

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors
November 10, 2016

The Public Hearing for the 2017 proposed budget was called to order at 5:45 pm by Chairman Rubert. Those present: Steve Rubert, Steve Jacob, Ron Huebner, Bill Gretzinger, David Liebenthal and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Chairman Rubert asked if there were any questions on the budget which was available for the electors review. There were no questions.

There being no other business, Chairman Rubert closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

The Special Meeting of the Town Electors was called to order at 5:51 pm by Chairman Rubert.

Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Steve Jacob to approve of the 2017 proposed budget as well as the 2016 payable 2017 tax levy. Motion approved with all in favor.

There being no other business on the agenda, motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Town Electors. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Town of Fountain Prairie was called to order by Chairman Steve Rubert at 5:55 pm. Town Board members present: Steve Rubert, Steve Jacob, Ron Huebner, David Liebenthal and Bill Gretzinger. Others present: Gene Waterworth, Mark Gerhardt from Badger Surveying & Mapping Service and Alan Herzberg.

Notice of posting. Agenda posted at Fall River Post Office, Fall River Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, Town Hall and sent via Town Email List.

Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from David Liebenthal to move agenda item VIII B Planning Commission up on the agenda to address Alan Herzberg and his surveyor from Badger Surveying & Mapping Service. Mr. Gerhardt asked why Alan Herzberg had to deed restrict two acres from the Liebenthal property, when he had over forty acres to deed restrict. Chairman Gretzinger and other Board members explained to Mr. Gerhardt that Alan only had thirty-eight acres to deed restrict and that he needed forty.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Steve Jacob to move forward agenda item VIII G insurance coverage for 2017. Our insurance agent had been contacted regarding liability insurance for the property recently purchased by the Town. The property is attached to the land at the shelter and therefore, is already covered. Gene Waterworth had brought information regarding the clearing of the new property. RT Land Maintenance, a company out of Ripon does brush and tree clearing. They had looked at the property and estimated that they could clear the property of all brush and scrub trees for \$6-8,000.00 in approximately 4 days. They would cut, grind and then rake the property for any chips that would be left behind.

Motion by Steve Rubert with a second from David Liebenthal to hire RT Land Maintenance to clear the recently purchased land.

A park committee was discussed. The suggestion is to have one person from the Gun Club, one person from the Lake Management District and one person from the Town Board. This has not been decided yet. Gene Waterworth says that the Gun Club is anxious to help with this project because it will mean more parking for their events in this area.

An written estimate will be gotten from RT Land Maintenance.

Minutes of the October 20, 2016 regular monthly meeting. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2016 regular Board meeting. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – There were 510 voters that voted at the November General Election.

Bills payable for November were reviewed. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from David Liebenthal to approve for payment checks 5842 through 5862 including **Electronic Funds Payments** for payroll liabilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the Treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer's report approved with all in favor.

The Electors approved the 2017 proposed budget and the 2016 payable 2017 tax levy at the Elector's meeting prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Assessor Contract – A new assessor contract was presented. There were no changes in the cost for assessment services for the 2016-17 year. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to approve of the assessor's contract with Gardiner Appraisal for the period December 1, 2016 to November 30th, 2017 at no increase in cost. Motion approved with all in favor.

New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group – David Liebenthal. The firemen will contact the Fire Group when they have prices for a new tanker.

Planning Commission – Bill Gretzinger and Steve Jacob. Matt & Sue Yaroch have inquired regarding building on the property that they are purchasing from Dr Wilson LuyTan.

Columbus EMS – Ron Huebner. Nothing new

Lazy Lake Management District – Ron Huebner. Nothing new.

Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling - Steve Jacob. Nothing new.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Rubert. Projects for 2017 were discussed. Pete Reak Rd needs to be done. Last year's cost was \$274,581.00. Heppe Road needs three culverts totaling \$14,150.51. Pete Reak also needs five culverts. The cost for the five culverts would be \$23,220.08.

Newsletter items should be gotten in soon.

Adams Road Extension Resolution. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to approve of the Adams Road Extension Resolution. This is resolution 2016-02. Roll Call Vote: Steve Jacob – yes; Ron Huebner – yes; Steve Rubert – yes; David Liebenthal – yes; and Bill Gretzinger – yes. Motion approve with all in favor.

Old Business:

The culvert on Adams Drive has not been put in yet, but they still will do it this year.

Seier Road Bridge – the County will reseal this year yet.

Open Bids for Snow Removal: One bid was received. The bid was from TJ Construction. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Ron Huebner to accept the bid from TJ Construction for snow removal 2016-17 season. Bill Gretzinger abstained. Motion passed with all others in favor.

The Humane Society contract was discussed. The Town did not contract with them last year. They have made some changes to their fee schedule and other requirements.

Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the Humane Society contract for the 2016-17 year. The Humane Society will be notified that they need to contact the Town before they pick up an animal.

A Town website was discussed. We have a proposal for \$732.80 for the first year and then the cost would be \$300.00 per year. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to approve of a Town website. Motion approved with all in favor.

The Town refrigerator has been frequently not working. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to purchase a refrigerator not to exceed the cost of \$700.00

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report
2017 Approved Budget