

Town of Eileen

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October 13th, 2015

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm @ Agricultural Station on State Farm Road, Ashland, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Marty Milanowski, Chairperson. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board Members Present:

Marty Milanowski, Chairperson

Skip Radosevich, Supervisor

Tony Johanik, Supervisor

Carol Pufall, Treasurer

Crystal Mattson, Clerk

17 attendees

Review of minutes from the September 8th board meeting . Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by Skip Radosevich. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, gave report of balances and future deposits. Carol suggests moving some money around in accounts to be able to pay some of our larger items that are due. The board will discuss and let Carol know what to do. Carol also reminded the board that shared revenues will be coming in around Thanksgiving. Marty thanked Carol for her report.

Old Business:

- **Fire/Ambulance Update-** Marty gave update that at the last meeting, the board had okayed for a letter to be sent that was drafted by Attorney Craig Haukaas on behalf of the 5 towns. At a meeting that Marty attended the 5 towns decided against sending the letter. At a meeting coming up on October 19th, 2015, the towns will all get together to redraft the letter being sent. The clerk read a report on behalf of Terry Torkko:

“I am unable to attend this meeting tonight to personally present this report. I am in southern Michigan on business. I attended the fire/ambulance meeting with the participating five town chairs and with Attorney Craig Haukaas on October 6th, 2015. There was a consensus that the five towns, through Atty Haukaas, begin negotiations now with the city of Ashland and that the proposed letter, which had been previously approved by four of the five town boards, not be sent. Instead, a new letter will be developed by Atty Haukaas which will lay out the position of the towns and financial numbers on both the fire and ambulance future contracts. In addition, a financial proposal will be made to the city regarding the fire/ambulance contracts for 2016. Another meeting with the five town chairs and with Attorney Haukaas was scheduled for

October 19 to review and discuss the new proposed letter. The five towns have now been working together for over two years to develop information and background information which would enable the towns to negotiate with the city of Ashland on the future fire/ambulance contracts. The financial burdens for these services have been extreme and unfair to the towns. I suggest it is vital that this current process continue. Our current town board is split on whether to continue our attempts to negotiate these future contracts as a group of towns or for each town to negotiate on its own. I have requested several times for the town board to grant me a closed session to discuss these issues fully with the. My requests have been denied. I choose not to continue spending time and effort on these issues without the unanimous support and cooperation of the Eileen Town board. I therefore will no longer represent the town board on the fire/ambulance issue. And finally I have certainly appreciated the past support and trust the town has provided me in working on the fire/ambulance issue. Terry”

- **Town Hall update**-Marty reiterated that the town electors voted to go ahead with the land trade of 7.5 acres north of Hwy 137 in exchange for the Bayfield County Experimental Station. An electoral meeting had been held prior to this evening’s board meeting.
- **Snow Plow Contracts**-Snowplow contracts were finalized. Tony made a motion to reduce last year’s rate of \$225 be reduced to \$200 for driveways ¼ mile in length or less and to reduce last year’s rate of \$325 to \$250 for driveways ¼ mile in length or more. Contracts received after November 15th will have a late fee of \$100. Skip seconds, motion passed. The clerk will put an ad in the paper for 2 days with the snowplow information as well as making sure it gets on the website for the town.

New Business:

- **Culvert on Woodland** – Marty gave update on the work completed on Woodland Road.
- **Upgrade to town cell phones**- Randy Herrin requested an upgrade to the town cell phones due to not being able to download pictures he has been asked to take. The town board denied the upgrade, however gave the ok to purchase a camera for Randy to keep in the truck. The clerk will make the purchase.
- **Newsletter**-3rd quarter newsletter is due. The clerk will begin working on it and the board will get her information to add to it.
- **Trip Funding**-Marty gave brief overview that we are due for some funding of road projects. The town is looking at Highland Road for a project at an estimated cost of \$123,000.
- **Tires for grader**-Tony stated he has 3 different bids for tires for the grader right now and is still deciding which to go with.
- **Remote garage openers**-The town crew has asked to have 2 remote garage openers to keep in the trucks. The board will get quotes on openers to see if they will pursue.
- **Next agenda to discuss about 2016 year elections and the election staff as well as training.**

Public Input:

- **Jim Kmetz** asked about if there has been any follow-up on the lack of stop sign at the NGLVC. Marty will follow up with Jason at NGLVC.
- **Bill Heart** voiced his concern over a culvert caving in on Vernor’s Road as well as the Japanese Knot Weed growing on Woodland. Marty stated he will have the road guys take a look at these.

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 9057 through 9096 by Skip Radosevich, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tony Johanik, seconded by Skip Radosevich. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Crystal Mattson, Clerk