

**TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 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

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes for the February 9, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting and Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Closed Session

The minutes of the February 9, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the February 9, 2015 Closed Session Meeting were approved with a motion from Jerry Haney with one correction noted. It should read that the entire board would recommend that we give up to \$320.00 per month towards a health plan to be paid directly to that insurance company. The motion was seconded by Carrol Wallerman. Motion Carried.

4. Update on Farm Preservation

Mr. Jerry Klinkner was present to give us some information on the Farm Preservation Program. He noted that the program has changed. Previously anyone could get into the program. Now you can only get in if you are in an Ag Enterprise Area. To get an Ag Enterprise Area started there would need to be signatures from at least 15 or more people stating why they are wanting this area to be a Ag Enterprise Area. Then in order to put land into the program you must be getting an income of \$6000 per year off that acreage. This would only be a credit on state tax only. It does not involve federal tax. If the acreage is already in the Managed Forest Law is cannot be in this program. In order to do it this year it would need to be done in the next week. Mr. Klinkner noted that this is not done thru the municipality but other residents or group of people interested.

5. Opening Bids for Road Seal Coating

Mr. Kevin Schmitz wanted to be present for the bid opening so it was approved to wait for the opening of the bids until he arrived.

6. Road Patrolman Report

Patrolman Bach gave his report:

He noted the road bands go on tomorrow morning.

Charlie Neumann asked what was going to be done about Mercury Road. Chairman Luethe noted that when things dried out Kaleb would go up and ditch along that road.

7. Recommendation from Closed Session on Health Insurance for Patrolman

Chairman Luethe noted what was discussed in the closed session meeting on 2/9/15. He noted that Patrolman Bach had requested that the board consider Health Insurance for the patrolman. Mr. Luethe noted that in the closed session it was agreed that we would recommend to give the patrolman up to \$320.00 per month towards a health insurance premium. There was a motion from Jerry Haney and seconded by Mike Luethe to approve the payment of up to \$320.00 per month towards a health insurance premium. This would be paid directly to the insurance company.

8. Discussion-Plowing Snow on Lansing

James Neumann had some complaints on how Lansing Road was being plowed. It was decided that they would only plow to a certain point unless Mr. Neumann called and let us know that he had cattle that he needed to attend to and at that point he would call for them to plow further.

5. Opening Bids for Road Seal Coating

At this point Kevin Schmitz arrived and the bids for Seal Coating were opened. Chairman Luethe opened the bids and read aloud the bids. This would include seal coating sections of Laredo, Kendall, Jellyfish, Keats, and two sections of Lignite. The overall total was as follows:

Scott's Construction.....\$25,544.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers.....\$27,565.00

There was a motion from Mike Luethe to accept the low bid of Scott's Construction for \$25,544.00. The motion was seconded by Jerry Haney. Motion Carried.

9. Adopt Resolution to give Fire District permission to borrow money for Updated Fire Truck

It was noted that we had received a request from the Norwalk Area Fire District noting that we will have to adopt a resolution to allow the Norwalk Area Fire District to borrow money. It was noted that we need to put it on this month's agenda because it needs to be done by the March 23rd fire district meeting.

Chairman Luethe noted that we are guaranteed \$50,000 from the grant and that the Rails to Trails will donate \$15,000.

There was a motion from Mike Luethe and seconded by Jerry Haney to approve the resolution for the Norwalk Area Fire District to borrow money for an update fire truck. Motion Carried.

10. Update on Metco Clean Up

Clerk Williams noted that she has sent in the final papers for the closure of the Metco clean-up.

11. Treasurer's Report for February 2015

The Treasurer's Report for January 2015 was presented by Treasurer, Mary Fries. She reported current operating funds of \$122,231.32.

It was noted that we would send some of the outstanding billings on to collections.

12. 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 Check # 11760, dated 2/16/2015 thru Check # 11790, dated 3/9/2015 totaling \$274,525.66. Of this total \$249,087.80 was the 2015 February Tax Settlement for 2014 Tax Roll and \$25,437.86 were other billings.

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13. Set Date for Annual Meeting and the Next Regular Monthly Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been set for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 starting at 7:30 P.M. with the Regular Monthly Meeting immediately following.

14. 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