

Town of Menomonie
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6:00pm

Chairman Frank Bammert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Minutes

- Minutes from the August 12th Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve. Kent 2nd. Carried
- Minutes from the Special Meeting on September 2nd were reviewed. Kent had two grammar corrections. Ed made a motion to approve, Kent 2nd Carried.

Public

- Frank had asked Don to present his concerns about an Airbnb to the board. It was noted that there was not a zoning issue but he had spoken with the owner and things were to be addressed with the property.
- Don Austrum residing at E5206 650th Avenue, was present to discuss a concern with a neighbor's property. Within the last 6 months the property had sold and the new owners have it rented out as an Airbnb. The zoning is not in violation however there are renters coming and going several cars parked on the street and most recently there was a wedding with an estimate of 40 cars parked in the neighborhood. He had pictures on his phone. He stated he has lived in the neighborhood for over 40 years but the Airbnb was decreasing his enjoyment of the property.
Rich Effifson was also present, residing at E3518 650th Ave. He had called Bob Colson with County Zoning who agreed that the number of cars parked could be a concern getting emergency vehicles through. In addition, the owners may need to purchase a permit with the township who would be entitled to an 8% tax on vacation rentals. The property owners were present, Heidi Sell and Tom Wall. They apologized for the wedding that was held and ensured that going forward such an event would not be agreed to. They are advertising up to 6 occupants only. Going forward they have advertised: no events, no guest parking on the street, they placed a camera at the door and out front, and stated 10pm to 8am is quiet time. If a complaint is made, they are penalized \$300. They said they are priced high with the attention to attract a high clientele. All parties agreed to see how things go forward with these new actions in place.

24/7 Fiber Optic Proposal

- A representative, Jim, from 24/7 Telcom was present to discuss the plans for fiber optic expansion in our township. The Pheasant Crossing project is part of a grant that the township had agreed to pay \$5000. The first half of \$2500 was given the second half will be presented at completion of the project. He discussed new grant applications available and the continued support and partnership with the township. He acknowledged dead spots that need service. Constituents were present that discussed their need for service. Ed made a motion to support the expansion of fiber optics committing to \$5000 in 2021 and \$5000 in 2022. 24/7 is to present a memo of understanding and was added to our next month's agenda where the BB project has changed their Broadway map. Jim also suggested to the public present that letters of support were needed from them and their neighbors that are under served and need service for work and at home schooling.

DCSW/Special Meeting

- Dunn County Solid Waste (DCSW) has announced they are closing on January 1st 2021.
- A special meeting was held on 9/2/20 where it was determined that we must become our own responsible unit for garbage and recycling.
- Claire from Menomonie Disposal presented the Board with options for the township. She discussed curbside pick up verses a site drop off where we could have a compactor or roll off dumpsters. Menomonie Disposal would need at least a 5 year commitment. They have drawn up numbers for a 5 year and a 10 year contract. Some figures shared were options from \$120-\$240 per house hold.
- The township has been getting quotes from other vendors as well and all options will be presented and discussed at an informational meeting held on 9/28/20 at 7pm. Post Cards were sent to all residents inviting them for input on the decisions that will be made.

700th Avenue Update

- Craig Fregine, owner of farmland on 700th Avenue has been working with Dunn Co. Land Conservation to resolve water runoff and flooding of his fields. He is working on a state grant, however the township will be responsible for the extra rock, splash pads needed that are within 22' from center of the road. Frank said, we will wait for the surveys to come in which will determine how many culverts are needed. We may be redoing the road next year and plan to work together as a partnership to resolve the water issues.

Employee/Chairman Report

- Jeff Sand, Patrolman was present and stated they have been busy with several different projects. Lots of hand patching, mowing, trimming of trees and repairing of equipment. Gypsy Hill Road still needs hand patching. Frank approved the purchase of 4-5 more ton of grader patch to repair bad spots and potholes. Frank approved the purchase of an Air Cat Impact Wrench with a 4-year protection plan of \$300.48 for the shop. Jeff has been working with the Sherriff's department for trash that had been dumped in the ditch, an individual has been identified. Jeff will follow-up, if a citation is issued, the township will bill the individual for cleanup expenses.

Driveway Permit

- Larry and Sherry Galeteka submitted a driveway permit for Lot 22 Hawk Ridge 453rd Street. It will require a 15" culvert 30' with end walks, plastic or steel. Ed made a motion to approve the permit, Kent 2nd. Carried.

Junk Complaint

- A junk complaint was made for N5978 Cty Rd K. There was a large pile of trash bags in the front yard. Kent did speak with the renter and he has made efforts to clean it up. He has taken several trips to the dump. Pictures were shared of before and after. Ed made a motion to close the complaint. Kent 2nd. Carried.

COVID Grant Money

- The township had submitted for two grants last month that were approved and paid which helped with the additional expenses incurred in regards to elections, absentee ballots, new computer, postage, cleaning and sanitization supplies. There is another grant available: Road to Recovery Federal Grant, which was part of the CARES Act passed. We are in need of two printers and have more expenses upcoming with the November Election, however we will have a surplus of funds available. The Town has received a request from the Menomonie Fire Department of their needs in regard to this pandemic. If we are able to transfer funding or help purchase needs with the surplus, we will support the Menomonie Fire Department. Also, the sheriff's department has made contact with Frank requesting for excess funds.

Election Workers Wage

- With the increase of responsibilities, Charisse requested to increase the poll workers wages. Currently we pay the Chief Inspectors \$10/hr. and Election Workers \$9/hr. It was requested to raise it to Chief Inspectors \$12 and Workers \$10. Frank made a motion to approve the increase. Kent 2nd. Carried.

Summer Road Update

- Johnson Road will be graveled with 4 inches of lime rock and then left alone until Spring. It will not be pulverized this year. Frank stated we need to look at rubber blades for the

single axle. They have been proven to be better for the roads and peel off snow nicely. The cost will be approximately \$2000. Kent made a motion to approve, Ed 2nd. Carried.

Board Reports

- Kent will be setting up a Planning Commission meeting in October.
- A special meeting will be held on Tuesday October 6th 2020 at 9 Am to finalized the decision on what direction the town will go on solid waste and recycling.

Vouchers

- Board reviewed the Account Report. Ed made a motion to approve Vouchers 19606-19669. Kent 2nd. Carried.

Adjourn

- Frank made a motion to adjourn at 8:49pm. Kent 2nd. Carried

Charisse Sutliff, Clerk Town of Menomonie