

# Town of Eileen

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Supervisor – George Setzke (715) 682-5767

Supervisor – Tony Johanik (715) 746-2507

Treasurer – Carol Pufall (715) 682-9168

Clerk – Jena Barsch (715) 746-2104

March 10, 2015

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 the February 10, 2015 board meeting and the February 25, 2015 audit. 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. Motion to approve treasurer's report by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

**Terry Torkko, Chairperson**, shared he attended the Wisconsin Town's Association meeting in Cable. He has prepared to discuss a few topics that were covered at the meeting in later agenda items. The board also completed an audit of the financial books and all numbers were in order.

**Jena Barsch, Clerk**, shared she is preparing for future meetings and will be in contact with the future clerk to complete some training.

**Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent**, reported the roads are looking good, but are soft. He has also winged back snow in the ditches with the grader and the repairs are completed on the L9000.

**Equipment:** Supervisor Tony Johanik, shared the repairs are completed on the L9000.

**Town Grounds:** Supervisor George Setzke, shared he is still waiting for prices for a possible order of the spare parts for the overhead heater. He has also asked James Sajdak to research prices for the new door construction. Tony will start working on the sign installation once the frost comes out of the ground.

## **Old Business:**

- **Fire/Ambulance-** Terry gave an update of current information regarding fire/ambulance.

- **Comp Team Report** – James Sajdak gave a short summary of the minutes from the last Comprehensive Planning Team meeting. The Comprehensive Team recommended the Town Board take a position of indifference in regards to Bayfield County’s moratorium decision. George Setzke had voted “nay” in regards to the recommendation and asked of the meaning of the word “indifference” as it was used.
- **CAFO Update** – Permits have been completed and submitted to Bayfield County and the Department of Natural Resources. The permits contain information of approximately 450 pages. The Town has obtained copies of these permits and the Comprehensive Planning Team is in the process of reviewing.
- **CAFO Moratorium** – The Board agreed with the Comprehensive Team recommendation to take a position as one of indifference regarding the CAFO farm. The Town of Eileen has no zoning authority and must rely on Bayfield County Zoning for permitting and passing moratoriums. The Town Board does however, have legal authority to maintain and oversee Town roads. There will be a presentation/speaker from Reicksview Farm at the April Town Board Meeting.

#### New Business:

- **5 Year road plan** – Board reviewed the drafted 5 year road plan. Additions/changes will be made and the plan will be reviewed again by the board.
- **Hay Contract** - Board reviewed and discussed updating the hay stumpage agreement that was drafted between Ken Raspotnik and the Town of Eileen. The agreement had ended December 31, 2014. Terry will contact Ken with an updated agreement and will bring to the board at the April Meeting.
- **Room Tax** – Motion to extend the current room tax resolution for an additional three years after which the board will review again by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **March Newsletter** – Board revised/edited the newsletter draft.
- **CD** – Motion to move money from the savings account and money that is set aside for the truck payment into a cd for one year at BMO Harris Bank (the total amount will equal \$21000.00) by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Town Board Recommendation** – Motion to forward the forms to the Comprehensive Planning Team for their review before the board will approval/deny the recommendation by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Load Limits** – Motion to place load limits on all town roads starting Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at noon by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed. Clerk will post notice to boards and have placed on website.
- **Insurance** – Terry has contacted Rural Mutual in regards to increasing the liability limits for the Town. Rural will not increase until the yearly renewal date.
- **Assessment Changes** – Motion to adopt a resolution that opposes the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin and asks for the proposal to be removed from the budget by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Board signs resolution and clerk will mail copies to necessary contacts.
- **Limits for Road Improvements** – Motion to eliminate the \$5000.00 limit on road improvement and repairs as proposed by the Wisconsin Towns Association by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Clerk will inform the WTA of the boards’ motion of support.
- **Salt Order** – Board has no interest in placing a salt/sand order with Bayfield County at this time.
- **Future agenda items-**
  - April meeting- Big Top will share regarding room tax proceeds and there will be a presentation from Reicks View Farm with a question/answer period
  - Monthly meetings following- Review road supervisor contract which expires June 2015 and review assessor contract which expires October 16, 2015

**Public input** – Floor was opened for comments. Resident Steve Stipetich and John Thomas shared.

**Motion to approve** and pay bills (vouchers 8828-8859) 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*