

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2019

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Town of Fountain Prairie was called to order by Chairman Ron Huebner at 6:04 pm. Town Board members present: Dale Firary, Bill Gretzinger, Steve Jacob, David Liebenthal and Chairman Huebner. Others present: several Town residents as listed on the sign in sheet attached and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to move up Agenda Item VI-E-1, tree trimming and removal on Riverview Court and Oak Shore Drive. Richard Habenicht asked the Board to start cutting/trimming trees on Oak Shore where the speed limit is 55 mph. The trees that are currently marked for trimming/removal are in the 35 mph area. He stated the evergreens should be trimmed and not cut down.

Gary Taurick had several questions for the Board.

All agreed some trees do need to go, because they are hanging over the road.

Discussion will continue at next month's meeting regarding the trimming and removal of the trees on Oak Shore/Riverview so if there are other residents that this project involves, they may come to the monthly meeting.

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 from October 19, 2019. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to approve of the October 19, 2019 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Joe DeBoer's name and the correction that the vote on the Johnson Road speed limit was 3 yes and 2 no votes. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk made the Board aware that Fed Ex had called regarding delivering on Shady Lane. Their delivery requires a heavy truck and Shady Lane is posted. They deliver several times a month. Chairman Huebner had taken care of this already.

Treasurer's Report: Payment of November bills. After reviewing the bills payable, Bill Gretzinger made a motion seconded by Dale Firary to approve for payment checks 6504 through 6517 including Electronic Funds Payments for payroll liabilities and utilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

The monthly financial report was also reviewed. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Dale Firary to approve of the treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer's report approved as presented.

Approval of 2020 budget: The Town elector's present had no questions during the public budget hearing. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the 2020 budget as presented at the public hearing and special meeting of the electors. 2020 budget approved with all board members voting yes.

## **NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS:**

Fall River Fire Department – David Liebenthal. The Fire Group has approved the purchase of the SCBA equipment for the Fire Department. Assessment will be based on the 2019 percentages.

Columbus EMS – The Village of Lowell and the Village of Reeseville have inquired about joining the Columbus Area EMS group. Total call volume for both villages would be about 60 calls. The total population for the two municipalities is around 1,000. The group is proposing to allow the two villages to join at the current rate for the group and Lifestar is agreeable to this. This would be for one year, because the contract with Lifestar is ending at the end of 2020 and a new contract will have to be negotiated for the next term. The current members of the Columbus Area EMS would receive a rebate of approximately \$.40 per capita for 2020. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the Village of Lowell and the Village of Reeseville joining the Columbus Area EMS for 2020. Motion approved with all in favor.

Supervisor Gretzinger, Jacob & Firary, Planning Commission. Meeting for the Herzberg property rezone and the Liebenthal parcel split and rezone will be October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Firary, Lazy Lake Management District – no meeting since last one.

Resort Property on Sleepy Hollow – the new doors are on the landing shelter. The Gun Club installed the new doors. ATC has cleaned up around the tower at the park

Supervisor Jacob, Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling. Nothing new.

Chairman's Report – the tree removal/trimming is being tabled until December's meeting. Ron will talk to some of the property owners and reevaluate the marked trees and bushes.

Snow Removal at the Town Hall: There were no bids submitted. Chairman Huebner talked to Tim Millar who has a snow removal service called "From the Ground Up". He is a new resident in the Town. He had emailed Chairman Huebner a quote. He charges \$75.00/hour for snow removal and \$75.00/hour for salting the parking lot and sidewalk. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Dale Firary to contract with Tim Millar of "From the Ground Up" for the 2019-20 snow season. Motion approved with all in favor.

Old Business: there was no old business.

Agenda items for December: Town Caucus in January.

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

Next meeting is Thursday, December 19, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report  
List of Town Residents Present at the Meeting

APPROVED