

December 14, 2021

Town Chair Brad Anderson called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting was held in the Frankfort Town Hall and on Zoom.

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

Also attending remotely were Engineering Consultant Dan Fedderly, Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch, and Lily Arbore. Linda Newcomb attended in person.

Open Swede Ramble Project Bids

Chair Anderson opened the sealed bids and announced the bidder names and amount of the bids:
Stout Construction Inc., Chetek, WI. - \$233,814.40
Larson Construction Co Inc, Chippewa Falls, WI. - \$256,593.82

Minutes

The draft minutes from the November 9, 2021, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for November was read. The ending balance for November was \$262,596.44. The Board was provided a copy of the November bank statement for verification.

Citizens' Concerns

Brad Anderson has received questions about the Town Treasurer's change of policy regarding issuing receipts. A self-addressed stamped envelope is now required to receive the receipt. It was explained that most municipalities have switched to this policy.

Donna Juleff has gotten questions about land being taxed residential but not being able to build a house on the 5 acres due to zoning. It was explained that the tax bill doesn't really correspond to the zoning and that the Plan Commission was keeping the restrictions in mind while reviewing the Zoning Ordinance.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Brad Anderson attended the Rural Fire Department meeting on December 1st. Funding options for the new rig were discussed. There will be another meeting on January 18th to make the final decision.

Brad Anderson has been contacted by the Pepin Ambulance Service concerning the need for a new rig.

Plan Commission Report – Zoning Ordinance Review Progress/ Farmland Preservation Inclusion Guidance

Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch reported on the progress to date by the Plan Commission on the Zoning Ordinance review. The Zoning Ordinance was updated with Farmland Preservation language that kept the Zoning Ordinance as originally written and used asterisks to explain the added restrictions for those enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program and sent that draft to Tim Jackson, State Program Manager, for review.

Jackson contacted Chair Gisch and explained that the Farmland Preservation restrictions apply to everyone, not just those enrolled in the program. The Plan Commission decided that the drafts suggested by Jackson changed the Zoning Ordinance beyond what was being asked of them and they needed to seek guidance from the Town Board.

Don Gisch suggested having Tim Jackson attend a Board meeting and give a presentation and answer questions.

Road Reports

WISLR pavement rating reports were signed and mailed out.
Ditching was done on Byington Road.

ATV/UTV Route Policy and Opt in/Out Form Review

The Board re-examined the proposed ATV/UTV Route policy and opt in/out form. A few minor changes were made to the form. The Board accepted the documents as changed and the Clerk was directed to make the corrections and post the form on the Town website.

Assessor Contract Renewal

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded Richard McDermott, to approve the renewal of the assessor's contract. Motion carried by a show of hands with no negative votes.

Durand Ambulance Contract Renewal

Motion by Curt Stine, seconded Richard McDermott, to approve the renewal of the Durand Ambulance contract. Motion carried by a show of hands with no negative votes.

Board of Adjustment Appointment

Brad Anderson appointed Bryce Black to the Board of Adjustment. The Town Board confirmed the appointment by voice vote with no negative votes.

Command Central Hardware Maintenance Agreement

No action was taken in this item.

Election Inspector Appointment for 2022-23

Brad Anderson appointed the following people to serve as election inspectors for the next two-year cycle: Donna Gates; Suzy Hornbaker; Pat Seipel; Michael Albert; Judy Lively; Debra Fisher; Rick Riggins; Dan Barber; Marie Berger. The Town Board confirmed the appointment by voice vote with no negative votes. Curt Stine abstained.

Set Caucus Date

The caucus date was set for January 11th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Approve Payment of Bills

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Josh Manor, to approve payment of bills paid by checks 11102 through 11123, totaling \$15,123.71. 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, January 11, 2022 following the caucus which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankfort Town Hall and remotely on Zoom. A tentative Town Board meeting agenda will cover: Award Swede Ramble Bridge Bid Contract, Farmland Preservation Presentation, Town Board Minutes, Financial Report, Citizens' Concerns, Cemetery Maintenance, Report on Other Meetings Attended, Road Reports and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:02 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk