

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2017

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, Chairman Ron Huebner, David Liebenthal, Dale Firary and Bill Gretzinger. Others present: Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer and guest Travis Gatza.

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 - Motion by Dale Firary with a second from Steve Jacob to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting. Minutes approved with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – the Clerk reported that the WI Dept of Administration had sent us a corrected population estimate of the voting age population. There are 689 residents of voting age in the Town. Their estimate of the total population for the Town of Fountain Prairie is 891. The new election equipment will be swapped out with the old equipment on September 27th. The WI Dept of Administration has notified the Town that the annexation by the Village of Fall River of the property owned by Carl Benck on CTH D has been approved. The Board members were made aware of the WTA fall workshops.

The Clerk made the Board aware that there has been computer problems at the Town Hall. After a "check up" by an IT Tech, the main problem seems to be that the computer memory is full which causes the computer to be very slow and freeze up. The internet connection is also very slow. Motion by Ron Huebner with a second from Dale Firary to contact CenturyLink to upgrade the modem. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Ron Huebner to get a new computer with more memory not to cost more than \$1,000.00.

Treasurer's Report – Payment of August bills. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to approve payment of bills with check number 6028 through check number 6040. Motion approved with all in favor.

There is a CD that will be due on September 6, 2017. The Board would like to consolidate our CD's. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger that the CD due on September 6, 2017 (CD # 14) be put into the General Fund until the CD that will mature on November 11, 2017 (CD# 12) is due. At that time, the money from Landmark CD #14 will be combined with Landmark CD #12 and the \$5,000.00 that was budgeted in 2016 and 2017 for the dam will all be added together for future dam repairs. The total at that time will be \$44,646.65 plus interest that will have accrued.

A six-month budget update was reviewed by the Board. It was suggested that the park on Sleepy Hollow have a line in the budget.

New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group, David Liebenthal. There is a Fire Group meeting scheduled for Monday, August 28th. The Town of Fountain Prairie would like a report more frequently than the yearly update that they receive regarding the number fire calls. They have asked for this before and have not gotten the information.

There will be a Columbus Area EMS meeting on September 6, 2017.

Planning Commission, Steve Jacob and Bill Gretzinger. Travis Gatza was present to discuss with the Board information that he had gotten from a meeting on the annexation of Fountain Prairie property by the Village. With the annexation of the Carl Benck property on CTH D and the number of homes that may possibly be built, the Village will want to lower the speed limit in that area. If the speed limit is lowered, then the County will allow the resident's to come directly off of CTH D and they would like at that time to abandon the access road. Gatza asked if the Town would go along with that and help to get the access road taken off the covenant. The Board indicated that they would be in favor of this proposal.

Jeff Neesam's CSM was not available for signatures.

Lazy Lake, Dale Firary. There is no meeting planned until October.

Park on Sleepy Hollow, the weeds need to be taken care of.

Licenses/Permits/Recycling Center, Steve Jacob: Nothing new at the Recycling Center.

Chairman's Report – the County needs to know if Fountain Prairie wants to have the County do culvert ratings next summer. Motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to have the County rate the culverts next summer. Motion approved with all in favor.

Seier Bridge crack sealing. The County has given the Town an estimate of \$3189.24 to crack seal the bridge deck, seal the deck surface with a deck sealant and Dura patch each bridge joint. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Steve Jacob to have the County do the work proposed on the Seier Road bridge at a cost of \$3,189.24 this year.

Old Business - Chairman Huebner advised that the County is working on Heppe Road.

Supervisor Firary had an estimate from AR Wood to cut trees in a two mile stretch on Peak Rake Road.

There was no other patch work or culvert work for 2017.

Chairman Huebner had gotten a proposal from Luke Agnew for residing the Town garage. The proposal was for \$6,600.00. This will be on the agenda for September.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2017

There being no further business, motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Bill Gretzinger to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report
Cost Estimate from Columbia County for
Crack Sealing Seier Road Bridge

