

# 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

February 11, 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 January 14, 2014 meeting. George suggested changes to the Comprehensive Planning Team section. The sentence, *The AERC will not be renewing their contract with the Ag station*, should be changed to *Bayfield county will not be renewing their contract with the AERC*. Motion to accept minutes with the corrections by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

**Carol Pufall, Treasurer**, reported the checking account balance is \$441,696.08 and the savings account balance is \$5,925.85. Taxes in the total amount of \$652,313.73 have been collected. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

**JoAnne Wagner, Comprehensive Planning Team**, shared the team met and reported of their discussions with residents in the area about their concerns/views for the Ag Land. Residents would like to see any new industry stay close to Highway 2, and have the agriculture land remain by the homes. The biggest issue is to get the land back on the tax roll for the Town. Ideas of using the area for a park and ride, establishing new homes and new industry, refurbishing the voting building and demolishing unfixable buildings were also mentioned.

JoAnne also informed the board that she and Dan Green will not be serving on the planning team for the coming year.

**Terry Torkko, Chairperson**, shared he is disappointed with land owners for plowing snow across roads (issue was stated in the recent newsletter.) These actions can create dangerous situations. Further action may be discussed at a later meeting.

Terry's home has computer died. He received a new one this past week and is getting caught up on his emails. He also will be going on vacation from Sunday, February 23 until Tuesday, March 4. The board can communicate thru emails if necessary and he will leave the clerk with a landline number in case of an emergency.

**Jena Barsch, Clerk**, shared information on two upcoming events she has been informed of: an Elder Law/Estate Planning Presentation on February 26 from 5:00-8:00 pm (registration is requested); and a vacancy notice for WITC District Board as of July 1, 2014 (she has applications available.)

**Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent**, reported that the roads have had a lot of drifting. He is still having trouble getting the sand/salt mixture to stick on the roads during the extreme cold these past few weeks.

The service door is having problems opening and closing. Randy and George have discussed the need to replace the door this coming summer. There are also some repairs to the grader and one ton truck that Tony is working on.

**Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik** shared the hydraulic cylinder for the wing on the grader needs to be replaced. The power steering on the one ton truck needs attention as well as the wiring issues (lights) on the new plow truck.

**Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke**, shared that he contacted Ferrell Gas to discuss the \$150.00 service fee reversal. He explained the situation of the previous keep full basis the Town was at with Polar Gas when Ferrell Gas bought out their accounts. After some discussion, management approved the service fee reversal. The Town owns the propane tank and George offered the idea of looking for a different vendor for propane in the future.

George also returned the glue and tubing for the floor and will be looking for a better option. The service door will be replaced as soon as the weather warms up and the option of adding a frost proof slab for the entrance will also be reviewed.

#### Old Business:

- **Gingles agreement** – Terry has written a Letter of Understanding for the Towns of Eileen and Gingles regarding the Ashland Bayfield County Line Road division. This letter has been sent to the Town of Gingles and Terry has met and received the necessary signatures.
  - **FEMA**- Gingles has applied and received FEMA money regarding two culvert replacements for the Ashland Bayfield County Line Road. Discussion/communication will occur to figure out the money owed/due between Towns.
- **Fire/Ambulance**- Terry met with the four other Town Chairs and Craig Haukaas to discuss strategies of how to approach the fire/ambulance contracts. They have a meeting with Wayne Chenier, Fire Chief, on Wednesday.
  - **Memo** – Motion to approve Memo of Understanding for Attorney Fees and have Terry sign (regarding fire/ambulance situation) by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

#### New Business:

- **WTA Meeting** – There is Wisconsin Towns Association meeting on March 29, 2014 at Lakewoods in Cable. George, Tony, and Terry will be attending.

- **Audit** – Board agreed to schedule an audit meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the garage.
- **Northland College Request** – Northland College has asked to place a monitor on the south fork of Fish Creek at Colby Road to study to workings of the Creek. Motion by Terry Torkko to approve their request and to be advised as to the progress and data collected with the monitor, seconded by George Setzke. Tony Johanik not in favor. Motion passed.
- **Snow Plowing Employees** – Tim Balde, one of the newly hired part time intermittent employees, was in the process of being trained to plow and of getting his CDL. However, Tim has decided to resign, as he is moving. Robert Klein has now started training, and Kevin Leino has not yet been contacted. Board discusses the need to have more employees available to plow. Motion to speak with Bob Meyerson, a previously interviewed applicant, and offer him the open part time intermittent snow plowing position by Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Terry will be in touch with Bob.
- **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 George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Open Session** – Motion enter into open session by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

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

**Motion to approve** and pay bills (vouchers 8327- 8363) by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

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

*Minutes prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk*