

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD  
December 12, 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, Janet and Rich Wolosyn.

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.

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 Supervisor Drewa to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Supervisor Drewa stated that for the bill from the Town of Florence for \$6,900 for gravel should be addressed with the County. Fern should be paying .05 for gravel not \$1. Chairman Erwin will address this issue.

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated a notice from Logistic Recycling was received via email stating that they would be in our area for the next two weeks if the Town needed any recycling picked up.

Supervisor Drewa said we should request cardboard barrels for recycling the fluorescent light bulbs. He also stated the culverts were also full. Chairman Erwin stated he would contact Logistics.

Clerk De Clark stated she received a bill from Kerber/Rose who supply support for her computer. Clark De Clark stated that the Town had already contracted with Got Your Back Support for three years. She also stated that she has never received any contact from Kerber/Rose regarding maintenance or support for the computer.

It was decided not to pay the Kerber/Rose bill and to cancel with them. Clerk De Clark stated she would contact Kerber/Rose to let them know their services were no longer needed.

#### JET Logging

Clerk De Clark had presented a letter she had produced for Chairman Erwin to notify Jack from JET Logging that he was required to attend tonight's meeting. Please note he was not in attendance. She had mailed the letter with proof of mailing on November 16, 2022. JET Logging did not respond to the letter. In the letter it stated that if Jack were not in attendance then the contract with JET Logging would be considered null and void.

Constituent Pat stated that Sagola Lumber would take the logs that are still on the side of the dump road. He stated that Jeff a logger was doing a job nearby and he could possibly haul the logs for the town. Chairman Erwin stated he would investigate getting the logs removed.

#### CD Rates

A discussion as to how much of the Town's money should be put into a CD and for how long. It was determined that \$50,000 should be put into a 13-month CD.

Moved to invest \$50,000 into a 13-month CD made by Daymond Saak.

Motion seconded by Dwaine Drewa.

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

#### Air B&B

It was suggested that all Air B&B's be required to have their own GFL refuse container.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the Town should know how many Air B&B's there are in the area. He stated that he would find this information out for the next meeting.

The issue was tabled until the next meeting in January.

#### New Signage for the Town Dump

It was brought up that the town dump's signs need to be updated with the new pricing for recycling. The signs should be put up at the entrance and on the recycling building.

Supervisor Saak asked what the future for the town dump was. Are we going to continue to accept e-waste and tires or just household recycling, mattresses, and scrap metal.

Supervisor Drewa stated that if we discontinue accepting these items, he is concerned that the items will end up on the side of the road as they used to.

Chairman Erwin also stated that GFL changed out the recycling containers for smaller ones without notification. He stated that this is because the new employees only know how to empty the containers that can be emptied by fork lift hooks and not by cable hooks.

Chairman Erwin stated he would contact GFL to find out their pricing schedule so the dump can adjust their pricing for the new signs.

The new sign agenda item is tabled until January's meeting.

#### New Dump Scale

Chairman Erwin stated that Pat W. had purchased a new scale that goes up to 250 pounds for the town dump.

#### Board Member Comments

Supervisor Saak asked if the dump was going to be open on the upcoming holidays. It was determined that no the dump would not be open on either Christmas day or New Year's day.

Supervisor Saak stated that there is no one to work on Christmas Eve either. Chairman Erwin stated that he would cover working Christmas Eve.

Chairman Erwin will put in a notice of the dump closing on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve in Thursday's Florence Mining News.

Supervisor Drewa stated that there was a lady who wanted to be an election worker. He asked who she should contact. Clerk De Clark stated that she should contact her. Supervisor Drewa stated he would send over the contact information.

Supervisor Saak inquired if the Town was going to send gift certificates for Christmas to the Town employees again this year. It was determined that gift certificates from The Tavern on Central will be purchased. A certificate for \$25 will go to each of the four town employees and two certificate for \$50 would be purchased for Shane and Shaun McLain for all they do for the Town.

Clerk De Clark stated that she would purchase these gift certificates and get them mailed out.

Chairman Erwin stated that he and Joanne W. had cleaned out the voting storage area. He had inquired of Shelley the Florence Town Clerk how long these documents needed to be saved. She stated that these documents can be destroyed after 2 years.

Clerk De Clark stated that TRICO of Kingsford was a certified document destroying facility. Pat W. stated that in the past he has brought his confidential documents to Florence Hardwood to

be burned. Chairman Erwin stated he would contact Florence Hardwood to see about destroying the documents.

Constituents Concerns

There were no constituent concerns.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk