

PROCEEDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
April 14, 2025

Chairman Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also present were Supervisor Drewa, Supervisor Saak, Treasurer Demko, Deputy Clerk Batte and Clerk De Clark.

Constituents present were Pat Woloczynski, Paul Batte, Charlie Schrock, Dave LeFebvre, Rich and Janet Wenzlow.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the town minutes from March 10, 2025.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Treasurer Demko presented the monthly Treasurer's Report which included account balances and interest rates.

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Monthly Bills

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated that he had received a notice that the County Forestry would be doing some tree cutting in the town of Fern.

Wakeboarding Ordinance

Chairman Erwin had received the printout of the sign to be posted on Patton Lake prohibiting the use of wake boats on the lake. Chairman Erwin stated that though the ordinance is for all lakes in the town of Fern, the only lake that will have the notice is Patton Lake. The other lakes are too small for the boats and/or do not have a boat landing for launching. He suggested getting the notice posted before fishing season begins and he and Pat will take care of getting the ordinance notice installed.

Constituent LeFebvre stated that the lake association will monitor any offenses against the ordinance. He stated that there is a former police officer on the lake who is willing to take on the role of monitor. He also stated that the ordinance needs to be posted close to the lake and launch site.

Constituent LeFebvre stated that there are requirements by the DNR for the size of the lettering on the sign. It was also decided that the sign did not require a reflective agent. It was agreed that the statement, "No warnings will be given" prior to fining should remain.

Clerk De Clark questioned whose phone number was listed on the bottom of the sign and read the number aloud. Treasurer Demko stated that this was her phone number and that it should be changed. The number will be changed to that of the incoming Clerk, Batte.

Supervisor Drewa asked who would write the citation. Constituent LaFebvre stated that the state's spring hearings are taking place now and they are addressing having the warden take over the enforcement of the lakes.

Supervisor Saak asked who would get the fine money and Chairman Erwin stated it would go to the Town.

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve posting the no wake boating sign at Patton Lake.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Florence County Ordinance

Kelly Sleeter was not at the meeting but will be at the annual meeting on Tuesday instead.

Board Member Comments

Chairman Erwin thanked the board for running for another term. He also thanked Clerk De Clark for her service over the last 5 years as she is stepping down after this term. He also thanked Constituent Pat, John Z., and Matt J. for cutting downed trees after the recent ice storm.

Supervisor Drewa reminded everyone that the highway spring clean up will be the Saturday after Mother's Day. He also asked if anyone had purchased a Tupperware container for the Town Dump as the mice were eating the paperwork. Deputy Clerk Batte said she would take care of this.

Clerk De Clark stated that Deputy Clerk Batte will need the minutes from this meeting to take to Great North Bank to get her name added so she can sign checks for the town as she will become the town clerk effective April 16, 2025.

Clerk De Clark also thanked the ladies who sat on the election board. They did an excellent job as usual.

Constituent Concerns

Constituent Pat stated that he used a lot of sand this winter season. He also stated that all the furnaces were running great, and the equipment was in good order.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patti De Clark
Town Clerk