

Town of Menomonie
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday
July 14th, 2020
6:00 PM

Frank called the meeting to order.

Members present: Frank Bammert, Ed Hartung, Kent Jackson, Nancy Ponto and Charisse Sutliff.

MINUTES

- Ed stated two changes to be made to June's minutes. Under the 2020 Road Repair Update a new bullet point will be added on the "Poles will need to be moved by Xcel Energy" and add "On 700th Ave.". Secondly, it was discussed that only the *sample* ordinance for the ATV/UTV was approved. The minutes do indicate, "sample". That was left as is.
- Ed made a motion to approve the June minutes with the above corrections. Kent 2nd. Carried.

PUBLIC

- Clint Moses was present and introduced himself. Stated his address at N6602 470th Street, Menomonie. He was present to discuss an incident from May 24th 2020 where a campfire ended with an anonymous Emergency call made reporting a structure fire. He presented the board with photographs from his wife's phone taken that night prior to the call. The pictures showed a controlled camp fire approximately 3'x3' in a contained brick pit. His family was roasting marshmallows. He then presented the contested invoice #373 in the billed amount of \$500.00 from the Township of Menomonie. The bill was for the emergency response vehicles and tanker truck responding to an unauthorized burn. Frank explained how the township fire district fund works. The Fire Department bills the rural Fire district. The Township is assessed a portion of the district based on assessed value. When a fire call is in the town, we, by ordinance, assess the property owner up to \$500.00. The district pays the full bill. Clint stated that it is not as much about the money as it is about the precedence it sets. He said the emergency vehicles were not there but for 5 minutes, by the time he got to the gate, they were turning around. He had told dispatch this was just a campfire and then 6 weeks later he receives a \$500 bill. Frank asked if he was aware of the Township ordinance where all burns need to be called in for a fire permit. He was aware of the ordinance. Ed asked if he had checked with his Insurance Company to see what they would cover. Clint responded he had not. Ed asked if he had called in that night for a permit. Clint responded he had not. It was determined that Clint would

if he so chose to see what his Insurance would cover. If his Insurance does not cover the Emergency call the Township is willing to forgive half of the bill reducing it to \$250. Ed stated that in the future for his sake and liability to call all burns in. Again, Clint reiterated, this is about the precedence not the money.

Chairman/Patrolman Report

- Frank shared several pictures of the storm damage caused by excessive rain.
- North Line Road was flooded.
- 410th St, the shoulder washed out causing damage to the road and DNR trail.
- Rudiger Road was flooded; CR Bryan was hired to pull the lime rock back into the roadway from the ditch. Storm water created a huge hole on the west end of 450th Ave. The Board discussed what it would take to fill it in, lime rock will not be enough. Perhaps large pieces of concrete. Frank will consult with the land conservation department.
- Patrolmen hours spent on storm damage: Cody 18.5 (3.5 overtime) Jeff 17.5 (2.5 overtime)
- Total expense caused by the damage was \$5043.00, some of which may be able to be reimbursed with the Emergency Government funds.
- Monthly repairs on equipment, a new diesel fuel pump was needed and the Loader broke down, had a fluid leak.

Operator License renewals/new Licenses

- Renewals: Lisa Hoff and Scott Arndt
- New: Cierra Hulbert and Bailey Ewing
- Frank had passed background checks on Hulbert and Ewing. Kent made a motion to approve the above renewals/new licenses. Ed 2nd. Carried.

Driveway Permits

- Allen and Lisa Marburger in Hawk Ridge applied for a permit via Oevering Homes. The permit was approved.
- Ed will follow up with Doug and Laurie Bauer. It was discussed they may not have to move their driveway using the old one, Frank will send their permit fee back to them.

Residential Address Signs

- The Board discussed a neighboring township that added an ordinance to enforce the County rules for residential address/fire number signs. It was determined the Township of Menomonie will not add another layer of government to the standing ordinance. The County will enforce their ordinance in regards to placement or replacement of worn out signs.

CARES Act/ COVID Grant

- The Township has endured unplanned expenses in regards to additional election costs with absentee ballots, postage, electronic equipment needs, cleaning supplies, partitions, masks and miscellaneous supplies. These expenses will be submitted for possible reimbursements allowed by the grant funds available. These will be submitted on September 1st 2020.

Website Update

- 24/7 has completed the new website. www.townofmenomonie.com The Township can now post the monthly agenda, meeting notes, biannual newsletter and the Chairman's monthly summary. Website expense will be paid from the contingency fund.

DCSW Decision

- Lengthy discussions took place on the decision whether or not the Township of Menomonie would stay with the Dunn County Solid Waste program. The Town of Red Cedar announced they were pulling out of the DCSW program. This in turn increases the cost for remaining participants. Frank and Ed have been participating in ZOOM calls where the hours of operations have been discussed. If all sites are open 2 days per week it is more expensive, but overall, the townships want the service. The calls have discussed the need for a referendum and when/if they will conduct a survey. They have discussed the benefits of single stream service. DCSW has asked that all townships respond if they are staying with them or not by August 1st. It is estimated that the household charge will increase to approximately \$157.
- Frank made a motion to stay with DCSW in 2021. All members were in favor.
- Ed made a motion that we don't object to extended hours. Kent 2nd. Carried.

Newsletter

- Frank presented a copy of the biannual Newsletter. A few corrections were made to the content. The clerk added the website for Absentee Ballot requests. The newsletter was approved and will be posted on our Website.

Miscellaneous

- It was discussed on how to handle a COVID related leave of absence should one of the patrolmen test positive. The board discussed if the employee would need to utilize their Sick hours or if additional pay would be available. No decision was made at this time, but will be reevaluated if /when needed.

Board Reports

- Tuesday 7/21/20 Frank will be meeting with the State Engineer, Hoffman and Monarch to discuss the solution of the I94/Rudiger Road bypass. The Board is not satisfied with the work completed and wants a solution or reimbursement.

- Town of Sherman Chairman has invited other townships to join a ZOOM call on Thursday 7/16 at 6:30 pm to discuss solutions for DCSW proposals. Frank plans to attend.
- 490th Ave and 400th St (Johnson Road) has been washed out and needs grater/patching completed. Ed made a motion for grinding/gravel needed for repairs. Kent 2nd Carried.
- A Neighborhood Proposition/Petition was sent to the Township from Russ and Laura Cragin in regards to a stray bullet being shot into their home from the property of Anthony and Shantel Rodgers. The DC Sherriff's department was called to the incident and the investigation has been completed.
- Nancy sent out copies of Dog Ordinances to Jeff Peterson and Mark Thompson for reports of dogs running at large.
- Charisse requested to reschedule the August Monthly Meeting as the Election falls on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. It was determined the meeting will be held on Wednesday August 12th.
- Kent will be on vacation the week of Labor Day (September 6th-12th.) September's Monthly Meeting will be moved to Tuesday the 15th.

Vouchers

- The Board looked over the budget, vouchers and receipts.
- Ed made a motion to approve Vouchers 19517-19574. Kent 2nd. Carried

Frank made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm, Kent 2nd. Carried
 Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm.

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie