

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2016

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 Paul Jarvis, Supervisor Greg Foster, Treasurer Virgil Cole, Clerk Alan Anderson, Ed Schaber, Gary Frank, Ed Hernandez, Skip Hansen Sharon Hansen and Glenn Arveson.

A motion was made by Supervisor foster to approve the Agenda with the movement of Porters Lake management Plan Review and Possible Approval under New Business to follow Assessors Report. 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 7/19/2016 meeting as printed and waived the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on July 1, 2016 there was a total cash balance from both the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Checking Account and Money Market Account of \$285,647.78. During July, there were recorded Revenues of \$36,686.21. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$34,768.00 and ACH fees, payroll fees and other expenses approved by the board of \$500.00. The 1<sup>st</sup> National Checking Acct. Bank Balance on July 31, 2016 was \$25,222.02. There were outstanding checks totaling \$18,061.65, leaving a balance that matches the July 31, 2016 working balance of \$7,160.37. The total adjusted Bank balance on July 31, 2016 of both 1<sup>st</sup> National Checking and Money Market Acct. is \$287,065.99. The Park Improvement funds total is \$517.33 and these funds are included in the Reserve Fund Balance. There is \$63,506.26 in the Equipment CD Fund, \$15,399.73 in the Assessor CD Fund and \$26,724.55 in the Repair Fund C.D. The Total Reserve Fund balance is \$106,147.87.

Assessor's Report: The Open Book was held on August 8, 2016 and there were a few inquiries raised at that time. The Board of Review will be held on August 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and so far, no Objection forms have been received so far.

New Business: Porters Lake Management Plan Review and Possible Action: Raymond "Skip" Hansen, Secretary for the Porters Lake Management District spoke about some of the unique features of Porters Lake and of the interest of property owners to protect the Lake. He asked the Board to support their management plan. Chairman Nowak questioned why the plan addressed the issue of Hi-Capacity wells and why the plan desired to seek property deed restrictions to limit Hi-capacity wells on properties outside of the Lake District. Supervisor Jarvis asked how far back the Lake Dist. kept record and whether those records would prove or disprove their position that Phosphorous and Nitrate Levels in the lake were up or that the water level in the lake is down. Chairman Nowak did commend the plan for its efforts to protect the fish population but he indicated that the Town Board would have to think about the plan some more before taking a vote on whether to support it or not. Ed Hernandez addressed some of the Boards concerns, stating that the town board is being asked to accept the plan, not approve of it. He stated the purpose of the Lake Management Plan is primarily to help the property owners on the lake determine the best method of protecting the lake and for the Town board to be aware of the interest of the Lake Management group. Chairman Nowak said he felt the Board would need to spend some more time considering the plan before taking any action and may take it to the

Wisconsin Town's Associations attorney. He made a motion to table the review of the Porters lake Management Plan to a later date.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski has left for a week of FEMA training. Some patching on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. and some crack filling has been done on Brown Deer. They have also done some brush chipping. Chairman Nowak went out to check on a used snow removal truck but he was not interested in the one viewed. They will continue to keep an eye out for a replacement truck.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster reported that the line for phone service has been run to the Community Center but arrangements with Adams-Columbia for the security alarms have not been completed yet.

Land Use Planning: Nothing

Redgranite Fire District: No meeting but Supervisor Jarvis reports that they have found a firetruck they are interested in. Funds are available for the purchase but the truck may not be available for up to 6 months.

Wautoma Fire District: Chairman Nowak reported no meeting but he is aware that half of the area in Richford covered by the Wautoma Area Fire District may be transferring to Coloma coverage. The FEMA Grant request for funding of equipment has been denied but they plan to submit a new request again next year.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster stated that the number of local calls this year is down but the number of calls for mutual aid is up. They are replacing the lights outside of the fire hall with an expectation that the new lightning costs will be re-couped with in four years. They are acquiring a new compressor and the conversation about housing the ambulance in Wild Rose is on hold.

Springwater-Saxeville Fire Dept.: fire chief Ed Schabers said the chicken BBQ was a success and sold out. Their FEMA Grant request was also turned down.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Nothing

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management Dist.: No meeting.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: No meeting.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting.

Old Business: Parade Report:

New Business: Town park Fence: Chairman Nowak indicated that geese have been seen entering the Town Park from County Road G and he showed the Board an estimate of \$1,487.00 to run a fence across the front of the park by County Road G. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster, to hire Oak haven Fencing to install a fence for \$1487.00 at the Town Park next to County Road G including another gate (\$240). Motion carried.

L.P. Fuel: A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to purchase L.P. fuel from F.S. on a keep full basis at the current price. Motion carried.

Ordinance to appoint Clerk and Treasurer Positions: Chairman Nowak stated he had an interest in discussing the benefits versus the negatives of establishing the clerk and treasurer positions as appointed positions as opposed to elected positions. Comments from those present generally supported maintaining both positions as elected so that the voters of the Town of Mount Morris would be more involved in that decision. No further action was taken.

Such other matters as may properly come before the Board: Chairman Nowak had a bid for chip sealing and one for wedging on Porters Lake road. A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to put the Wedge project out for bids and the seal coating if bidding is required on a project costing less than \$11,000.00. Motion carried.

Clerk Anderson presented Resolution #5-2016 Just Fix It. The Wisconsin Towns Association, by this resolution, urges the Governor, and the State Legislature to Just Fix it and agree upon a solution that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to approve Resolution #5-2016. Motion carried.

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, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the MVCC.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Alan Anderson, Clerk