

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD  
February 13, 2023

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

Constituents present were Patrick Wloszczynski, Pam & Paul Batte and Rich Wolosyn.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Chairman Erwin.

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

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the town minutes.

Motion seconded by Chairman Erwin.

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 Chairman Erwin.

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

Monthly Bills

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Chairman Erwin.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Deputy Clerk

Clerk De Clark mentioned that when George Pakos was the town clerk, he had taken on extra responsibilities that are not the clerk's duties. Being that Clerk De Clark also works two other jobs besides her clerking duties she is becoming overwhelmed with all the extra duties and would like to appoint Pam Batte as the Town's Deputy Clerk to pick up some of these extra duties.

Chairman Erwin requested for Pam Batte to tell the board a little about herself and the skills she would be providing to the town.

Pam stated that she was the town clerk for Fence for 5 years so she is very familiar with the requirements to accomplish the task required of her. Pam stated that she would also be interested in becoming an election worker and also take on the position of Chief Inspector. This position is currently help by Chairman Erwin who is on the April election so he can not hold the position for the election.

Chairman Erwin asked what Pam would consider for a wage. Clerk De Clark stated that new employees are usually started at \$15 per hour. Pam stated that she would like a little more that \$15 so she would like \$18. Chairman Erwin stated that the position would start at \$19 per hour.

Motion made by Chairman Erwin to appoint Pam Batte as the town's Deputy Clerk.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

#### New Plow & Tires

Chairman Erwin stated that he and Pat had some concerns about how the Boss Plow threw the snow while plowing. They were considering going to a Snow Dogg plow but after further consideration they determined that the Snow Dogg would work like the Boss Plow so they decided rather than spend \$9,100 on a new plow they would stay with the old plow.

Chairman Erwin stated that he had received a quote for new tires from R & R Tires. The total for the tires is \$1,950 for the tires and \$240 for the installation of the tires.

Motion to purchase new tires was made by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded by Chairman Erwin.

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

Pat W. stated that the tires on the truck now are still in really good shape just not appropriate for plowing. Pat said that the tires could be sold for \$100 a piece for six tires. He asked if Rich W. would be interested in posting them for sale for the Town. Rich said he would be willing to post the tires for sale.

#### Drug Awareness Forum

Chairman Erwin stated that the Town was contacted by the Florence County Health and Human Services about hosting a Drug Awareness Forum at the town hall. They will be holding these forums for each community in Florence County. He suggested that the forum for our area be shared with the town of Fence.

Chairman Erwin will pursue this further to find out when and what time they wish to hold the forum.

### Board Member Comments

Supervisor Drewa brought up the situation with the logs still sitting on the dump road.

Chairman Erwin stated that JET Logging had been by to remove more of the logs. He also stated that now JET is stealing the logs because he broke the contract when he refused to attend the December meeting.

Chairman Erwin stated that he had spoken to Jack from JET recently and that he had slips for dropping logs for the Town. He will get with Jack to get these slips and a check for the logs that were dropped.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had spoke with Asplundh Tree Service and they were wondering why the town had not paid the three bills from the fall tree cutting yet. Clerk De Clark stated that she had not received any bills from Asplundh yet.

Supervisor Drewa had copies of the three bills that remain open. He gave the bills to Clerk De Clark and she stated that she would get these bills paid immediately.

Supervisor Drewa had some pricing for recycling from Logistic Recycling in Green Bay, WI. He had several sheets depicting the pricing they charge for recycling individual items. These prices were quite expensive and probably mostly cost prohibitive.

Chairman Erwin stated that he had recently attended a regional WTA meeting and several towns are having issues with the disposal of e-waste.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the board needs to consider working on the project list on the chalk board in the town hall.

### Constituents Concerns

Constituent Pat W. stated that he would like to get another quote for the tires for the town truck from Pomp's Tires. It was determined that this was a good idea.

Constituent Pat W. stated that he has a person coming to look into repairs on the shed.

### Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded Chairman Erwin.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk