

Town of Eileen

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April 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes taken by Donna Anderson

7:00 PM @ Town of Eileen Garage

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

Board Members Present

Terry Torkko, Chairperson

Tony Johanik, Supervisor

Carol Pufall, Treasurer

Donna Anderson, Deputy Clerk

Board Members Absent

George Setzke, Supervisor, excused under Dr.'s orders

Jena Barsh, Clerk, maternity leave

Opened floor for public comment. There was one resident, Skip Radosavich, who wished to address the board.

Review of minutes from the March 10, 2015 board meeting. Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, gave report of balances and future deposits. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Tony Johanik, seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

Ruth Goetz, Big Top, gave a presentation on the room tax funds they receive. These monies are used for advertising the Big Top. Ruth thanked the board and the town for these funds.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared with the town residents that this is his last town board meeting. There were several issues that faced the town board when he was elected and it took a lot of time and hard work by himself and the board to resolve these issues. He also thanked the board for their hard work and dedication to these issues.

Donna Anderson, Deputy Clerk, shared the results of the voting on April 7th. The Clerk elect, was also brought in for training on the equipment on the voting process.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported the roads and equipment are all in good shape. Trimming brush and chipping has been done. He is in the process of crack sealing. Culvert inspection has been done and a couple of culverts will need to be replaced. Tony Ledin, part time helper, has given notice and will be leaving.

Tony Johanik asked if the grading could be done now that frost is out of the ground. He could start taking the washboards out at the end of the roads. Terry Torkko wanted Randy to pay some attention to the Ashland/Bayfield road.

Equipment, Tony Johanik, Supervisor, shared equipment update. Grader estimates are being obtained for repairs. Tires were replaced on crack seal machine.

Town Grounds: Terry Torkko reported that the front door will be relocated at the front of the building on the west side. This will make it easier for the voters and also handicapped parking will have easier access. Landscaping will also be needed for the front and sign installed.

Old Business:

Reicks View Farm presentation; a presentation and question and answer period was to be held by Gene Noem from Reicks View Farm but he did not attend nor did he return Chairperson Torkko's calls. John Thomas did give an update and assured the public that he would get the information that they had requested if he did not know the answers. Reicks has obtained the building permits from the county but is waiting for the permits from the DNR. The name of the barn will be Baderwood LLC. They are registered with the State of WI. There are questions from the County and the DNR that are being asked that will need to be answered before the permits are issued. A crop consultant has been hired to prepare a nutrient plan for the facility. There will be one year of storage on site. Eleven to twelve thousand gallons of manure per acre will be incorporated into the soil. The nutrient plan will be used so they know where to spread manure and how much to use. No growth hormones will be used and antibiotics are used only on the animals that have birthing problems.

Questions by residents; concerned with enforcement and oversight.

Every 5 years their plan is reviewed through the DNR.

Why the company is buying property so far away from their main operation in Iowa and transporting pigs so far away?

They are trying to raise their own sows as it is a risk getting them from somewhere else. Reicks has had no PED in their operation and by raising their own sows they can eliminate the risk. The piglets will be shipped out in 21 days in filtered trailers and no live hogs will be brought in.

Concern with rats, skunks, smell from the manure and the injection of the manure into alfalfa fields and not destroy the roots. Also the effect of all of this on the resident's bees?

No pesticides or insecticides are used so the bees are not affected. There will be an odor within a ¼ mile. The farm itself will have two 30 gallon a minute wells. No answer on how the other wells will be affected.

Accuracy of information, study of water usage on these applications, property values decreasing by 15% in first month, and who will be the neighbor that will live on the farm?

No answer to the questions. Will get back to the resident. There will be no one from the Reicks that actually will live there as they live in Iowa.

Why family is not addressing questions?

What about well water contamination? Will Reicks be responsible or DNR?

Are sows in gestation kept in crates?

Yes.

How much manure is produced?

A 1,000# cow produces 1.4 animal units. A 300# pig about .4 units so it takes about 3 sows to produce the same as a cow.

If DNR oversees the enforcement and the farm would not be in compliance is the permit pulled or is there a remedial to the problem or do they actually pull the permit?

They would need to remedy the non-compliant situation.

Conditional Use Permit for the Humane Society. The comprehensive planning commission for the Town of Eileen reviewed the request for a conditional use permit from the CHA to relocate their animal shelter off of HWY 137 on Experimental Farm land. Because the CHA is a non-profit there would be no tax base to the town. After the comprehensive planning commission studied the issue they made a recommendation to the board to approve the permit. The board however had questions about the proposal and Supervisor Johanik was concerned if there were outdoor kennels there could be a problem with barking dogs. Also a concern was where the driveway would be placed as it is dangerous curve. If approved by the town board this would go back to the county and a public hearing would be the next step in the process. After discussion with the representatives from the CHA, chairperson Torkko made a motion to take the recommendations from the Planning Commission and approve the conditional use permit. There was no support and the motion failed. Both the board and the Planning Commission would like to see a site plan and a special board meeting can be scheduled as the CHA would like to get this process going as they want to start the building process ASAP. After a site plan is submitted to the comprehensive planning team, they will bring their recommendation back to the board.

Fire/ambulance update: an update by Attorney Craig Haaukas on the fire and ambulance contracts that the town has with the City of Ashland. State law dictates that the town needs to have a contact for fire service with another town or county if the town does not have its own. The Town of Eileen is in contract with the city of Ashland for their fire service. This contract is for a 5 year period and about half of our towns levy goes to the City of Ashland for the contract. Per Haaukas a volunteer fire department could not compete with the City for efficiency. The Town of Eileen and 4 other adjoining Towns are exploring other options for fire protection.

Ambulance service is a different situation than the fire protection. There are other ambulance services out there that can be utilized. There will be an update on the ambulance service at a later date as there are talks in the works that are confidential at this time.

5 Year Road Plan that was previously drafted by the board was okay and will be put in place.

Review Hay Contract: the hay contract was not acted upon as there was questions and concerns that need to be worked out with Ken Raspotnik.

New Business:

Conditional use permit by Jodie Kisner was tabled.

Gravel Bid will need to be advertised for 2,000 yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus gravel out of the Highbridge pit.

N.G.L.V.C. Are cutting positions and because of the economic impact they have in the Town and surrounding area the board drafted a resolution that will be sent to the Budget Committee at the State of Wisconsin requesting that they reconsider keeping those vital positions in place.

Culvert permit was approved for Steve Galligan. A motion by Tony Johanik and seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

Handy Andy sent pricing for calcium chloride. A truckload is approximately \$3,700.00.

Skip Radosavich addressed the board about the dumping of litter and garbage on Whipperfurth Road. The Town of Eileen will pick up garbage and call the sheriff.

It was recommended that 40 hours of clerk training be placed on a future agenda.

A motion by Tony Johanik and seconded by Terry Torkko to pay bills #8860 to 8893. Motion approved.

A motion to adjourn by Tony Johanik and seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:45

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Donna Anderson

prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk