

TOWN OF MENOMONIE
MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY
APRIL 14, 2020
6:00 PM

Frank called the meeting to order.

Members present: Frank Bammert, Ed Hartung, Kent Jackson, Leslie Doane and Nancy Ponto

MINUTES

Kent noted that in the March Minutes there was a typo and the word Countryside needed to be corrected. With that correction, Ed made a motion to approve the March 10, 2020, minutes. Kent 2nd. Carried.

PUBLIC

Leslie asked to speak to the board regarding her position as Clerk. Due to the extra work involved with the April 7 election, with over 600 absentee ballots, and getting the Town hall set up for the election to provide safety and social distancing, she would like to be compensated for the extra work. She also mentioned that she had to use 2 weeks of her vacation time to get everything completed. She is asking that, including the month of March, she would like \$1,000 per month paid to her as a per diem, effective tonight for the rest of her term. Kent brought up the fact that we don't know if it is legal to pay a per diem over and above the wages but would like to check with the Town's Association. Leslie stated that she wanted an answer now. A heated discussion was made between Frank and Leslie as to the texts messages between the two on Saturday, April 4. Nancy suggested that we put this matter on hold until we can find out the legality of paying a per diem. Leslie said she wanted to know right now. Frank said we can't give you an answer tonight. Leslie turned in her keys and walked out the door. She was advised that the board could not act upon request for it was not on the agenda but could be put on next months. Her wage has to be set by the annual meeting but we could research on what we can do.

The remaining members discussed what to do next. Nancy suggested that someone talk to Leslie and see if she is willing to be compensated for her extra time spent on the election and work another month or 2 and train someone in. It was left that Frank would talk to her.

24/7 TELCOM WEB SITE PROPOSAL

The proposal for a website design and domain hosting was presented to the board by 24/7 Telcom for a price of \$4,024.95. Although the estimate was prepared on March 10, 2020 and expired April 9, 2020, 24/7 Telcom said they would honor the estimate. Ed made a motion for 24/7 Telcom to create a website for the Township at the cost of \$4,024.95. Kent 2nd. Carried.

CHAIRMAN/PATROLMAN REPORT

FRANK

- Cody sold iron and a check was received in the amount of \$60.

- Park Road was lifted and driveways to the 3 houses were put in. Frank called Cedar Corp. and complained that they set the curb wrong. Cedar Corp said the Town's patrolmen were there and told them where to set it. Frank disagreed. Frank is waiting to hear back from Pembers.

- Received an estimate from Norden Road Repair to fix the plow truck dash. The estimate is \$6,603.36. Cody will check elsewhere for a better price.
- Jeff Sand presented a letter he received from his pulmonary doctor stating that his respiratory condition puts him at an increased risk of a bad outcome if he were to develop COVID 19 and he should be excused from work indefinitely.

Jeff has stated that he would like to continue working but if the number of positives for COVID 19 in Dunn County raises above the already confirmed 9, he would prefer to stay home.

PATROLMAN

- Took One Ton to Irvington for manifold bolt replacement.
- Took wings off all equipment and hooked up sweeper on 6410.
- Checked roads and culverts; fueled, greased and washed loader.
- Worked with Bryan's on Park Road.
- New wheel studs on chipper.
- Replaced culvert on 310th Street.
- Hauled Rock on Park Road.
- Cleaned shop for Election.
- Tail light issues with Kenworth.
- Hauled black dirt from brush dump to park.
- Attended road check meeting.

JUNK ORDINANCE COMPLAINTS

1. Dan Nygaard, N4635 County Road Y, Menomonie. Nancy will write a letter advising him that he needs to clean up his property to comply with the ordinance.
2. Patrick Newburg and Michelle Moe, N4469 440th Street, Menomonie, WI. Nancy will send them a letter advising them that there has been a complaint and they are in violation of our junk ordinance.
3. Tim Stephens, E4729 467th Avenue, Menomonie. The Township received a copy of a letter that Zoning wrote to Tim Stephens, advising him that his property is zoned General Commercial and does not allow for the dismantling of vehicles and/or selling of such parts. He has been asked to contact Zoning before April 20 to discuss this and schedule a site inspection.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Since the March meeting, the loan in the amount of \$54,276.61 at Peoples State Bank was paid off. The Budget was amended to take the loan payment amount out of the Road Construction. Kent made a motion to amend the Budget, changing the Road Construction from \$358,511.00 to \$309,219.89. Ed 2nd. Carried.

FIRE NUMBERS

The Emergency Management Dept. at the County is not happy with the fire numbers on the houses in Woodlawn Terrace. They are hard to see and would like them replaced with the numbers on a post at the end of the driveway. Frank will check with the Emergency Management Dept. asking them to write a letter to all property owners regarding this. The Township would be willing to buy all the posts and put the signs up but it would be the property owner's responsibility to pay for the sign. He would like the feedback from the letters.

ROAD CHECK

The spring road check has been completed and reviewed and approved by the board.

➤ Reconstruction/Overlay	\$ 61,750.00
➤ Seal Coat/Fog Seal	\$164,569.00
➤ Crack Seal	\$ 11,070.00
➤ Spray Patch	\$ 3,400.00
➤ Miscellaneous	\$ 49,000.00
Total Expense:	\$289,789.00

DRIVEWAY PERMIT

Eric Shervey applied for a driveway permit for property he bought in Hawk Ridge. Driveway permit fee of \$75 paid. Frank reviewed the property and said no culvert is needed. Kent made a motion to approve the driveway permit. Ed 2nd. Carried. It should be noted he made the check out to Frank who endorsed it over to the town.

CEMETERY MOWING

Meadowlark Landscape and Design's contract is 10 mows for \$1,500. Additional mows will be invoiced at the end of the year. Prepayment of \$1,500 is required. Ed made a motion to approve the new contract, with the \$1,500 prepayment. Kent 2nd. Carried.

FUEL CONTRACT

Ed made a motion to approve the fuel contract with Synergy at 20¢ per gallon with a deposit of \$1,000. Kent 2nd. Carried.

PLAN COMMISSION

Kent reported that there has been no meeting this month due to the COVID 19 situation. No requests have been made and unless there is a request, there will probably be no meeting until May.

SALT SAND

Inspection is scheduled for April 27. The guys will clean up the area before the inspection.

BOARD REPORTS

ED

He stated that today there was to be a solid waste meeting. Ed tried to conference in but was unable to connect. He stated that with the projections going the way they have been, there will be a deficit of \$409,000, which will result in an increase per capita of fees next year. There is a special meeting of the recycling board scheduled for April 28 and the regular meeting scheduled for May 5.

FRANK

The brush site opens tomorrow, April 15. The release was in the Dunn County News. The guys have been there cleaning up, putting down some crushed rock and hauling leaves and fill to the town park.

ELECTION

The results of the April 7 election – 900 voters, 629 absentee, 13 absentee rejected and 37 absentee not returned.

VOUCHERS

Kent made a motion to approve vouchers #19395-19442. Ed 2nd. Carried.

Kent made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Ed 2nd. Carried.

Next meeting will be held May 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Nancy Ponto, Treasurer
Town of Menomonie