

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
August 8, 2022

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 Wloszczynski and Scott Sieckman.

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 Drewa to approve the town minutes.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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 treasurer's report.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Monthly Bills

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Fencing

Supervisor Drewa stated he received a quote from Statewide Fencing for the fencing project. The quote was for corner to corner, garage to gate with all materials for \$6,518.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Statewide was the only person he contacted that returned his calls. Supervisor Drewa stated that Statewide is booked through October.

Chairman Erwin thanked Supervisor Drewa for all his hard efforts on this project.

Motion made by Chairman Erwin to accept the quote from Statewide Fencing.
Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

GFL Environmental

Chairman Erwin stated that the current contract with GFL Environmental was through 10-12-25 for the solid waste removal for the Town.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had inquired what other townships were charging for waste removal. He said Commonwealth is \$40 with pick up, Fern is \$40 with no pickup, Aurora is \$116.61 for all solid waste, Fence is \$25, Tipler/Long Lake is \$35, and Homestead is \$0.

Supervisor Saak suggested that the Town review the expense to the Town after one year to see the actual costs.

Town Attorney

Chairman Erwin spoke with Attorney Drexler about becoming the Town Attorney and he was not interested in the position. Chairman Erwin contacted Attorney Siebold but did not receive a return call.

Chairman Erwin said he would like to keep the attorney job local. Supervisor Drewa and Chairman Erwin will keep working on the issue.

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Saak inquired who was going to be the next dump attendant.

Chairman Erwin stated that he would fill-in until someone was found. Supervisor Saak asked Chairman Erwin if he could work on August 24, 27 and 28th. Chairman Erwin stated that he could. Supervisor Drewa stated that he could help fill-in too.

Supervisor Saak asked if there was any word from JET Logging regarding removal of the logs on the Dump Road. Chairman Erwin stated that he was looking for the contact but was unable to locate it. He also stated that there has not been any communication from Jack Thomas.

Clerk De Clark stated that the Town needed to send JET Logging a certified letter stating he voided the contract, and the Town will be moving forward with finding another logger to complete the contract.

Supervisor Saak had the fire number for the new residents in Fern and gave the sign to Pat W. for installation.

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Scott S. stated that there is a new Air B&B located on Sea Lion Lake Road. He stated that the renters of the Air B&B are being very disruptive. They are having loud parties, speed up and down the road, having too many occupants in the unit, not obeying the no wake rule on the lake and other concerns. He was wondering if there was anything the Town could do about these concerns.

Supervisor Drewa stated that they were having similar issues on Patten Lake. He stated that one course of action would be to contact the Health Department as they may be able to help with these concerns especially the over crowding issue. He also stated that 3-5 Air B&Bs are being started in our area.

Chairman Erwin had a pamphlet on renting out your property and reviewed some of the requirements in the pamphlet. Chairman Erwin stated that the pamphlet stated the owner of the Air B&B must be licensed and have special insurance. He also suggested contacting zoning for help with the issue.

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that the new assembly was installed on the garage doors.

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that Norway Lane will be closing to traffic. He is gaining on the graveling but he might need some assistance with the grading from Florence County.

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that the box on the truck needs repairs because a rock created a hole. He will make the repairs himself.

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that all else is good otherwise.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Chairman Erwin.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk