

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

May 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Clerk Alan Anderson, Ned Schaber, Fire chief for eh Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept., Lyle Buettner, Sheila Dassow, and Gary Frank. Virgil Cole had an excused absence.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda with one amendment, under Old Business, adding park memorial placement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Foster. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the minutes of the 4/21/2015 meeting and the 4/23/2015 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was tabled due to the Treasurer's absence but Clerk Anderson stated that the Money Market Acct. had a balance of \$186,561.30 and the checking acct. had a balance of \$28,874.87.

Assessor's Report: Clerk Anderson stated that Bowmar Appraisal was proceeding with preparation for the open book and Board of review which wouldn't be ready until the fall, the date yet to be determined.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski was not present and Chairman Nowak stated that the crew was working on crack filling. The board also discussed a problem with garbage left in the Town Road Right of Way. Chairman Nowak intends to talk with some County Board members, encouraging the recycle centers to be open to accepting TV's and tires which they currently do not accept. The County has to pay for picking up and disposing of these items that are dropped on the roadsides and Chairman Nowak stated he feels that it would make more sense to accept them at the recycle centers in the first place.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster had no report.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster had no report.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis – No meeting.

Wautoma Fire District: Chairman Nowak – No meeting.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster – No meeting.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Dept.: Chief Ned Schaber said the new rescue truck will be in service by next Wednesday and they have purchased a new engine that will be in service soon also. There is also construction going on at the Fire Hall, with additions for more ports. The old Saxeville Town Hall is being removed and Chief Schabers is seeking to vacate the road to the west of the hall because it is closed half the year anyway.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Supervisor Foster reported that a meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to review the survey results and begin planning some

other activities. Supervisor Foster is also planning to attend a day long conference on wild fire prevention.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: Chairman Nowak - No meeting.

Johns Lake Management District: Supervisor Jarvis - No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: Supervisor Foster said that there was some discussion about the budget, donations received for the endowment fund and planned changes to the Financial report.

Porters Lake Management District: Supervisor Foster was unable to attend the last meeting of the board.

Old Business: ATV Road Designation: Sheila Dassow again told the Board that she gave a presentation to the Town of Marion Board who showed some response to the concept of a temporary, one year trial basis for a route designation. Supervisor Jarvis stated that he felt the ATV Club has been waiting long enough for an answer and they should be told it is either approved or it is not. He was willing to consider the route on a one year trial basis. Chairman Nowak said he had spoken with Bob Bandt from the Town of Dakota and they have had only one problem, a noisy ATV with muffler issues, and that problem was quickly resolved. He knew that Sheriff Nett was not in favor of ATV's on public roads but was working with the Club to establish the safest routes. He also stated that a trial basis may be the appropriate way to go. Supervisor Foster stated he was not in favor of ATV's on public roads because they were not built for public roads. Bicycles and motorcycles have rules of the road published by the state, there are no such publications for ATV's. And he was concerned that there have been abuses of ATV uses on his private road with under age drivers that have also driven on the town road near his home. He also feared that people would try driving their ATV's from their residence to the designated route rather than trailer up the ATV's to get there. Supervisor Jarvis made a motion to try the ATV route, from the HideAway south on 21st to the Town Line on a one year trial basis and to later establish an Ordinance controlling the operation of All Terrain vehicles on town roads. The motion was seconded by chairman Nowak. Ayes – 2 No – 1. The motion carried.

Town Park Pavilion Loan Application: Chairman Nowak gave a report on the plumbing and excavating activities at the town park. He stated that Rick Rychtanek, of Shoemaker Electric, had convinced Adams-Columbia to run underground electric lines in the park, at no cost to the town, to replace 2 light poles with LED lights, also at no cost to the town and possibly change the placement of the light poles to improve the lighting around the Pavilion which may reduce the need for one of the dusk to dawn lights planned on the pavilion. Supervisor Foster suggested we speak to Adams-Columbia about using light shields so that light is not an issue for the neighbors to the park and for the people that live on the lake.

Clerk Anderson presented an additional Loan for up to \$20,000.00 for the completion of the Pavilion. The Town is not obligated to use the entire amount but can borrow up to the additional \$20,000.00 if needed. The following Preamble and resolutions were presented by Supervisor Foster and were read to the meeting.

By the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed, and,

By the provisions of chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipalities as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district

created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), School district or technical college district.)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Mount Morris, in the County of Waushara, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin, the sum of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of financing construction of town park pavilion and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within 20 years from the 15th day of March preceding the date of the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of 3.75 percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there shall be raised and there is levied upon all taxable property, within the Town of Mount Morris, in the County of Waushara, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the Town of Mount Morris by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except financing construction of town park pavilion without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the chairman and clerk of the Town of Mount Morris, in the County of Waushara, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered in the name of the Town to execute and deliver to the Commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the Town pursuant to this resolution. The chairman and clerk of the Town will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapter 24 Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the clerk of the Town forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jarvis. Motion carried.

Park Memorial: Lyle Buettner described the anticipated location of a planned 16 foot circular concrete park memorial that would contain plaques names of persons donating to the park. They discussed a desire to have this cement project poured at the same time the pavilion cement work is done and Chairman Nowak will try to coordinate this.

New Business: No new business.

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

The next town board meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the MVCC, the third Tuesday rather than the second Tuesday because the Chairman would not be available on the second Tuesday of June.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk

