

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

November 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 October 14, 2014 meetings and October 20, 2014 Special meeting. 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.

Comprehensive Planning- James Sajdak shared information regarding the comprehensive planning team and their recent meetings. Clerk gave James copies of a sign permit for Ashland Lodge/ Explorers Point to review at their next meeting and return to the board with their recommendations.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared the asphalt overlay on Colby Road was a large expense (about \$137,000.00), but there will be reimbursement from TRIP funding. An additional expense includes the shouldering of the road by Bayfield County. Board agrees for clerk to write check as soon as bill is received from Bayfield County.

Jena Barsch, Clerk, shared of the election on November 4, 2014. There were 328 voters and a lot of new voter registrations.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported the culvert has been installed on Woodland Road; however, the far western end of that road project is untouched. The early snow storm has put a halt on the work. The wedging on West Woodland has also been put on hold. Milestone promised to give a break in price next year for their delay in completing the project this year. The mower tractor is fixed and grass has been cut with four passes on main roads and two passes on all other roads. There is concern

with the culvert on Woodland Road just before the intersection with Highland Road. Randy is not certain the culvert will hold up to the spring thaw. Board agrees for Randy to contact the County as soon as possible to develop any action to prevent the culvert from collapsing this winter. There is 100 yards of sand/salt mixture being held at Bob Olson's for the Town for the upcoming winter needs.

Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik, shared the L9000 is broke down and he is waiting on parts to make the needed repairs. Albert Zifko also completed some welding repairs to equipment.

Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke, shared he is not satisfied with Ryan Larson (Larson Construction) and his business operations. Motion to put a stop payment on check # 8644 for \$850.00 to Ryan Larson and for the clerk to send a letter stating his employment is being terminated by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed. George will have the entry door project rebid by other contractors next spring.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance-** Terry gave an update of current information regarding fire/ambulance.
- **Budget Discussion-** The Public Hearing and Electors Meeting where held earlier in the evening. The board offered the motion with support to increase the levy by the new construction percentage - .584%. The Wisconsin Towns Association advises for the Board to adopt a summary of the budget instead of the worksheet of the budget as the board has adopted in the past. Motion to adopt the 2015 Town of Eileen Budget Summary (with agreed line items changes and increased levy amount from the electors meeting) by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Website -** Keith Holm has not been able to contact the previous webmaster to change the old website address of townofeileen.com to refer to the new address of townofeileen.org. He is going to try to contract another web host to make the needed change. Keith is also asking for more information to add to the site.
- **2014 Line Item -** Motion to create a line item in the 2014 budget for payments to a deputy clerk (50% paid by clerk, 50% paid by town) with a max payment amount by the Town of \$400.00 per year by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Terry Torkko opposed. Motion passed.
- **Adjustments -** Board agreed to table adjustments to the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Sign -** Board will review the sign permit at the next board meeting after the Comprehensive Planning Team has reviewed.
- **Ditch Workshop-** Motion to approve Randy to attend a Rural Ditch Maintenance Workshop on November 19, 2014 by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Resolution -** Motion to adopt a resolution obligating the town to pay in case the town treasurer should fail to do so, all state and county taxes required by law to be paid by such treasurer to the County Treasurer by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed. Board signs resolution.
- **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.*" and 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 Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed
 - **Open Session -** Motion to enter into open session by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Public input - None

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 8670-8715) 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