

# Town of Eileen

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**Chairperson** – Terry Torkko (715) 682-0682

**Supervisor** – George Setzke (715) 682-5767

**Supervisor** – Tony Johanik (715) 746-2507

**Treasurer** – Carol Pufall (715) 682-9168

**Clerk** – Jena Barsch (715) 746-2104

April 14, 2014

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm @ Town of Eileen Garage

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Terry Torkko, Chairperson. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board Members Present:

Terry Torkko, Chairperson

George Setzke, Supervisor

Tony Johanik, Supervisor

Carol Pufall, Treasurer

Jena Barsch, Clerk

**Opened floor** for public comment; there were no residents who wished to address the town board under section 9.

**Review of minutes** from March 11, 2014 meeting. Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

**Carol Pufall, Treasurer**, reported the checking account balance is \$84,170.85 and the savings account balance is \$5,926.33. The next large deposit will be transportation aid. Motion to approve treasurer's report by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

**Country Blossoms**, Terry shared Bayfield County Zoning has been giving County Blossoms some difficulty in permitting for building an additional greenhouse. The St Germain's have decided not to expand with the greenhouse due to these circumstances. Terry drafted a letter to Bayfield County Zoning stating concerns for Country Blossoms with the facts the Town and Bayfield County will be losing out on additional tax revenue because of the difficulties. Board agreed to send the letter.

**Terry Torkko, Chairperson**, shared he is concerned with Bayfield County Zoning and the difficulty they provide for businesses to expand in our Town. He informed of the Annual Meeting Tuesday evening and how town government is not an easy form of government to run. Marco Bichanich and Dennis Pocerlich were re-elected as County Supervisors and Dennis is also running for Bayfield County Chairperson.

**Jena Barsch, Clerk**, shared the election went well. There were 42 voters total. Terry asked of a few deposits and asked Jena to send an invoice to City of Ashland for the road tax of County Line Road.

**Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent**, reported that the roads are doing okay. All the culverts are open and flowing. Currently, there are difficulties with Colby, Curry, and Franzel Roads and the water flowing over the roads. The L9000 is still down and the loader needs repairs also.

Board agrees to temporarily close North Wiperfurth for the muddy conditions.

**Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik**, shared the L9000 is in the process of repairs. He was able to take apart the rear end and had it sent to Duluth to be fixed. Today he picked it back up. The one ton truck needs new rims; he is in the process with Zifko Tire to replace the rims.

**Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke**, shared he spoke with Jerry Peterson and asked him to come and look at the replacement of the door and slab. Topic of moving the entry door was brought up. Board is going to discuss moving the door at a later meeting.

The water adhesive barrier is coming in this week. George also spoke with Darren Zifko of Zifko Gas, and Darren is willing to give a short presentation of costs at the next meeting with the figures from past years total gallons used.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Fire/Ambulance**- The first request was made to the City of Ashland of their financials for the past four years and the current budget. The City of Ashland responded quickly. Terry and Mr. Haukaas crafted a second request. This request was breaking down runs, charges and what was paid. This will help to know the flow of money and then be able to pursue contracts and how they operate. Terry spoke of future and different ambulance/fire protection options.
- **Comprehensive Planning Team** – Motion accept Skip Radosevich, Bill Erickson, and James Sajdak for the vacant positions on the Comprehensive Planning Team by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed. Terry will contact and give each member an orientation.
- **Load Limits** – Spring load limits have been placed on Town Roads.
- **Driveway Plowing** – This winter the Town was short of people for plowing driveways. This area of service get lots of complaints. Memo from Emmer Shields explains how it is hard to stay within the law for plowing resident driveways. Will add driveway plowing to the agenda for the next Town Board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- **Fuel Contract** – Board reviewed a flyer from Midland offering a fuel contract. At a later meeting they will look into Midland as well as Zifko Gas regarding fuel contracts and what they offer.
- **Calcium Chloride Bid** – Handy Andy Express offered a bid for calcium chloride for this year. Terry will call around for other prices, but Handy Andy has had good service and prices in the past.
- **Open Book/Board of Review** – Contacted Jennie Sanders to establish a date for the board to meet; she not sure currently, but will have a possible date for the May meeting.
- **Ordinance**- Discussion of considering an ordinance to supply substitute members (Dan Crawford and Craig Wickman) for the Board of Review. Motion to bring ordinance for a public hearing on May 13, 2014 at 6:45 pm by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Bids**- Discussion of getting bids for gravel, wedging, hot asphalt overlays and chip sealing. Gravel amounts will be 2200 yards approximately. Gravel from the Highbridge pit and the Home Run Quarry are preferred by the board. An ad will be placed in the Daily Press for gravel bids as soon as possible.
- **Agenda** – The Board reviewed the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

- **Clerk** – Discussion of reviewing the idea of an appointed clerk for the Town. The last three terms have been three new clerks. The turnaround is large and the Town should look for longevity in the clerk position.
- **Closed Session** – Motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (g) *“Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved;”* and Statute 19.85 (1) (c) *“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”* by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Open Session** – Motion to enter into open session by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Board discussed the collection of delinquent personal property taxes. Resident sent \$1500.00 to delay garnishments for three months. Board agreed to accept the money and delay garnishments for three months. Board also discussed options with Randy and Tony Ledin and have decided to pursue a contract allowing Tony to work 24 hours guaranteed, per week, with slightly reducing Randy’s hours by 8 hours per week. Motion to hire Tony Ledin for 24 hours at \$16.00 per hour, no benefits, no vacation, no holidays, an at will employee by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Contract effective 4/15/2014.

**Public input** – There were no residents who wished to address the board.

**Motion to approve** and pay bills (vouchers 8405-8440) by Tony Johanik, seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

**Motion to adjourn** meeting by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

*Minutes prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk*