

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 13, 2017**

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Luethe 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

Jo Marie Thompson asked to read a letter she had written to the board. She was asked to read that letter later when we reached that item on the agenda. Lyda Lanier was concerned that we did not have a hearing on the tower issue. Rob Larson also was concerned that we did not have a proper hearing and felt we were rushing into the issue.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Ron Luethe. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Bug Tussell Driveway Permit

There was a request from Chairman Luethe to get a motion to move Agenda Item # 4 and Agenda Item # 5 down further on the agenda as Doug Path Chairman of the County Zoning Committee will be coming to answer any questions that we may have on the CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for the Tower proposed on the Neumann Property by Bug Tussell. There was a motion from Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud to move those items to later in the agenda. Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and Approval of the "Letter of Approval" for the Bug Tussell Tower to be sent to the County Zoning Committee

See # 4

6. Discussion on Lignite Agreement

Supervisor Luethe noted that he had copies of two documents/agreements from Town of Wilton with Mathy on a highway agreement with some language that we could use. Supervisor Luethe noted that he would work with Clerk Williams to get the language correct to present to Gerke's.

7. Discussion on Lawn Mowing for Cemeteries

Supervisor Luethe noted that we contacted Bill Roy who presently does the lawn mowing for the cemeteries . He is willing to continue to do the job yet this coming summer. If he gets to the place where he doesn't want to continue, Mark Pitel from Wilton is starting a lawn business and that would be an option.

8. Discussion on the Issue of E-Mails for Receiving Notices

Rob Larson noted that we can get a free e-mail service to notify people of meetings. Clerk Williams noted that she was not convinced of the necessity for additional/duplicate notification and was concerned about the added responsibility on her part. She felt if people are interested they can go to the website and get the information. It was decided that we would wait for now and see how things went before any further action is taken.

Douglas Path from the County Zoning Committee arrived and so at this point we went back to Items 4 & 5 on the agenda:

4. Approval of Bug Tussell Driveway Permit

At this point Chairman Luethe presented the driveway permit filled out by Bug Tussel and there was a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Mike Luethe to approve the driveway permit. Motion Carried. This will be held and sent with the letter to the County Zoning Committee later.

5. Discussion and Approval of the "Letter of Approval" for the Bug Tussel Tower to be sent to the County Zoning Committee

Doug Path noted that the CUP cannot be stopped but there can be limitations put on the CUP. This is a company that will come in and give the area better cell/internet service. It was noted that Bug Tussel is a Subsidiary of Cloud I. Lyda Lanier wanted to know if we (Ridgeville) should have had a hearing. Jo Marie Thompson also noted that we should have had a hearing. Mr. Path noted that they could voice their opinions at the county hearing on the tower. Inese Epstein noted that Bug Tussel did not follow the correct town policy stated on the "New Business Questionnaire". There was discussion on putting items that we are requiring in a letter that becomes part of the CUP. The town needs that reassurance.

After more discussion, it was decided that we would submit a letter to the County Zoning Committee requiring that the following items become part of the CUP before Ridgeville would approve. These items were as follows:

1. The Bug Tussel Wireless Company will be responsible for any damages that would result to the town road during the construction and continued future maintenance of the Bug Tussel Wireless Tower on the Neumann property.
2. We are also requiring that the Town of Ridgeville be notified 24 hours before any construction and/or any continued maintenance is done so the town may also view and document the condition of Lansing Road each time.
3. If a resident in the area wishes to sell his/her property Bug Tussel guarantees that the land value will not go down due to the Tower.

Jo Marie Thompson read a letter she had written to the board members. She is requesting that this be part of the board minutes. That letter is attached to these minutes.

Inese Epstein asked that the (CPC) Comprehensive Planning Commission view the CUP.

At this point we returned to Item # 9 on the agenda.

9. Road Patrolman Report

Patrolman Stoikes noted that the Sand/Salt Shed was inspected. There are some cracks in the pavement that needs to be fixed. Additionally it probably will need to be seal coated.

It was noted that we usually have the Spring Clean-Up Days on the first weekend in May on Friday and Saturday. He will look into when we can have the Spring Clean Up.

10. Treasurer's Report for February 2017

Treasurer Kathy Cale read the report for February 2017 noting \$169,966.54 of current operating funds. She noted we had \$35,975.42 in Checking and \$105,128.16 in Savings and \$18,037.39 in LGIP General Fund and \$10,825.57 in LGIP Equipment Fund at the end of February 2017.

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11. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid/to be paid were reviewed and approved with a motion from Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried. This includes bills from Check # 12533 dated 2/14/17 thru Check # 12579 dated 3/13/17 totaling \$272,952.40. It was noted that \$246,613.92 was from the February Tax Settlements to County, State and Schools.

12. Set Date for Annual Meeting and the Next Monthly Meeting

The date for the Annual Meeting was set at the last Annual Meeting which is the third Tuesday in April on the 18th, 2017 starting at 7:30 P.M. The regular monthly board meeting has been scheduled to immediately follow the Annual Meeting.

13. Adjourn Meeting

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

Rita Williams
Clerk