Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Town Hall Building

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Tanya Holcomb verified that all open meeting requirements had been satisfied.

Roll Call: Chairman, Kurt Jochimsen; Supervisors Leonard Austin and Paul Drexler; Treasurer, Patricia Austin; Clerk, Tanya Holcomb; Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe; Sanitation worker George Schneider.

There was a time of public comment. Shardell Meidel brought forth a list of 30 residents who had signed a petition for a website. She commented that everyone she spoke to supported this idea. There were some senior residents that did not use any type of technology and their comments were that we should move forward with a website as there are many people using technology to gain information today.

Motion by Austin/Drexler to approve the regular board minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Austin/Drexler to approve the special board minutes from the September 27, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Austin/Drexler to approve vouchers 16111-16132 plus auto withdrawals totaling $21,801.28 (includes void vouchers 16021). Motion carried.

**Road Report** – Roads report was provided by Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe. There were significant rain in September, many wash outs that had to be fixed on roads Big Rapids, Old 97, Foster, Weisman, Hayes, Balsam, Maryel. The team continued to shape the roads up and get the water off. Luke examined the proposed wash out on Schnelle Rd. Luke and Leonard Austin reviewed Big Rapids Road and there was significant water running off. This will need to be fixed. Estimate for this to be fixed and the culvert (KBreit) is $1,000 from Dennis Spindler. Luke received approval to move forward with this repair.

A road reclaimer should be budgeted for $6,000 for 2019. Repair needed on injector pump on the dump truck.

Based upon the bridge survey completed by KBIS, there are signs that need to be replaced. The estimate for the signs was $158, Chairman Jochimsen approved for these to be ordered.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Patricia Austin provided the Treasurer’s report including the cash balances.

**Fire Commission** - Fire Commissioner Josh Graveen not present.

**Open Business**

A general discussion was had related to the potential of a website. The clerk and chairman, as well as town residents, discussed the benefits to the community. A list of constituents who signed a petition in support of the website was presented to the board during the open comment period of the meeting. No motion was made to move forward with website by Austin or Drexler.

The insurance renewal period is up in November. Clerk Holcomb provided an update related to proposals for insurance renewals. A vote will be taken during the November meeting.

A budget to actual report was prepared by Clerk Holcomb to review the 2018 budget as compared to the expenses for the year. It was noted that the revenue for this year exceeds the budget, mostly due to the Culvert Aids received by the county. In the expense category, items to note that are variances to budget are payroll taxes from the prior year and salary expense for the change in Clerk and Roads Supervisor.

A draft of the 2019 budget was reviewed in detail by the board. There will be a special meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 7pm to finalize the budget.

A motion was made by Austin/Drexler to hold the public hearing for the budget on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Austin/Drexler to hold the special meeting of the electors immediately following the public hearing on November 13th to vote on the levy limit for 2019.

The regular board meeting will follow the public hearing and special meeting of electors. During this meeting, the board will vote on the budget.

Motion to adjourn by Austin/Drexler at 8:30pm. Motion Carried.

Submitted by:

Tanya Holcomb, Clerk on October 11, 2018

Next Meeting (Special) October 18, 2018

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