

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2021

Matt Lehto, Chairman; Matt Granger; Supervisor; Ryan Van Ornum, Supervisor; Shelley Jolma, Clerk, Heather Schutte, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Matt Lehto. There were 2 townspeople present. The minutes of September Monthly Board Meeting were read. A motion was made by Matt G and second by Ryan VO to accept the meeting minutes as read. The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. A total of \$7,366.03 was submitted to pay bills. We had a credit balance of \$94,723.70 in the checking account. A motion was made by Ryan VO second by Matt L to accept the Treasurer's Report.

*Sheriff's Department Report: None

*Fire Department Report: Ashland Fire Chief Stuart Matthais was present. Said he wanted to introduce himself to the Board and give an update from the Fire Dept and 911 calls for the county and township.

*Old Business:

Troy's Position/responsibilities- The Board discussed the proposed Job Duties of the "Road Foreman" and "Road Worker". These are our 2 roadmen positions that the town has. There was a motion made by Ryan VO and 2nd by Matt L to approve the said job duties for these 2 positions. Clerk will add this to the Employee Handbook. Benefits were discussed for these 2 positions as currently there is only paid vacation. Discussion. There was a motion made by Matt L and 2nd by Matt G to approve benefits for these 2 positions beginning January 1, 2022. These benefits include Paid Vacation, 401K Match, (7) Paid Holidays, and a Monthly Healthcare Bonus (Per Diem). Clerk will also add this to the handbook under these 2 positions.

*New Business:

Schedule Budget Meeting- This was scheduled for November 15, 2021 @ 7:00 preceding our regular monthly board meeting.

Schedule Budget Planning/Discussion Meeting- This is scheduled for Monday November 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

Letter from The Brick regarding ARPA funds. The Board discussed this and decided to save our ARPA \$ for now to spend on the town but will keep the Brick in mind.

LRIP/TRIP \$- Supervisor Ryan attended the meeting with Ash County. Discussion on the way the town could spend funds in the future. There is also a 90/10 fund that the town can apply for but that has to be brought to the meeting on Oct 27 with Ash Cty. Because there is not a lot of time, the Board will instruct the Road Foreman to get a proposal for blacktopping the village of Marengo and the Chairman and the Road Foreman will attend the meeting on Oct 27th.

WI.GOV domain/email- Municipalities were instructed to set up a .gov or wi.gov domain to make emails more secure for elections. This will be required in the future for all WISVOTE users. The Clerk brought a proposal from KerberRose Technology for implementing the wi.gov domain into Microsoft and Outlook and setting the clerk up with this. The Proposal was for \$400 for the set up and Office 365 etc. A motion was made by Matt L and 2nd by Ryan VO to have the Clerk accept this proposal and move ahead with this.

Culvert Replacement- Dark Corner Rd- This culvert is only half in the Town of White River. The Board will instruct the Road Foreman to fix this culvert and the town can invoice the other town for half of the cost.

Berweger Rd- Ashland Co Land Conservationist will possibly get a grant for flood mitigation on Berweger Rd and replacing a culvert. Per an email from Mary Jo Gingras, she will want approval from the board for this at an upcoming meeting.

Redistricting of the Town Wards- County boards are required to re-district following each decennial census. Ashland Cty has tentatively re-districted the wards in the Town of White River. Municipalities are required to adopt a resolution approving the County's Re-Districting Plan or adjust ward lines. There was a motion made by Matt G and 2nd by Ryan VO to accept the County's Re-districting Plan. Resolution was signed by each Board Member and attested by the Town Clerk.

Public Input:

None

Bills were paid and checks signed.

A motion was made by Matt G and second by Matt L to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th, 2021 immediately following the Budget Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Shelley Jolma, Clerk