

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
December 13, 2021

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.

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 minutes.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Budget Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the budget 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 Saak to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated the Town had received information on potential grant monies available for town road projects. Supervisor Saak asked if the monies could be used for dust control.

The town's commissioner is Joe Witynski so Chairman Erwin will contact Joe regarding this matter.

WTA also asked Chairman Erwin to rate Joe's performance as commissioner. Chairman Erwin gave Joe the highest rating.

Jackie on Chestnut Drive had emailed and asked that the snowplow driver not push snow mounds going out to the highway on her drive. Pat W. the driver stated that he would work at being more conscientious about his plowing there. Clerk De Clark said that she would email Jackie back with Pat's response.

Jessica McCoy had requested that parcel number 008-00411-0000 not be charged the \$40 trash removal fee as it is not a residential parcel. Clerk De Clark stated that she would reimburse McCoy's for the charged fee.

Aspen Lane

Chairman Erwin stated that resolution for the discontinuance of Aspen Lane was completed on October 11, 2021. All the concerned parties were mailed via certified mail the necessary paperwork regarding the discontinuance of the Lane.

Chairman Erwin asked for a motion to discontinue ownership by the Town of Aspen Lane. Once the motion was approved Chairman Erwin will take the next steps necessary.

Motion to discontinue ownership of Aspen Lane was made by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

E-waste and Mattresses

The fee for the Town to dispose of mattresses and box springs is \$15 per mattress and box spring. The Town needs to increase the fee for dropping off the mattresses and box springs so that it is not costing the Town money to have them picked up.

Supervisor Saak stated that the town dump needed a bigger scale that would go up to at least 200 pounds. Chairman Erwin stated that he would check with Pat's regarding getting a bigger scale.

Motion made by Supervisor Saak to increase the cost of mattress and box spring disposal to \$15 each and to maintain the cost of e-waste at .50 cents per pound.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

JET Logging

Supervisor Erwin stated that he had yet to reach out to Jack regarding the logs on the town hall road. He stated that he will work with the town clerk to get a letter out regarding this matter before the next town meeting.

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that he had spoke with Jeff the forester for Timber Products and Jeff stated that pulp is not moving right now. He also stated that JET had only removed the pine poles.

Supervisor Saak stated that there is a gentleman who comes to the dump who would like to purchase some of the wood for firewood but would need help moving the wood.

Motion made by Supervisor Drewa to send a certified letter to JET Logging.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had spoken with Brent DallaGranna regarding finding the right of way on Price Lake. Supervisor Drewa stated that Brent should have the information to him by the next town meeting in January.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he will pursue getting an "oil only" sign for the oil dump tank. Constituent Wloszczynski stated that he could just paint an "oil only" sign right on the tank. It was determined this would be the action taken.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he is getting a quote for snow breaks on the recycling center's roof. Supervisor Saak stated that a quote for repairing the leak on the building should also be obtained.

Supervisor Drewa asked if it would be okay for him to purchase \$25 gift certificates for the Town workers. It was determined to purchase the certificates.

Supervisor Saak stated that magnetic signs are needed for the bins at the dump to indicate which is for household trash and which is for recycling. Supervisor Drewa stated he would pursue purchasing the magnetic signs

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that the recycling containers need to be pulled forward and the shop needs to be insulated.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Chairman Erwin.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk