

February 9, 2010

The regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Wolf River, as posted at the town hall, Mike's and Bob's was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present for the meeting were Supervisors Susan Hawley and William Majest, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Mike and Sharon Steckbauer were also present for the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made by those present.

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

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

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Frank. Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Non-board member business: None

Unfinished Business: Woodward property – The clerk has heard nothing from the county concerning this matter. She will contact them before the March meeting.

Review of town finances – A resolution to amend the fire department budget is needed after the clerk completed the "Emergency Services Paperwork" from the Department of Revenue. According to the paperwork, our fire department budget should be \$11,000 per year. The resolution was read by the clerk. It was thereafter approved upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. The budget will be increase to \$11,000. The difference of \$2,900.00 will come from the general checking account. New Heater in Highway Building – Chairman Buettner reported that a new heater has been installed in the portion of the highway building used to house the fire department's equipment van. The electric heater will no longer be required.

New Business:

Ordinance permitting split shifts for election board – In order to have split shifts an ordinance is required, in accordance with state statutes. The clerk read the ordinance and it was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Schaller Property – Ken Schaller owns property "Deer Park" and his son is buying it from him. The son has submitted claim for refund of taxes because he feels the taxes are too high. The clerk suggested that the claim be forwarded to the town's assessor for his opinion. This matter will be reviewed at the March meeting.

General Building and Plant: A new office door has been purchased and will be installed soon. The furnace for the office needed to be repaired.

Highway – Alex Emerich and Chairman Buettner went to 5 dealers to look at highway mowers and also went to the Town of Norwood to see the mower that they have. Prices were obtained from 3 dealers. Roland Equipment, which includes 2 heads, was \$17,567.52. Quinlan’s in Antigo gave a price of \$29,706.00. Antigo Machinery gave a price of \$33,000.00. Roland Equipment’s mower is like the machine they have in the Town of Norwood, and includes an oil cooler. Discussion followed on the differences in a rotary and flail mower. After further discussion Supervisor Hawley made the motion to purchase the mower from Roland Equipment, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Rescue Squad – Supervisor Hawley stated that the new ambulance has arrived. The old ambulance was given to the White Lake fire department. Discussion followed regarding the MRSA virus, which is highly infectious. She feels we should have some brochures to hand out.

Fire Department – A 1998 1 ton ford cable TV truck has been purchased to haul hoses and pull the rescue trailer. Clerk will see that this vehicle gets put on the town’s insurance.

Recycling – Everything is going pretty smooth. Mike Frank helped out at the recycling center over the weekend.

Cemetery – A new flag that was donated by the American Legion has been put up at the cemetery. The old flag was getting pretty worn.

Correspondence – An application from Century Link for placing telephone lines within the township was reviewed. It was decided not to do anything on this unless they contact the town again. A letter was received from Wisconsin Public Service stating what the cost will probably be for their part in the new furnace for the highway building. PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) paperwork was reviewed. The town has received the money and now the clerk will make disbursements to the schools and county, according to this paperwork. The State’s “County Wide Assessment Proposal” was discussed. The clerk read a letter that was drafted opposing this proposal. The letter will be sent to the Department of Revenue and Senators Holperin and Feingold. The county is hosting a meeting concerning this proposal on February 17th at the Neva town hall. A letter was received from the Department of Revenue concerning Hollister Products; LLC which is no longer in business and the state will therefore not be assessing it as manufacturing property. A letter was received from Becky Frisch from the county zoning office, thanking the town for all our help in updating the zoning maps. A letter from the United Area Rescue Squad regarding the services they are providing in the Town of Wolf River. A copy of this letter was sent to Trout land Rescue regarding the meeting they requested in the letter. A typed fee schedule for the use of the town hall was read. Clubs and associations who use the hall for meetings must pay \$50.00; however if they use the kitchen facilities and serve food, they will be expected to pay \$125.00. Also read was the fee for use of town vehicles if, for example, a private driveway must be opened for a landowner.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.