

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2017

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, Ed Shaber-Fire Chief Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept., Lyle Buettner, Gary Frank, Skip Hansen, Dick Hansen and Ralph Shemanski.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda with the addition of EMS under old business. 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 2/14/2017 meeting and waived the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on February 1, 2017 there was a total cash balance from both the 1st National Bank Checking Account and Money Market Account of \$2,476,583.23. During February, there were recorded Revenues of \$6,285.29. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$2,482,868.52 and ACH fees, payroll fees, other expenses approved by the board and Bank adjustments of \$843.33. The 1st National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on February 28, 2017 was \$24,172.84. There were outstanding checks totaling \$22,885.84, leaving a balance that matches the January 31, 2017 working balance of \$1,287.00. The total adjusted Bank balance on February 28, 2017 of both 1st National Checking and Money Market Acct. is \$434,182.62. The Park Improvement funds total is \$1,862.34 and these funds are included in the Reserve Fund Balance. There is \$23,495.10 in the Equipment Fund, \$15,526.10 in the Assessor CD Fund and \$26,724.55 in the Repair Fund C.D. The Total Reserve Fund balance is \$67,608.09.

Assessors Report: No report.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski indicated that most of the Town's roads are in pretty good condition following the snow plowing season. He has been cleaning up from downed trees and branches following excessive winds.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster indicated he had Lehr Heating in to furnace repairs and maintenance.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster stated that the LUP passed a resolution adopting the Lake Plans for inclusion in the Town's Land Use Plan. He asks that a Public Hearing be scheduled prior to the April Monthly Town Board Meeting and that the resolution would be adopted by the Town board. He indicated that both Kent Peterson and Jim Jarvis's terms are up for renewal and that both are willing to continue on the LUP Committee if no one else steps into either of their positions. They will plan to have an election of officers after the Spring Election. He asked that Clerk Anderson attend their next meeting to swear in the committee members.

Redgranite Fire District: No Meeting.

Wautoma Fire District: No meeting.

Wild Rose Fire District: Their meeting is tomorrow night.

Springwater-Saxeville Fire Dept.: Ed Schabers stated that they have been quite busy. The Annual agreement was presented and a motion was made by Supervisor Foster to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with the Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Supervisor Foster said that at the last meeting, they worked on a Fire Prevention sign and a Mailing for the Township. The final design for the sign will be brought to the town board for approval.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management Dist.: No meeting.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: Supervisor Foster stated that general business was conducted at the last meeting. He stated their endowment fund is now up to about \$32,000.00. they are changing banks, and discussed planned repairs to the dam. They will also be hiring a helper for the use of the harvester on the lake this year.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: Porter Lake Use Plan: Skip Hansen stated that some changes were made to their proposed lake use plan that would make it conform to the concerns of the town board. He stated that the word irrigation was removed where discussing high capacity wells. He stated pages 32 and 64 were modified to reflect a 15 year average of the high water mark showing that the water level on Porters Lake has not been dropping. Further discussion by both the town board and the Porter Lake residents continued on the causes or potential causes of changes to Porters lake and area lakes. Chairman Nowak shared concerns that although there were other points of origin for impacts on lakes, that farming is receiving more blame than is justified. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Porters Lake Use Plan. Motion carried.

E.M.S.: Supervisor Foster stated that he has followed discussion by the Waushara County Board, about changing the way Emergency services are provide and funded in Waushara County. He stated that the system has been working very effectively and that most county residents are happy with the current system. He stated that the Counties are not mandated to provide emergency services and that it falls on the Towns according to the Wisconsin statutes. However it appears that the county may try to force a change that would cause the towns to form EMS districts much like our fire districts. The current funding for these services is over 1 million dollars annually but it does not look like the funding would follow to the Towns who would then have to increase their levies to cover this new service. He encouraged everyone to follow this matter closely over the next few months and be prepared to contact your county board representative to share your opinions and concerns.

New Business: Review 2016 financial Report: Clerk Anderson presented the 2016 financial report to the Board. It will go next to the Annual Town Meeting on April 18, 2017 for approval.

Temporary Class B Retail License to Waushara Archers: A motion was made by Supervisor Foster to approve a temporary class b Malt Beverage License to the Waushara Archers for the following dates: April 8 & 9, 2017; April 29& 30, 2017; May 20 & 21, 2017; June 17 & 18, 2017; and August 26 & 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board:

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

The next regular monthly town board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 immediately following the Annual Meeting which starts 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