

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Town of Fountain Prairie was called to order by Chairman Ron Huebner at 6:00 pm. Town Board members present: Steve Jacob, David Liebenthal, Dale Firary, Bill Gretzinger and Chairman Huebner. Others present: Richard Habenicht and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Notice of posting. Agenda posted at Fall River Post Office, Fall River Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, Town Hall, sent via Town Email List and on the Town Website: <http://fountainprairie.us>.

Minutes - Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Steve Jacob to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – the new voting machine is at the Town Hall. The County will provide training before the first election in the Spring. The Legislature included in the current budget that the Treasurer's bond must be sufficient to cover the amount of taxes collected for the State and County in addition to the local municipality or an ordinance must be created that the Town would be responsible for these taxes. The WTA recommends the bond rather than an ordinance. The cost to cover the State, County and Town taxes collected would be a bond that would cost \$125.00. The Board agreed that they would get the bond.

Treasurer's Report – bills payable for October were reviewed. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Dale Firary to approve payment of bills with check number 6052 through check number 6063 including EFP for payroll liabilities. Motion approved with all in favor.

The monthly financial report was reviewed. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the monthly financial report as presented. Motion approved with all in favor.

Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to move up agenda item VI C-1, Lazy Lake Management. Richard Habenicht, treasurer for the Lazy Lake addressed the Board regarding the donation that is requested for use of the boat landing. He stated that the Lazy Lake wants to change the donation to a "fee". They would provide new envelopes and signage. There would be no enforcement and Lake District property owners would be given a card exempting them from the fee. The Board had no problem with these changes.

New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group – David Liebenthal. The Fire Group budget was approved by all the municipalities for 2018.

Planning Commission – Steve Jacob and Bill Gretzinger. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 for the Pearl Franke property owned by Ronald Brockman. They want to split parcel 429 and 430 to create an

approximately 2.50 acre lot which would include the current house and the rest of the property would stay farm land. They would deed restrict all of the property for a total of 40 acres.

Jeff Slotten, Village President, had emailed the Board more information on the sidewalk and curb and gutter for the approximately 175 feet on the Fountain Prairie side of CTH D. This will be on the November agenda and Chairman Huebner will contact President Slotten with questions that Board had.

Lazy Lake District & Park on Sleepy Hollow – Richard Habenicht addressed the Board earlier in the meeting regarding the “donation” at the Landing. Nothing new at the Park. Should not be anything more to do until Spring. No meeting.

Licenses/Permits/Recycling Center – Aaron Larson got his building permit for the shed he is building. Nothing new at the Recycling Center.

Chairman’s Report – he will be researching ATV routes for the Town roads.

Residing the Town Garage – Chairman Huebner was not able to get any estimates. This will be on the November agenda.

The budget for 2018 was reviewed and with a motion by David Liebenthal and a second from Dale Firary to approve of the 2018 budget to be presented to the electors on November 9, 2017. Budget approved with all in favor.

The cost with the Humane Society has more than doubled compared to last year, because of Town residents taking unwanted animals in for adoption. Therefore, for 2018 Town residents will be charged back these fees. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the contract with the Columbia County Humane Society for \$453.00 for 2018. Motion approved with all in favor.

Heppe Road – the shoulder has been put on and the road is finished.

Pete Reak Tree Removal – Chairman Huebner had a proposal from the Silver Tree Logging & Tree Trimming. They will cut down the trees along Pete Reak Road for a total of \$8,000.00. One half to be paid down and then the second half when the project is completed. The proposal included chipping and clean up. Silver Tree Logging & Tree Trimming is from Waupun. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to approve of the proposal from the Silver Tree Logging & Tree Trimming Company. The motion included that the trees should be taken down at ground level. Motion approved with all in favor.

McKay Drive Patching – Chairman Huebner had an estimate from the County to do patch work on McKay Drive. The cost would be \$857.95 and would be completed this year yet. Motion approved with all in favor.

Fountain Road Culvert – Chairman Huebner and Joe Deboer from the County checked this culvert out. Nothing to be done at this time.

October 1, 2017 was the dead line set for the clean up of the property owned by Raymond Udell at the corner of STH 16 & STH 146 (1908 STH 16). Nothing has been

done with the property to date. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Steve Jacob to contact the building inspector to have the property condemned. Motion approved with all in favor.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2017 with the public hearing on the 2018 budget to start at 5:45 pm. The Special Meeting of the Electors will follow the public hearing and then the regular meeting will take place after the Special Meeting of the Electors.

There being no further business, motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report

APPROVED