

Town Board Meeting
Wednesday October 14, 2020

Present: Chairman Iverson, Supervisors Bonk and Oravis. Clerk Gunderson, Treasurer Mottram and 8 others.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Iverson at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of September 9th read. Motion B/O to approve. Carried. Financial Report - Motion B/O. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

REPORTS: No Committee Reports.

Highway – waiting for gravel crusher. They should be starting soon. Trying to work on Old Grade Rd. Pulling sod in from edges – using an old machine attachment for the Forestry.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Wysocki asked if we plan on getting Club Lake and Old Grade roads in good condition before it freezes. He again complained about the belly blade and stated ‘we need the grader to come in’. Jack will discuss these roads with the road crew.

Heather Ludzack presented an update from the Chamber of Commerce. While she has been the VP since 2018, she has recently taken over as Interim Executive Director when the previous Executive Director left in August of 2019 with no notice. They have revamp operations which has helped the budget. They have also completed some maintenance projects that have been scheduled for a number of years. Doing less printing and more website. They have also restructured dues and added more members. Tourism is booming right now – room tax is up about 8% so far this year. They have applied for and WI Dept. of Tourism grant. Ruth Goetz is now splitting some of the Executive Director duties with Heather (big help). They hope to have a new Executive Director by this spring.

NEW BUSINESS: Comprehensive Zoning Plan – the Committee met on September 23rd and came up with a plan to use Karl Kastrosky as consultant. They have set up a series of meetings starting on December 2nd. They are planned for the week before we would have a board meeting so they could act on any permits and give recommendations to the board. We need at least 5 voting members and only have 3 right now. Brian Jensen and possibly Jim Wysocki will round out the board that consists of Larry Nelson, Mike Oravis and Tom Garnett.

Dust Abatement – need to discuss if we want to do anything as we need to put it in budget. Town of Kelly does 100’ in front of residences. No action!

5-year Policy – we need to come up with at least a 2-year plan in order to apply for LRIP. LRIP is on computer now instead of working with County Highway Commissioner. No action!

Zoning request received from Hjalmer and Jackie Gunderson for hunting cabin off Old 63 (had previously applied for garage). Motion B/O to approve. Carried. Also received a zoning request from Thomas and Lynne McNutt on Diamond Lake Drive. This work has been completed. Motion O/B to approve. Carried.

Linda Schramm will no longer be running the Long Branch Saloon. She has surrendered the Liquor License to the Town. Received an application from El Zarco Restaurant and Bar, LLC for a Liquor License for this same premises. This has been posted in the Ashland Press for the required time. Motion O/B to approve. Carried. Motion B/O to lower the license fee to the same amount we charged all others this year (\$50.00 minimum allowed by law) and waive the publication fee. Carried.

Christmas Lights – suggestion has been made to put a piece of pipe in the ground to hold a cut tree. This pipe could be reused every year. Will also look at putting up lights at the Town Hall again. The hooks are still there from past years when we used to put them up.

Will schedule a budget workshop meeting for 9:00 a.m. Saturday October 17th and October 28th.

Motion B/O to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Carried. Next regular board meeting Wednesday November 11, 2020 to follow the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting to set levy which will start at 7:00 in the Grand View Town Hall.

Teresa A Gunderson, Clerk