

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

February 10, 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, Ralph Shemanski, Sheila Dassow, Kevin Schmid, Ann Schmid, Jane Koechell, Dale Koechell, William Fritsch, John Furman, Patrick Nehring and Lyle Buetner.

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 1-13-2015 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on January 1, 2015 there was a total cash balance from both the State Farm Bank and 1st National Bank Checking Account of \$1,216,633.33. During January, there were recorded Revenues of \$1,361,313.83 of which were tax collections of \$1,331,225.06. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$099,616.96. The 1st National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on January 31, 2015 was \$16,219.55. There were outstanding checks totaling \$4,398.84, leaving a balance that matches the January 3, 2015 working balance of 11,820.71. The total adjusted Bank balance on January 31, 2015 of both 1st National and State Farm Acct. is \$1,477,836.78. 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: No Report.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski told the Board about snow and ice removal activity. He stated that the issue fuel has been resolved. Ralph has been unable to reach Kubasta tree service and is expecting to be able to reach him next week.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster said the back door has been repaired and asked that the picnic table located at the rear of the building be moved as it impairs the proper door opening. He reported that the LP Fuel had run out last Tuesday, on the evening of the Land Use Planning Committee meeting. He indicated that heat was restored. He said the fuel provider was scheduled to fill the tank the next day and that the company hadn't provided fuel for the MVCC long enough to establish a normal use pattern. Supervisor Foster also reported that a group called We-Shara County was meeting this evening at the MVCC to discuss the restoration of trees on Mount Morris.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster reported that on 2-3-2015, the LUPC met to discuss the zone change requests at Edenwood and he reported that modifications to the original zone change were facilitated, reducing the size of an area to be changed from AG to Commercial, from about 300 acres down to 66 acres. A resolution numbered LUPC #1-2015 was approved by the

LUPC at that meeting. Resolution LUPC#1-2015 lent support to these changes and recommended to the Town Board to approve the Land Use Plan changes.

Supervisor Foster further informed the Town Board that two members of the LUPC with three (3) year terms were up for renewal in April, Kent Peterson and Greg Foster. He indicated that both were willing to serve another three (3) year term.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis reported that they were still trying to sell the Ladder truck and so far there had been 6 viewing on the website but no offers were made. They were going to drop the asking price. They also discussed a problem with the repairs to the 402. The Dist. receive a repair cost estimate before agreeing to the repairs, of \$16,000.00. When they got the repair bill, it was \$30,000.00. The District Board felt this was unfair and turned the bill over to Att. Joan Olson.

Wautoma Fire District: Chairman Nowak stated that they were having a problem with a leaking water valve in the fire station. Fargo Plumbing fixed the problem once but is still leaking. This valve is special and not all plumbers can work on it. With the City of Wautoma, they are working on a design change that reduce the pipe size leading up to the valve and this could repair the problem. The Dist. is also trying to sell a truck.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster said the new truck set up is going slower than they anticipated but it should be complete by March. Responses by the Fire Dept. for emergency medical calls has improved and is no longer an issue.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department: No report.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Supervisor Foster said that the responses to the survey mailings is good, about 60 % response. After all the surveys they expect to receive are in, they will start to develop a report based on the survey results.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: No meeting.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: No meeting.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: ATV Road Designation: Clerk Anderson reported that Wisconsin Statutes contain a provision known as Wisconsin Recreational Immunity. Although the wording of these statutes don't specifically include ATV routes, the insurance providers say that because of the Wisconsin Recreational Immunity statutes, Towns are immune from liability for damages related to designating ATV routes. Sheila Dassow stated that she will not be going before the County Board until a Town Board has designated an ATV route. The ATV Club has met with Sheriff Nett and they showed him two alternate routes they were interested in, going from Mount Morris, through the Town of Marion to meet up with the routes in Marquette County. She stated that Sheriff Nett could not support one of the routes that included County Highway YY. She said the current plan is to ask the Town of Marion Board to designate a route on 22nd Ave going from the Mount Morris border south to Marquette County. Sheila will be coming to the Marion Town Board in March. Chairman Nowak stated he hoped to see if the Town of Marion Board would consider approving an ATV route before designation one in Mount Morris.

Town Park Pavilion: chairman Nowak stated that the Park Pavilion Committee has been meeting and is now awaiting some preliminary plans which will be used to requests bids. The perk test was just completed and passed, so that a conventional septic system can be used.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendment-Review and possible Action; Supervisor Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance #4-2015 Amending the Town of Mount Morris 20-Year Comprehensive Plan to accommodate changes planned for the zone changes at Edenwood. That motion was seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

Edenwood Rand and Preserve zone change request-Review and possible action: Chairman Nowak described the three steps that Zone changes must meet, approval by the county board, the Town Board and the Town Land Use Planning Committee. After the county Board has given their approval, it will be submitted to the Town Board Chairman.

New Business: Nothing.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Lyle Buettner asked the Town Board about getting Fire Trucks in the 4th of July Parade. He reported that he will have forms available for anyone interested in entering the parade.

Jim Forman asked the Town Board to return trash cans to the public landings because people that use the launch areas for getting on and off the lakes for ice fishing are leaving garbage where the trash cans normally sit. He stated that he understood that the trash cans are removed before deer season because people frequently leave deer carcasses or deer parts in them. But he states that he has voluntarily helped pick up garbage at the boat landing near his home recently and after animals get the garbage scattered about, the clean up is much more difficult. Chairman Nowak agreed that the trash cans could be returned to the boat launches.

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 March 10, 2015 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