

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 11, 2016**

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Luethe; 1st Supervisor, Ron Luethe; 2nd Supervisor, Keith Giraud; also in attendance was Treasurer, Kathy Cale.

Absent: Rita Williams, Clerk

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Luethe starting at 7:30 P.M.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The Pledge to the American Flag was recited.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments for the evening.

3. Approval of Minutes for the December 7, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the December 7, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried.

4. Westland Insurance-Frank Best Agent

Frank Best was not in attendance so it was noted that we would delay this item until he arrived.

5. Approval of Gundersen Lutheran Drug Testing Agreement

Chairman Luethe noted that we received a copy of the random drug agreement from Gundersen Lutheran to renew. This is something we do each year at this time. There was a motion from Keith Giraud to approve and sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Ron Luethe. Motion Carried.

6. Information on Tomah School Referendum

Chairman Luethe noted that he received a notice from Tomah School District Administrator that they will be having a referendum on the April election to increase their district levy limit.

At this point we returned to item # 4-Westland Insurance-Frank Best. Mr. Best reviewed the proposed policy in detail. This policy was approved at a previous meeting but Mr. Best wanted to attend and review in case there were any questions.

7. Snow Removal and Township Roads Exchanges

Supervisor Luethe noted that we had previously discussed the exchange of plowing/snow removal on some of the roads. Kaleb noted that it was only roads shared by the Town of Wells. This was discussed by the Town of Wells and their board and they approved the exchange. This includes Landmark Avenue and portions of Kayak. Wells will do all of Landmark and Kaleb will do up to the Donskey Pit which is Jazz Road off of AA. It was noted that we will have this in the minutes for the future information. It was also noted that we would draft that agreement made and send it to the Town Wells so we have that official agreement. It was also discussed that we would again put the notice in the paper on snow removal and pushing the snow off the road by residents or private contractors.

8. State Law Changes

Supervisor Luethe noted there are four bills passed into law that will affect the Town.

Act 79 - This bill provides a new option, not a mandate, for situations where towns and villages can already post legal notices in three physical locations in the jurisdiction. The new option is that these types of legal notices may also be posted in one physical location in the jurisdiction if also placed on an Internet site maintained by the local government. It was noted we may want to talk about it at an annual meeting and get input.

Act 96 – Authorizing towns to participate in multijurisdictional tax incremental financing districts. Previously this was prohibited. At this time we do not do this.

Act 105 – This law eliminates the Wis. Stat. s 82.03 (2) requirements to have the town electors approve the highway expenditure line item of the budget. This requirement was unique to towns and had become severely outdated and cumbersome. The electors retain all other authorities such as approval of the town levy, etc.

Act 113 – Ambulance staffing by emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and first responders. This law provides greater flexibility as no longer will only two EMT's be required to staff ambulances. It was noted that this may affect the Wilton Ambulance and how they provide their services.

9. Erosion Issue – Mercury Avenue

Charlie Neumann had asked for this item to be put on the agenda. Mr. Neumann was not in attendance. Supervisor Luethe gave a little background on the issue. He noted that he met with Mr. Neumann and Bryce Richardson, Soil and Water Conservationist. The issue was looked at and Mr. Richardson thought the best solution would be a diversion in the barnyard area to slow down and carry the water down to a rock chute outlet to the road culvert. It was stated the practice would be eligible for 70% cost share and the remaining 30% the landowner would pay. Mr. Neumann thought it would work then stated the township should pick up the 30% cost share amount because the township, not him would benefit from the practice. After some discussion it was noted by board member, Keith Giraud that he was not at all in favor of the town paying the 30% since it was obvious where the erosion was coming from. We do not want to fix Mercury Avenue at all until the erosion issue is fixed. It was noted that we need to wait and have the soil and conservation come out and do the engineering on it and see what needs to be done in the spring. It was also noted that we need to have a resolution to the problem before the road is fixed.

10. Road Patrolman Report

Patrolman Bach noted that he did not have a lot to report. He has been sanding and plowing. He had ordered 6 more loads of sand.

11. Treasurer's Report for November 2015

The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by treasurer, Kathy Cale. She reported current operating funds of \$282,718.24 at the end of December (\$206,222.42 was tax collections). There was \$39,516.26 in checking, \$209,290.09 in savings, \$25,296.13 in the general account in Madison, and \$8,615.76 in the equipment account in Madison.

12. Approval of Bills Paid/To be Paid

The bills paid/to be paid were review and approved with a motion from Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried. This included bills from Check # 12048 dated 12/10/2015 thru Check # 12088 dated 1/11/2016 totaling \$218,414.80 with \$187,613.08 paid out to school districts and county for January Tax Settlements.

13. Set Date for Next Regular Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting has been set up for February 8, 2016 starting at 7:30 P.M.

14. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk