

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2019

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: Dale Firary, Bill Gretzinger and Chairman Huebner. Others present: Evan and Lindsey Ehlers, Mark and Carrie Lindell, Marlin Davis from Landmark Cooperative and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Dale Firary to move up Agenda Item #7-F, Landmark Coop installation of two ground piles for storage. Marlin Davis from Landmark Cooperative explained that Landmark on STH 16 needed more storage room, so they were going to have two ground storage piles this year. They did not want to start moving dirt unless the Town approved of the project. These would not be permanent storage. They would be located in the area where they have had other commodities stored. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Dale Firary to approve of two ground storage piles at the Landmark facility on STH 16. Motion approved with all in favor.

The Ehlers and the Lindells were present to discuss the Johnson Road speed limit. This was not on the agenda because the speed cart that was placed on Johnson Road was just recently taken away and there was some discussion about placing a tracking device on Johnson Road to track the speed of vehicles. Chairman Huebner stated that lowering the speed limit on Johnson Road would be on the October agenda.

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>.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Dale Firary with a second by Bill Gretzinger. Agenda approved.

Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting: Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Dale Firary to approve of the minutes of the July 18th, 2019. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report: Railroad Crossings - The Board reviewed the Resolution to be sent to the Railroad. The Board will sign the resolution, so the Clerk can send it if nothing is done.

The Clerk has had several requests for the Recycling Center to be open an additional day. This will be on next month's agenda. Chairman Huebner will follow up with Doylestown to see what their feelings are on this matter.

The Fire Department has brought to the attention of the Board that there are safety concerns due to the lack of signage on CTH DG at the curve where Hinzman Drive

leaves CTH DG and a warning sign for the Stop sign at Mohr Road and STH 16. Hinzman Drive makes a sharp curve off of CTH DG and the stop sign on Mohr Road does not have a "Stop Ahead" sign to warn drivers of the Stop sign. Chairman Huebner will contact the County.

The Fall River Rod & Gun Club request for a "Conditional Use Permit" has been approved by the County Board.

The fall municipalities meeting will be October 9, 2019 at the County Highway Shop. Bill Gretzinger and Ron Huebner will attend.

General Engineering has a new "fee" schedule. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the new "fee" schedule proposed by General Engineering for inspection services in the Town.

Adams-Columbia Electric will no longer support the security program that is in place at the Town Hall as of November 1, 2019. This program will now be administered through Krus Fire & Security. This company has been doing the repair work for over a year. There will be no change in the personal who service the system or in the cost. Motion by Dale Firary with a second from Bill Gretzinger to continue the security system with Krus Fire and Security. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Payment of September bills – After review of the bills, motion by Dale Firary with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve for payment checks 6477 through 6489 including **Electronic Funds Payments** for payroll liabilities and utilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

The Clerk had a draft of the 2020 budget with revenue information that was available as well as expenses for the 2020 budget. The November budget hearing will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:45 pm with the special meeting of the electors to follow immediately after the budget hearing. The November Town Board meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

The Board also reviewed the financial accounts and balances for the month. Motion by Dale Firary with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer's report approved as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS:**

Fall River Fire Department – Next meeting was August 27, 2019. There will be discussion on the new equipment that the Fire Department is requesting. David Liebenthal was not present.

Nothing new for the Columbus EMS.

Supervisor Gretzinger, Jacob & Firary, Planning Commission. Nothing new.

Supervisor Firary, Lazy Lake Management District – September meeting rescheduled to September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Jacob, Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling – Supervisor Jacob was absent.

Chairman's Report – Sale of Ft Prairie land: the neighbor of the property off of Gruhn Road that was interested in acquiring the land owned by the Town in the Village was willing to pay \$1,200/acre. This was tabled until further notice.

Budget Hearing and November meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2019 beginning at 5:45 with the budget public hearing followed by the special meeting of the electors to approve of the 2020 budget and levy. The regular Town Board meeting will start at 6 pm.

Landmark installation of two ground piles for storage was approved earlier in the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Pete Reak Road tree stumps need to be sprayed because they are regrowing. Chairman Huebner advised this could be done for \$220.00.

The trees need to be trimmed or removed on Oak Shore Drive and Riverview Ct. Chairman Huebner will check with Gabe's Top It or Drop It.

Chairman Huebner stated it was too late in the year to seal coat the parking lot. This will be looked at in the spring.

Chairman Huebner advised the Board members that the County had available a brush cutter that could cut off the ground. This was tabled for this year.

Agenda Items for the November meeting: 2020 Budget approval.

There being no further business, motion made by Dale Firary with a second by Bill Gretzinger to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 17, 2019 beginning with the 2020 budget hearing at 5:45 pm followed by a special meeting of the electors and then the regular Town Board meeting at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report