

Town Board Meeting
Wednesday July 8, 2020

Present: Chairman Iverson, Supervisors Bonk and Oravis. Clerk Gunderson, Treasurer Mottram and 9 others. Road Foreman Mark Tody was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Iverson at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of June 10th read. Motion O/B to approve. Carried. Financial Report - Motion O/B. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kevin Johnson – has been talking to ATV/UTV about slowing down. There are a couple of children on Atkins Lake that are disabled and he would like to see some signage put out, above and beyond the standard signs. We did put out some ‘Slow Children’ signs. Jack will look at some other signage. Per Kevin – ‘The Bigger the Better’.

Raye Lahti regarding mowing – Mowing gets rid of both beneficial and unbeneficial weeds. Forestry told him that we do not have to mow 100%. Per Towns Association the law comes under right-of-way. Their opinion is that we have the authority to cut any vegetation within the right-of-way. Even if the town doesn’t, the landowner can. We don’t have to mow but the Town can be found liable if there is a safety issue. While it would be good to leave the milkweed for the butterflies, we have to weigh in the safety. Jack will call the Forestry person Raye spoke to. Ed Wallen bikes the town roads a lot and feels safer with the weed mowed! Northwest Cooperation Weed Management Control and Forestry would work together to try to come up with a plan per Raye. Will invite to meeting.

Fireworks – what are the rules? There are no laws against allowing them. A person has to apply for a permit listing the date and products they plan on setting off. They pay \$25.00 per day/permit and a copy is sent to the County Sheriff’s Office.

NEW BUSINESS: Repairs on 18 mile Bridge which is located on S. Sweden Rd – received quote for \$12,000 to fix. May be eligible under County Bridge Aid. Paul Johanik told Jack we should write letter to County Administrator. The creek is going around the culvert right now. The quote came from Dale Johnson who works with Superior Waterways. He is also working to fix Jader creek. Options: should we get quotes – maybe someone would come in cheaper; look to see if there are any grants. Jack will do some more checking with the County.

Playground/Park Improvements – Mike is waiting for supplies from Cable Lumber. He won’t pull out old timbers until we have the new ones. 21 timbers needed, not including the parking lots. Dane will take out the brown tress and dispose of them. He will also look into planting a new tree. The tennis courts are being worked on today. They were built in 1974. It is hard to find anyone to work on them. We did receive a ‘Wellness’ grant from Bayfield County. Would like it set up as a Pickle Ball Court. Jack will talk to Renee Young as she may know a bit about this.

Roof Repairs – The warming shed has been taken care of. Motion O/B to do the Town Hall and Band Stand but not the Museum. Carried. Motion O/B to approve the bid from Will’s Customs Creation that we received last month. Carried.

Blacktopping – Cary Palmer – ‘were there any specs? He states that ‘this is the worst job he has ever seen!’ Jack explained that we are not dealing with hot mix. Rain and cold mix to not do well together. Scott’s had to put sand on it to help soak up moisture. Jack discussed having Scott’s take a look at it. If they have done a bad job they will make it good! Dane asked Mike if he wanted an independent contractor to look at it. He will ask Larry Nelson for any suggestions regarding same. Motion O/B to not pay Scott’s bill and reevaluate at August meeting.

Town Garage Doors – Doors are rusting due to the concrete. May need jams and doors. Need to find someone who still services doors.

Any summer projects? – No suggestions.

Motion O/B to go into executive session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., to discuss personnel at 8:50. Carried. Reconvene to regular session at 9:14. No action.

Motion B/O to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Carried. Next regular board meeting Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 7:00 in the Grand View Town Hall.

Teresa A Gunderson, Clerk