

February 11th, 2020
Regular Monthly Meeting

The Regular Board of Supervisors meeting was held at the Town of Grantsburg office on February 11th, 2020. Present were Chairman Ron Burg, Supervisors: Gilbert Meyer, John Hennessey, Treasurer Laura McKeag, Clerk Raylene Swanson, Deputy Clerk Marjean Legler, Road Maint. Operator Duane Selander, and 24 others.

- I. **Call to order:** Chairman Ron Burg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** The February 11, 2020 agenda was reviewed. John Hennessey made a motion to approve the agenda. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from prior Board Meeting:** Gilbert Meyer made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes. John Hennessey seconded the motion. MC.
- V. **Communications Report:** Notices for this meeting were posted in the Sentinel, on the website, Facebook page, at the Town Shop, at Burnett Dairy General Store and Cheese store. I am happy to announce the Board is supportive of my decision to appoint Marjean Legler as my Deputy Clerk. I look forward to training with her the next few months. February 18th is the Spring Primary. Reminder that voting for the Town of Wood River will be at the Calvary Covenant Church, located at 11530 State Rd. 70 in Alpha. The Chairman is seeking interested individuals to form an Ordinance Committee to review current Ordinances and see if updates are needed. A legal background is preferred. If interested, let the Town Chairman know. The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Grantsburg office.
- VI. **Treasurers Report, Laura McKeag:** Treasurer Laura McKeag submitted the January 2020 Treasurers report. The General Checking Balance is \$913,597.35; The Money Market balance is \$1,091,140.65; the CD balance is \$35,949.63.
- VII. **Road Maintenance Report, Duane Selander:** Duane said he has been pushing back the snow and fixed the roof of the Porta Potty which was damaged by an ice slide off of the shop roof. He has also been doing some truck maintenance and cleaning up the shop.
- VIII. **Fire Association Report, Gilbert Meyer:** Gilbert presented the January 20, 2020 minutes for our review. Fire Association has 22 members, with 1 new applicant and 2 on probation. The banquet will be held on the 8th of February.
- IX. **Planning Commission – Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:** Rick Cunningham gave the Planning Commission report on the Town’s Comprehensive Plan stating that by unanimous decision there would be no changes as the plan is all governed under zoning. Chairman Burg questioned that it also included ATV road use and housing, etc. He asked to schedule an annual review in April. He also asked that the rest of the Board members receive a copy of the Planning Commission’s minutes. Damon Johnson said they will use the guidelines of the County for the ATV road use.
- X. **Joel Johnson- Evidence of Misconduct:** Joel Johnson stated that he has been on Boards and in meetings for the last 25 years. Never has he seen such an organized group that is jaded against a landowner as in the last 10 months. Regarding permits for driveway or building & RV park, month after month, time after time, the Chairman has been putting pressure on the other Board members and the landowners. Stating that the Chairman was pressured by the group ‘Concerned Citizens of Big Wood

Lake', that he is a member of. This shouldn't be in Town's business. Roads should be 90% of the concern. Let them do their job. It's not about doing in your neighbor.

- XI. **Public Forum:** (3-minute limit per person, unless arranged in advance): **Carol Downhour** stated how she voted for someone who would represent her concerning the RV park. And she has watched as roads in the Town have been deteriorating; **Attorney Nick Vivian** said the Comprehensive Plan was not just a zoning plan. This is what Democracy looks like. Any group could be here. It's not about an angry mob or pitchforks or jaded. These Town meetings that are happening here in Wood River are what is exactly supposed to happen in a Town. "it's working."; **Samantha Langenbach**, from the Wood Lake Camp, stated that it did feel like a mob at times, but they are working with the Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake and that they have come to an agreement. They have put in a new CUP application with the County, which will be heard at their April meeting. The plan is to fix up and use the old buildings for a Bible Camp for youth and families. A community camp, as well as for reunions, picnics, etc. They will be holding annual or semi-annual meetings to keep the Town informed; **Cindy Jensen** stated that she is disappointed how things had gone also. But she sees that things are moving along for the good with the Camp now; **Rick Cunningham** reviewed his history with Patrick Hansen and the conversations they have had about the Camp and the Town's ordinances concerning RV's. He was concerned with the treatment of the former Chairman and he believed Chairman Burg was voted in to stop the RV Camp from going in as a member of the Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake; **Stan Peer** reminded everyone that the Comprehensive Plan had public input so that all were on the same page with it; **Don Chell** was on the Planning Commission and stated that everything was taken out of the Statute book and we should "just follow the law". Wood River has the best roads in the County; **Patrick Hansen** said that he was lobbying Mr. Cunningham about the existing ordinance and he had it looked up by an attorney who said it was unclear. Mr. Hansen said the Town should get a lawyer and clear up the vague ordinances. He commented on how he had just come from a meeting with Samantha, from the Wood Lake Camp, and it was a good meeting and were on the path to resolving their differences; **Dave Chell** told of the State wanting to increase the speed limit in Alpha to 55 mph. He would like information on this at future Board meetings. Chairman Burg said that he has had discussions with the County Highway as well as Burnett Dairy. John Hennessey said the State was looking at the studies done last July. Becky Strabel said they do not count the cars that are within 6 seconds of each other, which would mean a possibility of a lot of cars being missed. Ron Burg said he thought there may be another meeting coming up this month and it would be on next months agenda.; **Marian Nelson** gave info on the CAFO. Legislation is being developed at the State level that would limit or remove local authority from making ordinances against CAFO's; **John Hennessey** said the Town is doing the best that they can to maintain the roads and if anyone sees a problem they should call. Duane responds quickly.
- XII. **New Town Hall Project Report:** Craig Selander explained how the Town would not need new bids for the new Town Hall. He gave updated costs from the contractors. Cost increases were mainly due to higher wages, insurance premiums and material costs that had risen. These updated costs were received, He didn't see anything out of line. The total increase in costs is \$28,814.51. He advised the Board to approve the increase under Change Order # 2. John Hennessey made a motion to approve Change Order # 2. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC. Craig said the project would start early Spring and projected to be done October of 2020. State permits are done, but still need land use and sewer permits from the County. He also asked the Board to approve that he be allowed to meet with Phillip Richards of the DNR to discuss any possible issues with the well. Then to get an updated bid from Chell Well Service. John Hennessey made a motion to let Craig meet with Chell. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.
- XIII. **2020-2021 Election Board Additions:** Clerk Raylene Swanson presented the Board with 3 new additions to the 2020-2021 Election Board: Marjean Legler, Debbie Hanson and Kandy Unger. Ron Burg asked if it would be too much of a workload for Marjean to be on the Election Board as well as her duties. Raylene stated that to be able to help with the April 7th election, where she will still be the

Deputy Clerk, she needs to get approved by the Board. Ron said he understood. John Hennessey made a motion to approve the 3 new additions to the Election Board. Gilbert Meyer seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.

XIV. **New Business**

- a. **Building Permit Form Format:** John Hennessey stated that the current building permit form on the website had not been approved by the Board. Gilbert Meyer said he had been given a “proposed” building permit form from the Planning Commission. Ron Burg said it would be put on next month’s agenda for review.
- b. **Ordinance Committee – seeking applications:** Chairman Burg suggested we create an Ordinance Committee. That a list of applicants would be made to review and clarify if all ordinances are necessary or up to date. Gilbert Meyer stated it was the Board’s job. Ron Burg said they would have to bring their suggestions to the Board. Gilbert said the whole Board should be at all of these meetings when they start.
- c. **Town Contractors – Attorney, Assessor, Inspector, Accountant, Other?** Ron Burg had a list of the Town advisors and suggested it should be reviewed and updated. Would like the contracts checked and get quotes from potential vendors. Ron will work on the accountant and attorney. Gilbert will work on Building Inspector. John will work on Assessor. Board will review at March meeting.

XV. **Audit bills and sign disbursements:** Bills were audited and paid.

XVI. **Identify agenda items for next meeting:** Building permit fee form, Hwy 70 speed zone discussion, Comprehensive Plan, Town Advisors and regular monthly items.

XVII. **Adjournment:** Ron Burg adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Raylene Swanson, Clerk

Marjean Legler, Deputy Clerk