

Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Trade Lake

11811 Town Hall Rd, Frederic, WI 54837

1/13/2022

Meeting called to order by chairman Ramona Moody at 6:00 pm. There are 21 in attendance

Board Members Present: Chairman Ramona Moody ☒ Supervisor Adam Lesak ☒ Supervisor Scott Doornink ☒

Others Present: Treasurer Patsy Tucker ☒ Clerk Marjie Gravelle ☒ Hwy Maintenance Jeremy Scheider ☒

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Affidavit of Posting: Notices and agenda were posted according to §19.84 at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber and the Town Hall on 1/6/2022 @ 9:00am .

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Doornink to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lesak Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lesak to approve the minutes of the 12/9/2021 monthly board meeting with no corrections or additions. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasure's report: Patsy reported total assets as 12/31/2021 are \$619,003.40. All accounts are reconciled.

ARPA Funds: Review of final ruling, with reservations that it can still change. Funds can be given to emergency services such as Fire Departments for them to use on things like payroll.

Public comment: Van Brock – requested public comment be later in the meeting & expressed concerns about CAFO.

Election Machines: Jen & Bonnie will be attending training on January 26th & picking up the new machines.

Doug/Stephanie Wickstrom: asking to get Maplewood Road from Buckland to Assembly in the road review for repair.

CAFO Update: Tyler Dix reported nothing new.

CAFO Ordinance Committee Report: Committee is about 90% done with their work. Scheduling meeting with one additional person and is requesting more time by extending the committee reporting date.

CAFO Study Committee resolution extension: Nick Vivian recommended we extend to the end of 2022. Lesak made a motion to extend the CAFO study committee resolution 22-02, Seconded by Doornink, followed by roll call vote, Lesak/aye, Doornink/aye, Moody/aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Town Partnership: Wild River Conservancy is still working on details and are hoping to bring info to the Town of Trade Lake in February or March.

Town of Trade Lake Source Water Protection Plan: Nick Vivian reviewed and thought it was well done and thinks the Town should adopt it, Lesak made motion to approve Water Protection plan 22-03, Seconded by Doornink. Followed by roll call vote, Lesak/aye, Doornink/aye, Moody/aye. Motion carried by Unanimous roll call vote.

Letter to D.A requesting investigation into bribery: The board will send a certified letter to the DA requesting they respond to Nick Vivian's letter dated October

Comprehensive Plan:
Burnet County Agriculture Zoning Changes:
Trade Lake Agriculture Zoning:
Letter to Burnett County requesting EIS for
exclusive agriculture districts:

During the Natural Resources committee meeting today, Dave Ferris recommended the County have the Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey update Burnett County's groundwater inventory that they originally did in 1990. This recommendation is county-wide with a greater look in the agricultural areas of the County, like Trade Lake and Dewey. Dave said this would likely be in 2023 as it may cost around \$200,000. The committee gave Dave approval to move forward with this.

Building inspector contract update and current building inspections: Jon Mattson – Atlas Inspections, is our new building inspector, with a 2-year contract starting in 2022. Dennis Quinn will complete the building permits that he previously issued.

Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) Ordinance: Our uniform dwelling code is out of compliance, Jon gave us a draft one he likes to work with, he recommended we change the dollar amount to square footage. It was sent to Etta Strey with the Dept of Safety & Professional Services for review, she said it looks good. Lesak made motion to approve uniform dwelling code 2022-01, Doornink seconded it, Carried by voice vote.

Fire Report: Frederic /no meeting. Grantsburg 153 runs/2021 135/2020 Tim Harmon fire chief resigned.

Ambulance Report: no meeting

Highway Report: Everything is looking good so far.

LRIP/Grant updates – Everything is to Mike Hoefs at the County. Mike needs to submit it to the State.

Request road work bids for spring: discussion for February meeting.

Shop overhead Garage door update: Door is installed. Concrete under the door is broken and needs to be repaired.

Machinery needs/purchasing – 2022 John Deer 310SL Backhoe Loader to replace current backhoe gravel reclaimer, 3-point side mower: **Backhoe** cost of \$114,000 after trade-in of our backhoe, \$50,000 down and balance of \$64,000 @ 2.785% interest for 6 years; no prepayment penalty. Payment would be \$13,888.80 due January of each year for 6 years. Total interest would be approximately \$5,445.00. Resident comments were supportive of this purchase with financing.

Backhoe: Motion by Lesak to purchase a backhoe 310SL for \$114,000 with \$50,000 down and financing \$64,000 at an interest rate of 2.785%. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

3-point side mower: Motion by Moody to give Scott the authority to purchase or to coordinate the purchase with Jeremy for a 3-point side mower up to \$2,000. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Part-Time Road maintenance employee: Going good.

Internet/Fiber has been installed in the Town Hall.

Audio Visual for meetings: Dan is out of town and will be able to update in the spring.

Heater for Garbage/Recycle building: Heater we purchased is not keeping up with the cold. We will continue researching

Town Computer & IT issues: Supervisors got Laptops back. Some IT issues need to look into maybe getting new IT provider.

Closed Session: Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for employee/appointment review by Doornink. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:05pm.

Open Session: Motion by Lesak to go into open session. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote. Open session reconvened at 8:24pm.

Action Deemed Necessary from Closed Session Discussion: Employee review was conducted.

Motion made by Moody to increase part-time employee wage, by .50 per hour for Patrick & Greg pay. Increase Patsy's pay \$300.00 annually. Increase Jeremy's pay \$1.00 per hour and increase his vacation pay to 5 hrs per paycheck and increase Marjie's pay \$500.00 annually. Election pay of \$14.50 to Bonnie Wicklund (Deputy Clerk).

Seconded by Lesak, Motion carried by voice vote.

Clerk Items: look for training options

Deputy clerk compensation: election pay to be \$14.50/hour to Bonnie Wicklund (Deputy Clerk).

Payment of Town Bills: Motion by Lesak to pay town bills in the amount of \$257,420.10. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next monthly board meeting will be 2/10/2022 @ 6:00 P.M

Motion by Doornink to adjourn. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m

Submitted by, Marjie Gravelle, Clerk