

Town of Eileen

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Clerk – Jena Barsch (715) 746-2104

May 13, 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 April 14, 2014 open session and closed session meetings. Motion to accept minutes as read by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, reported the checking account balance is \$99,803.10 and the savings account balance is \$5,926.58. The next large deposit will be in July for transportation aid. Carol recommends opening a separate savings account to segregate / hold funds for the truck payments. Board agrees. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared Mark Abeles Alison, Bayfield County Administrator, has been in contact with him. Terry shared his concerns and his solutions with recent zoning issues with Country Blossoms with Mark at a recent meeting. Mark has asked for another meeting to include the Bayfield County Zoning Director.

Jena Barsch, Clerk, shared there is a primary election on August 12, which is the second Tuesday of August. Normally, a board meeting would be held that evening, but Jena is suggesting a date change for the meeting. Board agrees to change the date for the August meeting to the 5th. She has asked Donna Anderson, Deputy Clerk, to stand in for the elections duties in August as she has planned a family vacation. Donna has agreed. Also the City of Ashland was invoiced and the Town received a check in the amount of \$529.25 for the road tax agreement of County Line Road.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported that the building and grounds are okay. The loader is down and has been sent to Albert Zifko for repairs. The snowplowing season has faded and equipment is

being put away. Randy is doing small repairs, as needed, to be ready for next winter. Randy has also been working on the grader and it is now ready for the grading season. He started grading roads, in between rain, but they are soft and very wet. Paved roads held up well over the winter due to the constant snow cover.

Beavers are gone, five total were trapped.

Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik, shared the L9000 is up and running. The hydraulic line was repaired in the grader, but the leak in the steering still needs attention. Shims were also attached for the grader. The loader is at Albert Zifko's for brakes, bucket, and other repairs. The sander shaft on the one-ton broke, Albert is also going to assist in repairing. The Workstar went away for repairs/updates while it is still under warranty.

Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke, shared he spoke with Midland regarding a propane contract. They offer the same contract for personal and business – must have money up front to pay for the entire year, but also get rebate at the end of year. Terry suggested contacting propane providers and have them give a presentation at the June board meeting.

The adhesive for the floor arrived. Randy suggested installing the water barrier when he cleans and removes the equipment before the Town picnic in August.

The landscape project is waiting on the installation of the sign. Tony asked for reimbursement of cost for materials for installation. Terry suggested Tony keep receipts and the Town will consider reimbursing after the sign is installed.

George offered that Tony Ledin can mow the grass during the upcoming summer months.

John Larson was contacted by George for a bid for the door project. John will be getting a proposed bid to George before the next meeting. George will also get other bids from contractors for the project to bring to the June meeting to discuss.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance-** Terry and Craig met with the Mason Fire Department. Joe Schick and the board agreed that they are not open to increasing area of coverage because of volunteer shortages. Terry and Craig also met with the CEO, CFO, and the president of MMC and laid out the concept of MMC offering ambulance service. Craig and Terry will prepare a synopsis to present to the MMC board next month. The City of Ashland has not produced the records requested yet.
- **Comprehensive Planning Team** – Skip Radosovich, Bill Erickson, James Sajdak, Tony Johanik, and George Setzke were sworn in Oath to hold positions on the planning team. Skip, Bill, and James will meet with Terry on May 20 or May 22 at 6:30 to review/introduce information.
- **Open Book/ BOR** – Jennie Sanders offered Open book and Board of Review to be set for June 9, 2014. Open book will be held from 4-6 pm and Board of Review will be held from 7-9 pm. Board agrees.

New Business:

- **Ordinance** – Motion to adopt the Ordinance to Appoint Alternate Members for Board of Review stating Dan Crawford and Craig Wickman as alternates by Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Board signs ordinance.
- **Gravel Bids** – Gravel bids were received and opened from the following businesses:
 - South Shore Sand & Gravel
 - \$16.47 per yard ; Highbridge Quarry; residents may purchase at same price
 - C & W Trucking Inc.
 - \$18.86 per yard; Highbridge Pit;
 - Ashland Constuction Company
 - \$16.67 per yard; Highbridge Pit; residents may purchase at same price
 - Milestone Materials
 - \$15.24 per yard; Highbridge Quarry; residents may purchase at same price

Board discussed bids. Motion by to accept Milestone Materials bid of \$15.24 per yard along with hauling to residents at the same price by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed. Terry will call to inform Milestone Materials of the board's decision. Jena will send letters to the unsuccessful bidders advising that the contract was awarded to a different contractor.

- **Road Inspection** – Board discussed gravel placement and amounts; paved road projects on Colby, Woodland, and Highland; culvert installs; and road damages from Excel Energy. Board agrees to start getting specs so ads can be placed for bids to complete the road projects.
- **Snowplowing** - Discussion of cost (\$13,583.00) vs income (\$8,600.00) for snowplowing for the past winter. The Wisconsin Towns Association says “a government body may enter into contract to remove snow from driveways, but must be construed narrowly.” Discussion of how a town has to be careful to balance the income and expense of snowplowing.
- **Closed Session** – Motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statue 19.85 (1) (c) “*Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.*” by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Open Session** – Motion to 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 8441-8479) by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

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

Minutes prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk