

Town of Menomonie
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday August 12th, 2020
6:00 pm

Frank called the meeting to order.

All members present: Frank Bammert, Ed Hartung, Kent Jackson, Nancy Ponto and Charisse Sutliff

Minutes

- Minutes from the July 14th meeting were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve, Kent 2nd Carried
- Minutes from the July 30th Special meeting were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve, Kent 2nd. Carried

Public

- Craig Fregine introduced himself. He stated he was present to discuss the storm water issue he is having on his land located on 700th Ave. He is frustrated that the Township is dumping rock in the standing water, around the culvert, and in his field. His top priority is to be able to farm the land and there is a water issue. He said the road has been like a dam creating a pocket. He's dug a ditch but wants to come up with a way that the Township, Dunn County Conservation, and himself can work together and solve the water issue. Frank said we've put in two culverts. Craig said, we need to agree on what is a "normal" amount of rain. It should be able to handle 6" of rainfall. Ed asked if a dam was needed upstream. Craig said he did not own the 310 acres of land on the West and permission would be needed if a ditch were put on the south side of the land. The board agreed the small culverts are getting plugged. The board asked Craig to work with DC Conservation to determine the size of culvert and apron that would be necessary to fix the problem. Ed stated he is willing to work with him on the issue. Frank said we are re-doing the road next year. So now is the time to fix it, but we need a proposal of cost. Kent requested pictures of what has worked. Craig agreed that he would bring an estimate and solution to our next meeting that could be evaluated. He will be reaching out to DC Conservation for input and suggestions.
- Next Craig Fregine asked if on 700th/North line Road that a shoulder could be added back. He does not have enough pad for his large farm equipment to move over and feels it is putting himself and other drivers in danger coming up a hill blindsided. Frank agreed that the Patrolmen could add some gravel and grading could be accomplished to put a larger shoulder in.
- Lastly, Craig Fregine asked that if trimming could be done at the end of the road at 700h Av and 410th St. on John Prochnow's property? There should be a 33' clearance on new roads. There is a maple tree that needs to be trimmed and brush cut down to improve visibility. Frank said they would need to reach out to John and have his patrolmen look at it.

Chairman/Patrolman Report

- Cody shared his monthly log of equipment repairs and maintenance. Fabik CAT came in and repaired the AC in the Grader. It's cooler, but still not great. They will keep an eye on it, dye was added to find

any possible leaks. The park break on the sterling single axle was repaired. Mowing and grader patching has been done. Jeff and Cody have been mowing for the City. They mowed the soccer fields. They have reached the 11,000 mark on grader patching.

- Frank shared a picture of Clifford Lee's property on 410th Ave. He had problems with water in his field. They cut trees and added ditching.
- Yellow paint was ordered for 550th Rd, 5th St and Rudiger Road.

Storm Damage

- Ed made a motion to approve the submittal of a recovery grant for the storm damage incurred on June 29-30 repaired July 1st and 2nd 2020 in the amount of \$5892.00. Kent 2nd Carried.

COVID19 Expenses

- Charisse presented a grant from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. It is an Election Security Subgrant to help offset the cost of a new computer/laptop needed for absentee ballot tracking. The grant assists with the cost of the hardware, IT support and Election Security Training. Kent made a motion to approve the grant request for \$1200. Ed 2nd Carried. It was also approved to pay for the new laptop that was purchased at Best Buy with hardware for \$ 898.83. This is solely used to track absentee ballots and correspondence with the County.
- A second grant: 2020 HAVA Coronavirus Aid Relief grant will be submitted to assist with additional cleaning, supplies, poll workers, absentee ballot expenses, additional postage and expenses related to the impact of the virus. Kent made a motion to approve, Ed 2nd Carried.

Synergy Cooperative Fuel Contact

- The Board reviewed a contact from Synergy to prepay for Propane. Ed made a motion to approve the purchase of 4800 gallons. Kent 2nd Carried.

Junk Complaint

- A junk complaint was made on property N5978 Cty Rd K. This is occupied by a renter. Kent has tried to contact Patricia Larson the owner but the phone number he had was not working. This complaint is pending while he tries a new number and attempts to contact her to get the yard cleaned up.

ATV-UTV Ordinance Review

- On 7/27/2020 there was a Dunn Co. Unit WTA Meeting. The Town Choices to be made are in regards to Dates: Apr 1-Dec 1 or all Year, Speed limit: 35 mph or as posted, and Hours: Dusk to Dawn or 24 hrs/day. The townships voted in favor of hours Dusk to Dawn. Town of Menomonie would like to see 24 Hrs/Day, but at the very least defined time to accommodate short days. Frank will propose 6am to 11pm as the sunsets vary so much and winter hours would be so short for hunters.

DCSW Information

- Frank thanked Ed for his participation on the DCSW board. Ed can represent our townships best interests and have a front row seat at this pivotal time. Several key changes to the SWR 2021 Draft Budget were made to lower the costs of the proposed 2021 per capita to participating municipalities. As of now the per capita was reduced from \$197-\$151. It was suggested that non-participating

municipality residents should they want to use the facility for recycling, whether that be old furniture, a refrigerator or any items refused by the parcel pick up, they would be responsible to purchase a dump sticker at full price at that time. This suggestion can be made and put to the DCSW board. Any municipalities that wish to withdraw must do so by Aug 19th. Town of Menomonie has committed to stay with DCSW in 2021.

Miscellaneous

- Election Equipment: As of 2020 Command Central can no longer support our current Election equipment: The Edge and the Insight (touchscreen). We will need to purchase the new equipment and budget for it in 2021. It will be one machine called the Image Cast Evolution approx. \$8600.00. If this is bought in a bulk order with other municipalities the cost can come down significantly. This expense will need to be considered in the 2021 budget.
- Nancy Ponto requested her time spent on clerk duties approved. This has been during the transition of the new clerk. Ed made a motion to approve the voucher. Kent 2nd Carried.

Board Reports

- There was a complaint made by Mika Rody, E4979 410th regarding potential septic outfall on her neighbor's property. DC Zoning staff met the complainant at her property to view the pipe. It was determined that the pipe was from the basement sump pump and not an outfall pipe. The neighbor will work with the property owner to resolve this civil issue.
- The August Primary Partisan Election was held on Tuesday August 11th. The Town of Menomonie had 741 voters participate, 348 of which by were by Absentee Ballot. The overall day was a great success; we were able to meet all of the COVID protocol in regards to separate entrance/exit, masks and sanitization. Charisse, our new clerk, learned a lot and is gearing up for the big one in November!

Vouchers

- The Board looked over the budget, vouchers and receipts.
- Kent made a motion to approve Vouchers 19575-19605, Ed 2nd Carried.

September Agenda

- **The September Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 15th. Agenda will be posted to our website.**

Adjourn

- Frank made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm, Kent 2nd. Carried

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie

