

October 12, 2021

Town Chair Brad Anderson called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. 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. Supervisor Curt Stine attended remotely.

Also attending remotely were Bryce Black, Debra Fisher, Lily Arbore, Salley Baecker, Douglas Dumas and Ann Dumas.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the September 14, 2021, meeting were read. The word "amended" was added in front of "ATV/UTV Ordinance" in the first sentence under Citizens' Concerns. Otherwise, the minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for September was read. The ending balance for September was \$226,021.04. The Board was provided a copy of the September bank statement for verification.

Citizens' Concerns

Sally Baecker had some concerns with the ATV/UTV Ordinance. If the County passes their amended ATV/UTV Ordinance the Town does not need to copy it. The Town Board should wait for the County to pass their amendment but be responsible to the Town. She urged the Board not to go with unlimited times and days and reminded them that her animals were threatened by these 4-wheelers.

Ann Dumas said that she wanted to echo what Sally Baecker said. The Town Board should feel free to differ from the County, especially when it came to 12-year-olds.

Lily Arbore said that she was against the roads being open to ATV traffic 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The County was undecided about the 12-year-olds and tabled the ordinance at their last meeting.

Bryce Black said that he thought it was ok to open a majority of the roads, people should be given the option to opt in or out and that he discouraged having the routes open 365/24, it was not prudent, especially in the winter. We should keep the current age limit of 16.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

None

Plan Commission Report – Zoning Ordinance Review Progress

Plan Commission member Maureen Manore gave a review of the last Plan Commission meeting that was held on September 28th. At that meeting the changes suggested concerning Farmland Preservation at the last meeting were examined. The Commission decided to keep the definition section additions of Farmland Preservation language. Also, it was decided to notate the particular uses under the Ag District that would require additional restrictions if the participant signs up to be in the Farmland Preservation Program. These uses would have an asterisk or some other mark that would refer the reader back to an informational paragraph.

Once the changes are made to the draft, a copy will be sent to the Program Manager Tim Jackson to verify that this would be acceptable by the State. If it is found to be acceptable then the Commission will add the same language to the Ag/Res District. The next Plan Commission meeting will be on November 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Maintenance Update

Debra Fisher provided an update on the two Town cemeteries. The pine tree was removed on September 1st by Dave Anderson, Terry King and Mike Meixner. They removed the debris, trimmed a couple of low hanging branches from other trees and reseeded the area. All the markers have been treated with D2. Debra Fisher requested permission to order a load of sharp gravel to begin the process of leveling stones and providing a border. The border would help with the problem of the mowers knocking the stones askew and chipping them. Funds received from the flower sales and donation boxes were \$63.00 which was given to the Town Treasurer for deposit.

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Richard McDermott, to authorize Debra Fisher to request a load of sharp gravel from Ed Harmon of less than \$250.00. A voice vote was called for, all members voted yes, the motion carried.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Amendment

The Board discussed the ATV/UTV Ordinance draft amendments. The discussion covered the right of access to reach a route, waiting for the County to pass theirs first, adopting but delaying the effective date. It was noted that the amendment opens all roads to ATV/UTV traffic unless otherwise posted. If adopted and no change was made to any of the current signage, then there is no change in the routes.

Motion by Curt Stine, seconded by Donna Juleff, for the Town Board to adopt Ordinance Number 2021-3 titled "Amending Code of Ordinances Section 4.6 All-Terrain/Utility Task Vehicles Use on Town Roads". A roll call vote was called: Josh Manor – yes; Donna Juleff – yes; Richard McDermott – yes; Curt Stine – yes; Brad Anderson – yes. Motion carried.

ATV/UTV Road Petition Form

The Board discussed the draft form. It was decided to work on the Board policy first before deciding what was needed on the Petition Form.

Road Reports

WISLR pavement rating reports are due by December 15th.

Brush and trees need to be trimmed on Beaver Slide Road and Kallstrom Road.

The turn-around on Myers Lane was repaired.

2021 Redistricting Resolution – Creation of Wards

Due to the 2020 census results, Pepin County has created a tentative district map that divides the Town of Frankfort into two wards. Ward 1 will be in District 9 and Ward 2 will be in District 10.

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Richard McDermott, to adopt Resolution Number 21-2R titled "Creation of Wards". A roll call vote was called: Donna Juleff – yes; Josh Manor – yes; Richard McDermott – yes; Curt Stine – yes; Brad Anderson – yes. Motion carried.

~~2021~~ 2022 Budget Preparation

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for next year. A few changes were made under the expense side.

Set Date for Budget Hearing

Set Date for Special Meeting of the Town Electors

The date for the budget hearing was set for November 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The Special Meeting of the Town Electors was set for the same date immediately following the Budget Hearing.

Approve Payment of Bills

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Josh Manor, to approve payment of bills paid by checks 11087 through 11095, totaling \$5,019.05. 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, November 9, 2021 following the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Town Electors which begin 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, , Road Reports, Approve 2022 Budget and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:36 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk