

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Town of Fountain Prairie was called to order by Chairman Steve Rubert at 6:00 pm. Town Board members present: Steve Rubert, Steve Jacob, Ron Huebner and Bill Gretzinger. Others present: Curt Walters from Rural Insurance and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Delegation: Curt Walters from Rural Insurance Company reviewed and explained the insurance policy for the coming year.

Minutes of the January regular Town Board meeting and the Town Caucus. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve the minutes of the January 18th, 2016 meeting and the Town Caucus. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – WTA District meetings. The County Unit of the WTA will hold their meeting on Monday, February 29th at the LEC at 7 pm. The Town received a thank you letter from the Gun Club for the Town's support of their annual fisheree. Todd Pike wants permission to hunt (bow hunting) on the Town property on Riverview Ct. The Board members discussed the size of the property and adjoining landowners. It was decided that the small area that the Town owns presents a safety hazard for others on any adjoining land. The consensus of the Board members was that Todd Pike would not be given permission to hunt on the Town property on Riverview Court. There were 72 voters that cast their ballots on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Bills payable for February were reviewed. Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Ron Huebner to approve for payment checks 5657 through 5691 including **Electronic Funds Payments** for payroll liabilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report for January and February. January's monthly financial report had to be amended. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Motion by Steve Rubert with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the monthly financial report for both January and February as presented. Treasurer's report approved with all in favor.

Discussion on the monies in the Planning Commission account and the Special Projects account. There has been no activity on these accounts for several years. Motion by Steve Rubert with a second from Ron Huebner to move the monies from the Planning Commission account and the Special Projects account into the General Account. Motion approved with all in favor.

Assessor – Nothing

New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group – David Liebenthal. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Planning Commission – Alan Herzberg is requesting a meeting. Information regarding the rezoning and land division by Alan Herzberg has been received from the County.

Columbus EMS – Ron Huebner. Lifestar reports.

Lazy Lake Management District – Ron Huebner. Meeting scheduled for 3/2/2016 to work on the 2017 budget. The annual meeting will be April 21, 2016.

Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling - Steve Jacob. A building permit has been applied for remodeling at the Esveld residence.

Chairman's Report – Hemling Road culvert collapsed and had to be filled in because it was a danger to drivers. It will be replaced as soon as weather permits. Tom Hughes driveway has crumbled.

There may need to be some patching done on the roads to be used by the Trek Bike Ride this summer.

Adams Drive – Chairman Rubert and Supervisor Gretzinger will try to meet with Michelle Luther in about two weeks.

The March meeting will be March 17, 2016. Chairman Rubert will not be here for this meeting. The April meeting is also the Annual Meeting. This date is April 21st.

Old Business – Culvert on DG needs to be opened up.

Columbia County Humane Society Agreement – the Columbia County Humane Society is proposing an agreement that would raise the cost for animals taken in if they have to notify someone on the Town Board about the animals. They are requesting names and phone numbers for five (5) people that are always available if they are required to contact the Town. After some discussion, it was decided to not contract with the Humane Society and to contact the Abegglen's to see if they could keep any found animals until the Town could place it.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to not contract with the Humane Society this year and to pursue an alternate option of kenneling any found animal with the Abegglen's at lease on a weekend.. Motion passed with all in favor.

HazMat Agreement with Portage Fire – Motion by Steve Rubert with a second from Bill Gretzinger to contract with Portage Fire for hazmat services again this year.

The confusion with Moore/Mohr Roads, because they are pronounced the same will be discussed at the Columbia County Unit of the WTA. They will have more information.

Old Business – Hemling Road is deteriorating more than was expected and may have to be moved up for repair ahead of other roads this summer. Peak Reak Road culvert is also in very bad condition.

There being no further business, motion by Bill Gretzinger and a second by Ron Huebner to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report