

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

December 16, 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 November 11, 2014 meetings. Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, gave report of balances and future deposits including the TRIP reimbursement of \$27,323.70. Motion to approve treasurer's report by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Bayfield County- Judge John Anderson, the Clerk of Courts, Kay Cederberg, and Sheriff, Paul Susienka gave a presentation regarding the Bayfield County Circuit Court Caseload. They shared concern for increase in property crimes in Bayfield County. They emphasized that if you see something suspicious to call the police with any information.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared the tax statements went out with the December newsletter. He received a phone call regarding a statement and will call Lynn Divine to sort out the issue. There was an accident on the intersection of Colby and Sickich Roads. A letter has been sent to the driver at fault to replace a sign that was ruined.

Jena Barsch, Clerk, shared the computer was in need of repairs. Omer Nelson completed the repairs within a week. She also has completed the Mill Rate Worksheet, Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet, the DNR Tax Aid worksheet, and the Statement of Taxes. These worksheets were due on December 15, 2014.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported the roads are looking good, but the gravel roads are soft. The town received 100 additional yards of sand/salt and it has been covered with a new tarp. All equipment is running well.

Equipment: Supervisor **Tony Johanik**, shared the L9000 has received the needed repairs. He is also researching repairs options for an issue with a lever in the Workstar.

Town Grounds: Supervisor **George Setzke**, shared he has nothing to report on the grounds as all seems well. Board discussed moving records to heated room in other shop area for a period of time.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance-** Terry gave an update of current information regarding fire/ambulance.
- **Budget Discussion-** Board discussed adjusting budgeted line items. Board will hold a meeting to amend the 2014 budget.
- **CAFO Seminar** – A meeting was held on December 4, 2014 at the NGLVC. The meeting was informative and showed support for agriculture in the county. The owner of the Pig Farm is scheduled to come up in January to meet with Bayfield County and the Eileen Comprehensive Planning Team to discuss operation plans.

New Business:

- **Operator License** – Board reviewed applications. Motion to approve operator license applications by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Newsletter** - The December issue of the newsletter was sent out with tax statements.
- **Caucus** – Motion to hold caucus on January 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Garage, and if needed a second caucus on January 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm, by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Employee Pay** - Motion to increase Randy Herrin's pay rate to \$18.75, effective on December 15, 2014 and to restore one week of vacation, effective January 1, 2015, by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Pushing Snow** - There have been issues with residents pushing snow across town roads. Terry recommends the board be more affirmative with this issue. He spoke with the sheriff and the sheriff's department will follow up on any complaint filed by the town for this violation. Board agrees the clerk will first send out letters to residents as a warning before law enforcement be involved.
- **Closed Session** – Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statue 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,” by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed
 - **Open Session** – Motion to enter into open session by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Public input – None

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 8716-8755) by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

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

Minutes prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk