

December 8, 2009

The regular monthly town board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and William Majest, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople present were Mike and Sharon Steckbauer and George Rock.

The agenda for the meeting was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Frank. Thereafter the report was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Non-Board member business:

George Rock stated that more reflectors were needed by the culvert by the South driveway coming into the hall.

Unfinished Business:

Woodward Property ó The clerk has not heard anything from the county regarding the status of this matter.

Comprehensive Plan ó the county will vote on this plan soon. The clerk commended the county on its plan. She stated that she has read the entire plan and found absolutely nothing negative. To the contrary, the Plan provides much information which will protect Langlade county landowners, plus gives information on county soils, waterways and utilities and community facilities. The clerk urges that anyone who has questions read the Plan. The Plan protects our rights and does not take them away. A printed copy is available for anyone to stop in and read. Copies can also be obtained at the library in Antigo and the county zoning office.

Farm Land Use Initiative ó This plan is totally separate from the Comprehensive Plan, which is what some people have been led to believe. Becky Frisch from the county zoning office contacted all the towns with agricultural properties earlier this fall in order to go over their town maps. Property which was used indeed for agriculture was left alone. Properties which were no longer solely used for agriculture were changed from A-1 to A-2. The benefit of this is that if a property owner with A-2 zoning would want to sell off a parcel of his property, he would not have to pay a conversion fee, which is what would happen if the property had been left A-1. The conversion fee may be \$600.00 per acre or more and would be paid to the county who would in turn have to send it all to the state. Becky Frisch met at the hall and talked to the people there who had been sent a card concerning their A-1 properties. The new Farm Land Use Initiative plan goes into effect on January 1, 2010. We should commend Becky Frisch for working on this so early, in order to help people avoid problems in the future.

Boulder Lake Snogers were going to be at the meeting concerning the use of Sauls Springs road for snowmobiling. They found out that the town has a snowmobile ordinance which allows the use of town roads for snowmobiling in order to get to the trails.

Election workers ó The clerk gave names of people who will be on the upcoming election board. She stated that she is still looking for more people to be on the board, and that she will enlist the help of high school students. The board approved the list. The clerk also discussed that there may be changes in how elections are handled. These changes will be forwarded to all clerks after the Government Accountability Board's meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The clerk will be hosting a training session towards the end of January to ensure that all election workers are certified to handle elections. The training session will include the townships of Elton, Langlade, and Ainsworth. Wolf River and the Village of White Lake.

General Building and Plant ó A section of the Highway Building has been insulated with spray foam. This is the section that houses the fire department's equipment van. Furnaces for both the newly insulated section and the main section of the highway building were discussed. Prices for the furnaces will be obtained. The board will also look into furnaces which are energy efficient.

Highway ó Poor Farm Road ó The clerk has checked with the county concerning the plowing of this road in the winter months. The property owners on this road do not want it plowed. The town maintains this road throughout the year by grading and laying gravel as needed. We fulfill our obligations with regard to State Highway Aids by doing this. So we do not have to plow it unless one of the property owners on the road wants it open and we can wait until we are contacted to do this.

T.R.I.P. Program ó (Town Road Improvement Program) discussed. Paperwork for 2010-2011 will be completed following the meeting. Supervisor Majest will take the paperwork to the highway meeting where decisions will be made as to which townships will receive money from this program to do road projects in their townships.

Rescue Squad ó nothing new to report. Their next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Department ó The new truck is here. An open house for the fire department is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is one panel that needs to be replaced as it was made improperly and the door will not open as it should. The board commended Alex Emerich and the fire department on the good job they did in the purchase of the truck and the selling of the old one.

Recycling ó No problems whatsoever. Currently the hours are 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays.

Cemetery ó Nothing new to report.

Bills were approved for payment upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed. The clerk reviewed the differences in the 2008 and 2009 levies with those present. All the tax paperwork went into the county on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on tax collection. As the clerk is now at the hall, there may be a possibility that people may want to drop their taxes off here. The clerk stated that she would accept them, but if they wanted a receipt from the treasurer, they would have to provide a self addressed stamped envelope along with their payment and the correct portion of the tax bill. Discussion on a note that should be sent along with the taxes listing the hall phone number and the hours in which the clerk will be at the office.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.