

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 9, 2015**

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 starting at 7:30 P.M.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The pledge to the flag was recited.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Comments from:

James Becher noted that he wondered why it was not noted ahead of time that Treasurer, Mary Fries was not going to run for the treasurer's position again.

3. Approval of Minutes for the January 12, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting and the Caucus Meeting on January 12, 2015

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 Caucus Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

4. Update on Farm Preservation

Supervisor Carrol Wallerman gave some information in reference to the Farm Preservation Program. He noted again that several towns have joined together to see whether or not it would be beneficial to become part of the program. There will be a meeting at Leon coming up to see if they will go with the program. He also noted that the contracts are now 15 year contracts instead of the 10 year contracts. It was also noted that a person would get a \$5.00 credit/acres on their taxes. Mr. Wallerman noted that he did not think that we should not go with the program because there was only presently one person in the program. He felt we needed to give people the opportunity to have the program if they wanted.

There is a Mr. Klinkner ahead of the program and we will try and get him to come to the next meeting in March and give us more information.

5. Discussion on Bids for Road Seal coating

Road Patrolman Kaleb Bach mentioned that he had Scott Construction and Fahrner Asphalt come and give him preliminary bids on certain roads to see what we might be looking at for cost and how much we can have done this summer.

The preliminary bids were favorable and it was decided that we will probably be going with all the roads mentioned. Those roads were as follows: Laredo, Kendall, Jellyfish, Keats, and Lignite # 1 and Lignite # 2.

It was decided that we will get the official bids sheets out to everyone so they will be due and opened at the next board meeting in March.

6. Road Patrolman Report

Kaleb Bach noted that he ordered 8 more loads of sand.

He noted that they had to replace the air dryer on the International.

A New rim had been put on the Peterbilt Truck.

He noted that he will be putting up weight limit signs on Landmark Ave.

7. Approval of Drug Test Agreement from Gundersen Lutheran

There was a motion from Jerry Haney to approve the Drug and Alcohol Testing Agreement with Gundersen Lutheran. There was a second from Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

8. Discussion to Hire Auditor to Audit Books Before a New Treasurer Takes Over

There was a motion from Carrol Wallerman and seconded by Jerry Haney to scheduled auditors from Gundersen Larson to audit the books before the new treasurer would take over. Motion Carried. We will schedule them for the middle to last part of April.

9. Update for Fire District

It was noted from Chairman Luethe that Bob Radke has not been able to come to the fire district meetings if needed. We need to have an alternate that can be called to attend meetings if needed. It was noted that Charlie Neumann would be a good candidate. Chairman Luethe asked Jerry Haney to contact Charlie Neumann and see if he would be willing to accept that alternate position. It was also noted that if Mr. Neumann is not willing to accept, Mr. Ron Luethe would be willing to accept that position. Jerry will get back to us.

10. Treasurer's Report for January 2015

The Treasurer's Report for January 2015 was presented by Treasurer, Mary Fries. She reported \$19,640.25 in checking, \$83,862.76 in the Local Government Investment Pool for current operating funds of \$103,503.01.

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 includes Tax Settlement Check # 11696 thru #11700 dated 1/13/2015 and also Check # 11735, dated 1/16/2015 thru Check # 11759, dated 2/9/2015. Total bills approved for the month was \$201,199.36. There was \$169,432.03 in tax settlement checks and \$31,767.33 regular billings. It was also decided to approve payment of D & D Trucking which was brought in by Jerry Haney this evening for \$687.32.

12. Set Date for Next Regular Monthly Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting has been set for Monday, March 9, 2015

13. Closed Session-Convene in closed session per WI Statutes 19.85 (c) for the purpose of negotiating Road Patrolman's proposed Health insurance benefit

There was a motion by Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman to adjourn into closed session. Motion Carried
All other residents left the building.

14. Return to open session-Any recommendations made in closed session will be announced at the next monthly board meeting

There was a motion by Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman to reconvene to open session. Motion Carried.

15. Adjourn Meeting

There was a motion from Carrol Wallerman and seconded by Jerry Haney to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:50 P.M.
Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk