

Town of Eileen

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Clerk – Jena Barsch (715) 746-2104

July 8, 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 June 5, 2014, June 10, 2014, and July 2, 2014. George asked that clarification be added to the July 2 minutes stating “to be applied to portions of Woodland Road.” Motion to accept minutes with changes by Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, reported the checking account balance is \$43,720.95 and the savings account balance is \$5,927.07. The next large deposit will be this month for transportation aid in the amount of \$22,773.63. Carol has opened a separate savings account with a balance of \$16,051.54 to segregate/hold funds for the truck payments. Motion to approve treasurer’s report by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared he met with Chris Graff regarding his notice that the Town will no longer offer snowplowing for his residence. He also conversed with Scottie Sandstrom and was informed there are topics of discussion for changing the commercial zoning by the Superior Sauna and Steam to be rezoned for industrial usage. Terry shared if a business needs zoning changes that they need to come before the Town Board and Comprehensive Planning Team also. The Town of Barksdale is having an open meeting to discuss options for repair/new blacktop for Ondossagon Road. Grant money is available, but it is estimated to cost 2 million dollars for the project. There is a Clean Sweep Collection on Saturday, July 19, 2014; collection sites are in Washburn and Iron River. Terry ended with reminding of the August meeting to be held on the 5th.

Jena Barsch, Clerk, had eight Operator License's for approval from the board. After review of the applications, motion to approve the Operator License for all eight applicants on condition of payment from Explorer's Point for \$10.00 per license by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported the gravel haul is completed. He is out grading when the conditions are right. Tony Ledin has been mowing grass along the ditches. It is a slow process because the tractor is having issues. Construction for the culverts will begin soon, as the backhoe is repaired. The culverts are in stock and ready to be delivered to the sites. Randy stated he has some concerns of logs and bark being left along the ditches by a logging operation. He is going to contact the landowner and ask they be removed.

Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik, shared the new plow truck is back. It was serviced under warranty for the engine, powertrain, and plow attachment. The backhoe was also repaired and is ready for use. A new axle assembly was installed and repairs to the brakes and bucket. The grader is still leaking on the steering assembly and the mower tractor is having issues with slipping out of gear.

Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke, shared Darren Zifko is here to provide information regarding propane contracts with Zifko Gas. Darren advised the Town to purchase a 1000 gallon tank for \$2000.00 plus delivery and installation/hookup charges and fill both tanks at the lowest summer cost. The price he is currently offering is \$1.68 per gallon. Darren does not offer contracts and will not expect the Town to always purchase fuel from Zifko Gas. Motion by Terry Torkko to grant George Setzke authority to purchase the 1000 gallon fuel tank with delivery and installation charges from Darren Zifko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Discussion of the installation of the sign and the need to complete a sign permit from the County.

John Larson and Ryan Larson were contacted by George for a bid for the door project. Discussion of the bids and construction. Motion to install a new entry between the window and overhead door with the minimum electrical, according to code, and to leave the other door and wiring as currently is by George Setzke, seconded by Terry Torkko. Tony Johanik was in disagreement.

Review of bids for Flowering Crab Trees from County Blossoms. Board agreed to possibly put into budget for next year. Also discussion of the need for a new flag. Motion to purchase a new flag by George Setzke, seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance**- The requested information was received from the City of Ashland. It contained some of the information Craig and the Towns were looking for, but not all. On July 15 the Town Chairs and Attorney Haukaas will meet to crunch numbers. More record requests are expected for the future.
- **Road Bids** - A special board meeting was called on July 2, 2014 for the board to discuss and award bids for the road improvement projects. A \$100,000.00 loan was also approved from Northern State Bank with an interest rate of 3.0%. The yearly payment will be \$16,077.00.
- **Snowplowing** - Plowing snow for residents within the town by the town is a controversial topic. This past year expenses far outweighed the income. Discussion of options for balancing the cost and expenses for the future years. The board agreed to offer plowing services for the coming winter, but to change the contracts/formulas. Terry will tackle the task and offer ideas to the board at the next monthly meeting.
- **Woodland Turnaround**- Discussion of the options for adding a turnaround at the end of West Woodland Road. Tony is going to contact landowners and discuss possibilities of widening the road and using current space for a turn around.
- **Culvert Extension**- Randy shared a price of \$760.00 for the steel culvert extension needed on Woodland Road.
- **Town Picnic**- Board discussed arrangements needed for the Town Picnic on August 17, 2014.

New Business:

- **Hayfield Entry** – Board discussed the idea of constructing a different entrance to the hayfield. The current entrance may be hard to travel in the future years with the new construction in the area. Board agreed a new driveway should be constructed, but it is not affordable at this time.
- **Trailer** – An idea of purchasing or renting a trailer to haul the loader tractor to construction sites was discussed. This topic will be further discussed at a future meeting.
- **Budget** - Board reviewed the current paid to date expenses. There are a few line items that are currently over budget, but it has been expected.
- **Torkko Road** – A surveyor was hired to measure the length of Torkko Road. The distance/length measured 335 feet more than what state has recorded. Terry reviewed minutes from 1985 and found the board had agreed to extent the road for a resident to build a home. However, the state was never informed of the extension. Terry is working to get the additional gas tax money for the extra road footage.

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

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 8508 - 8546) 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