

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 8, 2014**

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Luethe; 1st Supervisor, Jerry Haney; 2nd Supervisor, Carrol Wallerman; also in attendance was Clerk, Rita Williams and Treasurer, Mary Fries.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Luethe at 7:35 P.M.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The pledge to the flag was recited.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Comments from:

Jim Neumann noted that there was a meeting on Dec 10 regarding the Husbandry Law.

Doug Fries noted that we need to keep control in the town.

Jim Neumann questioned the \$7000 bill for the Loader Repair.

3. Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the November 17, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Public Budget Hearing-2015 Proposed Budget and the Special Town Meeting of the Electors-2015 Budget held on November 17, 2014

The minutes of the November 17, 2014 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Mike Luethe. Motion Carried.

4. Road Patrolman Report

Kaleb explained in a little more in detail what was wrong with the Loader and what needed to be repaired. Otherwise only the normal things happening.

5. Westland Insurance-Frank Best Speaker

At this time Frank Best from Westland Insurance was not here so we will move him to later in the meeting when he arrives.

6. Tri-Creek-Mark Roberts Property Update

Ron Luethe noted some information in reference to the Tri-Creek area. He noted that the cropland contract expires the end of the year so they will be doing bids soon.

He noted that on the Roberts Property the taxes are \$2,065 and that 18% of that is Ridgeville's.

He also noted that we were notified that a couple of the Parking Areas on Kennel & Jewel have been made bigger.

7. Update on Implements of Husbandry Law and Permitting Requirements

Inese Strazdins Epstein, Planning Commission Chairman gave the board information that was given to us at the meeting on December 4th along with information that has been researched. She noted after talking to some of the surrounding towns that many of them have not chosen an option yet. It was noted that the Town of Well will probably choose Option E, the County has chosen Option A, the State has chosen Option E. The information cleared up many concerns. After the Planning Commission met on Saturday, December 6th, and went over the materials it was suggested that the Town of Ridgeville go with Option E which would be the best for our area at this time.

The weight limit will not affect most farmers in Ridgeville and the only concern would be the width of some equipment which cannot be over 15 feet without a permit.

After a lengthy discussion there was a motion by Jerry Haney to go with Option E and sign the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

5. Frank Best-Westland Insurance

At this time Frank Best-Westland Insurance arrived. Mr. Best review the proposal for insurance coverage for the 2015 year noting the cost for the year of \$10,985.00

There was a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Mike Luethe to accept the proposal from Westland Insurance for the 2015 Year. Motion Carried.

8. Update on ATV Route and Possible Adoption of Ordinance

After some discussion it was decided to go with the roads that we have already proposed as ATV routes and sign the ordinance noting those roads. There was a motion from Carrol Wallerman and seconded by Mike Luethe to sign that ordinance. Motion Carried.

9. Metco Update

Chairman Luethe noted that he received a call from Metco in reference to the closure procedures for the contamination clean-up and the Department has determined that the submitted SOW (Scope of Work) is reasonable and approves the additional costs. This approval is for a Cap Maintenance Plan at a cost of \$304.80 which we will be able to recollect.

10. Treasurer's Report for November 2014

The treasurer's report for November 2014 was reviewed and presented by the treasurer, Mary Fries. She reported current operating funds of \$101,947.39.

11. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid and to be paid were reviewed. Payment of these bills were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried. This should also include a billing from the Monroe County Highway Department totaling \$4806.54 that was just received. This includes Check # 11664, dated 11/20/2014 thru Check # 11684, dated 12/8/2014. Total bills approved for the month was \$21,925.33 plus \$4,806.54.

12. Set Date for Caucus and Next Regular Monthly Meeting Date

The Caucus date has been set for Monday January 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. with the Regular Monthly Meeting following.

13. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. with a motion from Carrol Wallerman and seconded by Jerry Haney. Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk