

January 11, 2022

Town Chair Brad Anderson called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The meeting was held in the Frankfort Town Hall and on Zoom.

Chair Anderson and Board Supervisors Richard McDermott, Donna Juleff and Josh Manor and Town Clerk Maureen Manore were present in the Town Hall and were signed into the meeting on-line. Curt Stine initially attended the meeting by signing in remotely.

Also present in the Town Hall were Donna Gates, Gary Gates and Debra Fisher.

Others attending remotely were Engineering Consultant Dan Fedderly, Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch, and Tim Jackson from the State's Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection.

Award Swede Ramble Bridge Project

Dan Fedderly has spoken to both of the bidders to ask about concerns with the project. Neither one had any concerns. Fedderly said that he has worked with both contractors in the past and both were competent. He recommended awarding the bid to Stout Construction because they had the lower bid. Awarding the bid now would mean that the project could begin to move forward and material prices could be locked in. Motion by Josh Manor, seconded by Donna Juleff, to award Stout Construction the Swede Ramble Bridge Project. A show of hands was called for. There were four ayes. Curt Stine was absent, no longer on-line.

Curt Stine joined the meeting in person at 6:45 p.m.

Farmland Preservation Presentation

Tim Jackson from the State's Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection was available to answer questions that the Board had about Farmland Preservation and zoning. The Board asked if incorporating Farmland Preservation rules into the Town's zoning would affect everyone or just those enrolled in the program. Jackson said that everyone in the district has to follow the same zoning restrictions. If the Town wanted to create another district just for Farmland Preservation it would need to cover 85% of the Town because that is the way the County depicted Frankfort's farmland on their map. Under Farmland Preservation if someone in the Preservation Zones sells an acre of land for a non-farm residence, 20 acres must always be kept in active farmland such as MFL, crops or grazing. The Board discussed the various options. Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch was instructed to set aside the Farmland Preservation incorporation work and concentrate on solutions to the nonconforming "islands" that were created by the Zoning Ordinance.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the December 14, 2021, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for December was read. The ending balance for December was \$378,146.70. The Board was provided a copy of the December bank statement for verification.

Citizens' Concerns

No concerns were announced.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

No other meeting were attended.

Approve Ladder Truck Lease with PNC Financial Bank

Motion by Richard McDermott, seconded by Donna Juleff, to approve the Durand Fire Departments ladder truck lease with PNC Financial. A show of hands was called for, there were no negative votes.

Cemetery Maintenance

Deb Fisher had provided a written report before the meeting. The Board had no questions on the report. Fisher showed the Board a map for the Little Plum Lutheran Cemetery and explained her plans on updating this map as well as the map for the Little Plum Frankfort Cemetery and getting them posted on-line.

Road Reports

No reports were given.

Approve Payment of Bills

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Josh Manor, to approve payment of bills paid by checks 11124 through 11138, totaling \$128,801.54. A vote was held by voice vote and the motion carried with no negative votes. Chair Anderson signed the approval of payment form.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall and remotely on Zoom. A tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Cemetery Maintenance, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Pepin County WisVote MOU, Road Reports and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:40 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk