

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2018

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, Dale Firary, David Liebenthal, Bill Gretzinger and Chairman Ron Huebner. Others present: Marcia & Tom Brown, Derek Foulkes 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>.

Delegations: Tom and Marcia Brown were present to discuss with the Board a solution to the water that they have on their property. Water comes from the fields by their residence and since their land is sandy, it does not run off. They explained that the experts that they have had look at the problem, feel that the ditch along Doylestown Road needs to be dug out. This ditch has filled in over the years and now does not take the water away from their residence. They have spent thousands of dollars in trying to keep the water away. Most recently their septic system failed and they had to purchase additional land from an adjoining farmer to get their drain field away from their home because of the water problem. Chairman Huebner and Supervisor Gretzinger will take a look at the ditch along with the County and see if the County has any additional options for the water problem.

Roger Neuhooff was present to advise the Board about an anchorment that was sticking up out of the right of way across from his driveway, possibly left from an electric pole that was taken out. He felt it was a safety concern.

Derek Foulkes was present to discuss with the Board three (3) trees in the right of way in front of his residence. They will be running a new power line for the addition to their home and the trees will be obstructing the electric line. The Board felt since the trees were in the right of way and were dead inside, that they should come down before they fall down and cause damage. Chairman Huebner will talk to their electrician and then get an estimate from the County for removing the trees.

Minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting. Motion by Dale Firary with a second from Steve Jacob to approve of the minutes of the September 20th, 2018 meeting. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – 1) Todd Brumm called regarding the ditch alongside his property. Since Heppe Road was resurfaced, the ditch now does not carry water away. The water runs onto his property. Chairman Huebner will contact the County. 2) A request to cut timber on parcel number 131 owned by Mark Geiger was received and approved at the County. 3) The Town received correspondence from StaffordRosenbaum regarding old files for the Town that they will dispose of if the Town does not want them. The Clerk was instructed to get more information regarding a deadline of when the files need to be picked up. Board members agreed that the Town should keep the files.

Monthly bills - Motion by Dale Firary with a second from Steve Jacob to approve for

payment checks 6285 through 6298 including **Electronic Funds Payments** for payroll liabilities and utilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – funds from the Landmark CD that had matured were transferred to the State Government Pool Greenspace Account. The Town has no more CD's. All fund accounts are with the Farmers and Merchants Union Bank (operating account) and the State Government Pool Greenspace and Dam accounts. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Dale Firary to approve of the Treasurer's monthly financial report as presented. Motion approved with all in favor.

#### New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group – David Liebenthal. The Fire Group will meet again on October 22, 2018 to approve the budget after corrections have been made regarding the number of fire incidents allocated to the Town.

Columbus EMS – The 2019 budget was approved, since there were no changes and we are still under contract with Lifestar.

Planning Commission – Bill Gretzinger, Steve Jacob & Dale Firary. Gary Taurick has agreed to be on the Planning Commission in Jeff Mroz's position. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the appointment of Gary Taurick to replace Jeff Mroz on the Planning Commission. Motion approved with all in favor.

Lazy Lake Management District – Dale Firary. No meeting since the last Town meeting. Chairman Huebner stated that the dumpster at the boat landing is always full of recyclables, large furniture items, tires, dead animals and other things that should not be in the dumpster. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from David Liebenthal to discontinue the Town's share of the cost of the dumpster starting in 2019. Motion approved with all in favor. Chairman Huebner mowed the grass area around the boat landing.

Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling – Steve Jacob. It has come to the attention of the Town Board that the recycling attendant does not get paid enough for what he does. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to recommend a raise to the hourly rate of the recycling center attendant to \$15.00/hour. Motion approved with all in favor.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Huebner. The Town is still looking for someone to cut and remove the trees along Pete Reak Road, so that this road can be redone.

Silver Lake Tree Logging has refunded the Town \$400.00 so far.

The Town budget hearing and special meeting of the Town electors is proposed for November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. Motion to approve the date for the budget hearing and special meeting of the electors was made by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger. Motion approved with all in favor.

The 2019 Humane Society Contract has the same terms as in previous years. The yearly fee for the Town went down \$200.00. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Ron Huebner to approve of the 2019 Humane Society Contract and to be sure to include in the 2019 newsletter that residents taking animals to the Humane Society will be billed by the Town for the reimbursement of the fees charged. Motion approved with all in favor.

Old Business: Hemling Road is finished.

There being no further business, motion made by Ron Huebner and seconded by David Liebenthal to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next Meeting is Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6 pm. which will follow the 2019 budget hearing and special meeting of the electors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report