

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD
MEETING

September 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, Bob Rohde, Tim Ganzel, Allen Luchini, Ed Schabers, Pat Connolly Rod Glaman, DNR Forester and Amy Luebke, DNR.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis to approve the Agenda as printed. 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 8-12-2014 meeting as printed and waived the reading to the minutes. Motion carried.

New Business: Community Wild Fire Protection Plan-Amy Luebke – Possible Action-Amy introduced others joining in addressing the Mount Morris Town Board about developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Town was described as being in a high risk area for fires involving structures around lakes and in pine tree growths. Amy stated that the cost of developing this plan is split 50/50 with federal grant money but usually in kind donations cover the cost for townships. This has been implemented in other areas of the state and the results of those plans include creating new fire breaks, curbside chipping of brush, new signage and Fire Engine Banners that promote awareness of limited access in small/narrow driveways and private roads. The Town would be required to appoint a Town Board member to this committee and the project goes for 5 years. Ed Shabers spoke in support of this planning process to help bring awareness to problems with narrow private roads and driveways that could make emergency rescue impossible. Allen Luchini, Chief of the Wild Rose Area Fire Dist. described a problem with trees growing too close to houses and Tim Ganzel from the Waushara County Sheriff's Dept. addressed ways of reducing loss and risk through this planning project. Chairman Nowak assured that there would not be a cost to the Towns during the 5 year project, if it were approved. Supervisor Foster agreed that there are a number of narrow private roads in the township and this project may be helpful in bring awareness to the community. Chairman Nowak asked that this be placed on next month's agenda so that the Board Members can review the material presented and could act on the plan in October.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cole reported that on August 1, 2014 there was a total cash balance from both the State Farm Bank and 1st National Bank Checking Account of \$220,874.95. During August, there were recorded Revenues of \$58,697.56. There were disbursements approved by the Board totaling \$21,325.18. The 1st National Checking Acct. Bank Balance was \$16,073.00. There were outstanding checks totaling \$4,112.88, leaving a balance that matches the August 31, 2014 working balance of 11,981.12. The Equipment CD fund balance was \$54,578.11. There were funds in the Assessor Fund CD that totaled \$57,390.46 and in the Repair fund CD of \$26,220.40. The total in the reserve fund balance is \$138,188.97.

Assessor's Report: No new report.

Road Maintenance: Ralph Shemanski told the Board that he has mowed the roadside twice and is working on the third time around. The two other road men are trimming trees along Porters

Lake road. After mowing, he will do some pot hole patching. Chairman Nowak described a problem with lighting on the Ford Truck and he gave permission to make the needed repairs.

Community Center Report: Supervisor Foster said he completed repairs on two wooden chairs. He will get estimates for cleaning the ducts because of the mold odor in the Community Center.

Land Use Planning: Supervisor Foster indicated that he attended a Land Use Planning meeting at the Court house and he was the only representative from any township. Pat Nehring from the Extension office suggested that the Town's Planning Committee will have to meet but suggested waiting until the county publishes their changes early next year.

Redgranite Fire District: Supervisor Jarvis said the repairs to their truck was estimated at \$17,000 but they bill they received was \$32,000.00. He said he decided to pay the amount of the estimate only.

Wautoma Fire District: Chairman Nowak reported on the special meeting held on rain gutters and parking lot improvements. They decided to hold on grading the parking lot.

Wild Rose Fire District: Supervisor Foster said they purchased a used rescue vehicle. They are going to sell unit 502. They also made an agreement with the Village, that the Village Police that are trained to do medical rescue duties could become members of the fire district so they could render medical aid as they are generally first on the scene. They are also in discussion with the County to have an ambulance stationed at the Wild Rose Fire Station for some 12 hours shifts and the District will be reimbursed for some costs.

Saxeville-Springwater Fire Department: Ed Schabers described work done on the MAVIS, which is working well. Their Emergency Medical Responders have received their recertification. He also stated that with the recovery of missing money's, the Department will be purchasing a new rescue truck, smaller than their last truck, making it easier to get into some limited access areas.

Lake District Reports

Hills Lake Management District: No meeting.

Johns Lake Management District: No meeting.

Morris Lake Management District: Worked on the Endowment Fund authorization and had the annual election of officers.

Porters Lake Management District: No meeting but they had a tour day with the help of Golden Sands, showing off the eradication of EMW.

Old Business: Park Pavilion repairs/Replacements-Possible action: Chairman Nowak presented two estimates for fencing from Oakwood Fencing. The first estimate was for a woven fence with posts at 12' (\$1,293.60). The second estimate was for a chain link fence with posts at 10'(\$2,346.00). A motion was made by Supervisor Jarvis and seconded by Supervisor Foster to go with the woven fence option on the east end of the park having both the east and west borders re-established by a surveyor as well as the lot lines for the old dump site.

New Business: a. Road Vacation Requests: Clerk Anderson described a request for vacation of a platted easement area on Irogami Lake bordering the Town of Marion. Anderson indicated that lake front easements can't be vacated unless the DNR has first approved the vacation. Also, that one of three situations be met before the vacation would be approved: 1) that another access has already been established, 2) that the DNR finds that the access proposed to be abandoned does not contribute to the quality or quantity of public access on the body of water or that 3) that access sites may also be abandoned where environmental degradation is occurring at the site as a result of existing use. Chairman Nowak described a request by a property owner, to vacate the section of Big Horn Ave that dead ends to the east of County Road WW. This matter was debated as to whether it was in the towns best interest to abandon the road and whether by abandoning the property, properties may become landlocked. Clerk Anderson also described a request for vacation of property on Morris Lake. This property would also fall into the lakeshore

easement requirements. The Board took no action on these requests and they will be further reviewed with the DNR.

c. Street Light Shielding: supervisor Foster described a street light shield, called a Stargazer Shield, that would cost \$113.00 for purchase and installation by the Adams-Columbia Electric Co. He stated that the light in questions is at the corner of County Road G, County Road W and State Road 152. A motion was made by Supervisor Foster and seconded by Supervisor Jarvis to have a Stargazer Shield installed at that intersection. Motion carried.

The next town board meeting is Tuesday October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. 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