, 30, 2014 was \$19,334.16. There were outstanding checks totaling \$5,829.87, leaving a balance that matches the Nov. 30, 2014 working balance of 25,593.34. The total adjusted Bank balance on Nov. 30, 2014 of both 1<sup>st</sup> National and State Farm Acct. is \$175,213.41. There is \$52,698.83 in the Equipment CD Fund, \$25,296.08 in the Assessor CD Fund and \$26,443.27 in the Repair Fund. \$32,367.18 is additionally temporarily held in Savings for the Assessor CD Fund. The current CD fund balance is \$104,438.18.

Assessor's Report: Renewal contract is listed below in Old Business.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski told the Board about snow removal activity. Chairman Nowak indicated that the International truck had repairs to the injectors.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster said that the duct cleaning project was complete and was well done. The ducts had been sanitized. The cleaning company had recommended that the Town board review the furnaces. Supervisor Foster said he would seek out an energy audit of the MVCC and check out options of replacing the furnaces for newer more energy efficient furnaces, to see if there would be savings in fuel costs.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster reported that the Eden Wood Preserve was seeking a zone change to commercial service. He explained that a public notice would need to go out for a public hearing on the matter and if the Planning Committee recommended the change, it would then have to be considered by the Town Board at a properly notice meeting. He further stated that there may be some omitted property taxes and room taxes to be collected. Kevin Schmid introduced himself to the Board, saying he was the owner and that he was doing everything he could now to bring about the needed change. His desire was to make this a year round business rather than seasonal business.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis reported that the upstairs rooms at the fire hall were being equipped for storage.

Wautoma Fire District: Supervisor Foster said there was some damage to an overhead door and a replacement door was approved at \$2,500. Grant monies amounting to \$95,000 were being pursued for pressure gear new air packs. A used ambulance is going to be donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Peterson to the fire Dept. for use by the dive team. It is in good condition. An annual compensation of \$1,200 was approved as payment to Chris Weddell for training services.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster said the parking lot crack sealing is complete. They are working on bids for snow removal. 502 replacement truck is complete and equipment is being transferred over from the old vehicle. Fire calls are down.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department: Ed Schaber said the rescue truck is currently being assembled earlier than first anticipated. He is also working on cold water rescue training which he will invite Wild Rose and other fire dept. to join in.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Supervisor Foster gave a report on the first meeting, with a schedule for planning future events and mailings. A survey will be sent out to random Mount Morris residents to gather information pertaining to conditions that can cause wildfires. Two follow-up mailings will be sent if necessary to ensure a good return.

#### Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: Chairman Nowak had no report.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: Supervisor Foster gave a report on the discovery of Zebra Mussels in the Lake and next summer, they will be temporarily shutting down the dam to check for Zebra mussels. They also will be checking the dry hydrant for mussel activity. Supervisor Foster said the endowment fund has been started and has about \$4,000.00 received so far. He also addressed the need for new signage at the public launches. He indicated the town has the responsibility for maintaining the signs and there is a need to make some changes.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: Implements of Husbandry: Clerk Anderson indicated that the Waushara county Board had not yet determined which option they would be adopting but will make that choice at the 12/16/2014 meeting. The town boards have until 1-15-2015 determine which option they will adopt but want to wait until the county board makes their decision.

Renewal Contract with Bowmar Appraisal for 2015 Revaluation: the town equalized value is currently above the .10 % variance allowed by the State Dept. of Revenue at 1.1705 %. The Contract for revaluation is to bring that back into compliance. The contract is for \$66,100.00. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

a. Set date for the 2015 Caucus: A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to set the caucus for 1-13-2015 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the monthly town board meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Foster. Motion carried.

b. Twice monthly Payroll payments: Clerk Anderson presented the option of using direct deposit of payroll as an option for setting up twice monthly payrolls for road workers. An Ordinance for Alternate Payment Procedures would also need to be established for processing of paying invoices outside of the regular town meetings. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve of direct deposit payroll. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Foster. Motion carried. Clerk Anderson will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting, for the alternate payment proceedings.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Chairman Nowak received an e-mail from Adam Jones with an estimate of \$600.00 for the replacement and installation of a door on

the MVCC. Chairman Nowak will check with Adam on the installation material and will firm up a price for the January meeting.

Sheila Dassow gave a report on the ATV club development. She indicated that a Club has been formed with 17 members and a checking account – Shara Riders. They are trying to connect up with the Marquette County Club. She said they have met with Sheriff Jeff Nett and that he said he wouldn't comment on this until he has received their proposal and could review it. The road plans they are currently working on go north in the Town of Mount Morris on 21<sup>st</sup> Lane from the HideAway to the Town line. They will then look to enter Marion Township on 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then follow County Road YY into the Town of Dakota and from there they are looking at 2 different options which they haven't decided on yet. She said that the Dept. of Transportation staff directed her to submit their requests directly to the DOT and they would reach out to the local municipal governments. They had some questions as if the DOT was just approving the route as it crossed the state highway or whether they were more involved so for now she is just submitting the route information to the DOT.

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

The next town board meeting is Tuesday January 13, 2015 following the Caucus meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the MVCC.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk