

August 10, 2021

Town Chair Brad Anderson called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The meeting was held in the Frankfort Town Hall and on Zoom.

Chair Anderson and Board Supervisors Richard McDermott 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, Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch and Road Engineering Consultant Dan Fedderly attended remotely. Supervisor Donna Juleff arrived at the Town Hall at 7:15 p.m.

Also present in the Town Hall was Evan Mercer.

Attending remotely were Bryce Black, Lily Arbore, Salley Baecker, Douglas Dumas, Rick Lind, Craig Bauer and Richard Bignell.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the July 13, 2021, meeting were read. The minutes stood as submitted.

Financial Report

Treasurer's report for July was read. The ending balance for July was \$291,491.14. The Board was provided a copy of the July bank statement for verification.

Citizens' Concerns

Richard McDermott Reported that someone had dumped scrap metal in the town road right of way on Kallstrom Road near the Boyd Spring intersection.

Sally Baecker said that she was concerned about the Town Board opening all the roads to ATV traffic with no opt out options. She was also concerned about the roads being open all year round with no time restrictions and wondered if the Town was liable if ATVs crossed a County road that had different rules. She said she has seen ATVs speeding and running without lights or turn signals.

Lily Arbore said that a County mower destroyed a phone junction box on her road. Brad Anderson will contact Highway Commissioner Chris Bates about that. Lily also wanted an opt out option for the ATV routes and for some of them to be local access only.

Richard McDermott said that he had to pull aside some ATV riders on Kallstrom Road to inform them that it was not an ATV route.

Rick Lind said that he was concerned about ATV signs not being adequate and about safety. He was opposed to all the routes being open and to opening year-round with no time restrictions. He wanted an opt out option for Goatback Road.

Bryce Black said he was not opposed to a general opening of all roads but would like to see an opt out option. The 24 hour, 12 months open might be a safety risk.

Craig Bowren said that he lived in a remote area on Elk Creek Road and already had problems with trespassers. He was concerned that more ATV traffic would lead to increased trespassing. He would also like the opt out option.

Douglas Dumas said that his corner property would have ATV traffic on two sides and he would like to opt out Goatback Road.

Report on Other Meetings Attended

Curt Stine attended the Durand Rural Fire Department meeting held on July 20th. The Towns were urged to use caution when issuing burning permits. The Fire Department is planning to purchase a new ladder truck in 2023 for 1.25 million.

Plan Commission Report – Zoning Ordinance Review Progress

Plan Commission Chair Don Gisch reported on the Plan Commission meeting held on July 20th. The Plan Commission worked on the first 19 pages of the zoning document, these sections are mainly definitions, some areas do pertain to other sections of the document, so the Plan Commission will need to readdress those areas further down the road. The next meeting will be on August 24th and there will be presentation from Tim Jackson and Katy Smith, Agricultural Land Use, Planning and Ordinance Specialists, Bureau of Land and Water Resources/Division of Agricultural Resource Management Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection on the Farmland Preservation Program. The Plan Commission will continue working on the Zoning Ordinance, with the review emphasizing the first three districts.

Cemetery Maintenance Update

There was nothing new to report.

The Board agreed to move to Road Reports next.

Road Reports

Swede Ramble Bridge Update

Consultant Dan Fedderly reported that all the necessary documents have been submitted to the DNR for a permit, they have yet to respond. The project may have to wait until 2022.

2022 Road Projects

Porcupine Road has been paved. The Board discussed the County's seal coating schedule. Some of the Town's roads were scheduled for August 19th.

Highway Access Permit Application

The application received from John Peterson on Plum Valley Road was discussed. Josh Manor examined the proposed access point and said that it met the requirements. Motion by Josh Manor, seconded by Donna Juleff, to grant the permit. A vote was held by voice vote. The motion carried with no negative votes. Brad Anderson abstained.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Amendment

The Board discussed the ATV/UTV Ordinance. Among the things discussed were whether to amend the current ordinance or start over with a new ordinance, the times of year to have the routes open, the times of day to have the routes open, what roads to open to ATV/UTV traffic and opting in or out. The Board decided that they would amend the current ATV Ordinance, section 4.063 Authorized Routes, to say that all the Town Roads are open to ATV/UTV traffic unless otherwise posted. They also want a new section in the ordinance discussing opting in/out petition forms. The times of year and day will not be changed. The amendment draft will be examined at the next Board meeting.

Town Hall Covid Protocol

Curt Stine said that he was concerned about the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus. He suggested the Town Board follow the CDC proposals to wear masks and social distance if we are in a high transmission area. The Board agreed to place warning and recommendation signs on the Town Hall door before meetings.

Appoint Representative and Alternate to the Durand Rural Fire Department Board

Brad Anderson appointed himself to the Durand Rural Fire Department and Curt Stine as alternate. Motion by Richard McDermott, seconded by Donna Juleff, to confirm the appointments. A vote was taken by show of hands and a verbal vote from Curt Stine. The motion carried with no negative votes.

Approve Payment of Bills

Motion by Donna Juleff, seconded by Josh Manor, to approve payment of bills paid by checks 11066 through 11072, totaling \$19,079.63. 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, September 14, 2021 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, Plan Commission Report, ATV/UTV Ordinance Amendment, Road Reports, and Pay Bills.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Time 8:30 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Clerk