

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
August 14, 2023

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

Constituents present were Patrick and Joanne Wloszczynski, Janet Wenzelow and Rich Wenzelow, Sandy Perrone, Carla Kramer, and Gene Jill Neusert.

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 July 10, 2023.

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 Drewa to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Monthly Bills

Moved by Chairman Erwin to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated he received a letter from Representative Felzkowski that stated Governor Evers signed a revenue sharing bill that will give the Town funding to help support the cost for the EMS for our area. This cost sharing will be passed along to the EMS.

Chairman Erwin stated that Clerk De Clark had received a request to supply the number of flags at the Town Hall, when they went up and down each day and the policies for the flags.

Chairman Erwin was worried this was a fishing expedition. He stated that we should simply respond that there is one flag that stays up and there is no policy in place.

Walnut Road West

Chairman Erwin stated that he and Pat will apply dust control on Walnut Road West. They will use crushed granite instead of calcium chloride because of some health concerns by one of the residents on the road. The cost was around \$500 for the application.

Motion to approve using crushed granite for the application on Walnut Road West was made by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Saak stated that he had noticed one of the paid bills was to Liberty Tire Disposal and wanted to know if we needed to raise the prices on tire disposal at the dump. It was determined that the prices would stay the same.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had contacted three different contractors for work on the town garage. He said he only heard back from one of the contractors.

He stated that J & J Insulation gave him a quote of \$3,500 for 2 inches of R14 insulation or an extra \$1,760 for 3 inches. Blown RV 15 cost would be \$2,244.

Kevin Olsen will also come and give the town a quote.

Constituent Pat stated that maybe the town could just have the insulation blown in around the electrical and use insulation batts in the walls.

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Sandy Perrone stated that she has concerns about Balsam Lane and that she had sent a letter to the town regarding the safety and environmental issues on their road. Her driveway has increased by 2 feet and there is a crest on the top of her driveway that makes it difficult to exit the driveway because of all the run-off that gets deposited in her driveway.

She is requesting the town lower the elevation of the road to the original height, install a culvert and slope the road to a low area by fall. If possible, pave the road too.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he and Pat had looked at the issue and they agree that there is a problem there.

Constituent Sandy Kramer stated that she has similar issues with her property. She stated that the ditches that had been there were covered with soil and now the run-off causes the road to flood and run down her driveway. She also stated that two feet of the driveway at the end had been chipped off.

Chairman Erwin stated that road projects are awarded to each town every two years. The possibility of paving the road would have to wait until the state was in the area. They are expected in the area in 2026. The town gets a better price on the paving if the equipment is already in the area.

Chairman Erwin stated that the town can use aggregated crushed granite to slope away from the Perrone's driveway. This would alleviate the issue until the road can be paved. He stated that he would speak with Joe from the county regarding the culver issue. He also stated that the town was able to purchase some necessary property and will now be able to make bigger improvements to the road.

Constituent Perrone stated that she was surprised these issues were not addressed when the utility company was doing their work. She also stated that it's not the water that's causing the problem but the gravel that is coming in.

Constituent Neusert stated that the ditches used to soak in the water but without the ditches now they get all the water in their yards.

Chairman Erwin stated that the hill needs to be sloped for vision. The town cannot move forward until they can find out who owns the hill. Once the town gets permission from the owner to take down the hill the project can move forward.

Constituent Perrone asked if there was funding for this project? Chairman Erwin stated that yes, the money will come from the state. She also asked if the phone number for who owns the property in question is on the tax bill. Treasurer Demko stated that no, just the address is available.

Supervisor Saak asked if this would be a project for a company like Coleman Engineering. Chairman Erwin stated that this is a possibility.

Constituent Perrone asked that the town at least deal with the two-foot crest because it is a hazard. They cannot stop at the top of their driveway so they must pull out blind.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would pursue finding out who owns the property in question.

Chairman Erwin stated that the first thing the town will correct is the crest issue. He will speak with Joe from county regarding getting the grader to the location.

Supervisor Drewa stated that if the Perrone's were to cut back some of the trees on their property, that would help with the vision issue. It needs to be brushed back.

Constituent Neusert asked if the Madeleine Blvd were to be paved, would the residents on the road have to pay for the paving?

Chairman Erwin stated that because it is a private road that yes, it would be the responsibility of the residents. If the town were to take over the road it would have to come up to state specs. It would be very expensive to bring the road to the proper specs but he had no figures on the cost at this time.

Constituent Joanne stated that Pat did a great job painting the floor, steps, and railing. He fixed the corner where the leak was but it still needs painting. She thanked Pat.

Supervisor Drewa thanked the town for the new rug.

Adjourn

Moved by Chairman Erwin.

Motion seconded Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk