

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
January 9, 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 Wloszczynski, Ann Drewa, Sylvester Vannieuwenhoven.

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

Supervisor Drewa pointed out that the tonnage the town should be paying was listed as .05 and it should have been .50 per ton. Chairman Erwin will check with Joe Witynski on the actual tonnage price.

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 Saak to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin thanked Joe Witynski for his help in filing the necessary information with the DOT to determine the monies that will be given to the Town of Fern for road repairs. The amount the Town will be receiving for the year for road repairs is \$67,748.00 to be paid out every three months.

GFL Contract

Chairman Erwin stated that the Town had received a new 5-year contract to be signed by the Town. The old pricing for pick up was \$626.85 and will now be \$782.56.

Moved to accept and sign the GFL Environmental contract was made by Supervisor Drewa.
Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had called GFL Environmental to inquire about the downsizing of the containers delivered and was told that the containers are the same size as before.

Supervisor Drewa also stated that Logistic Recycling will accept e-waste, batteries, tires, fluorescent light, etc. He will bring in the information he has on this for the next meeting.

Air B&B

Chairman Erwin stated that there are only two registered Air B&B's in the town of Fern and one already has their own trash receptacle. Chairman Erwin stated that the Town should not require these businesses to have their own trash receptacle.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had investigated the cost for an Air B&B to supply their own trash receptacle and it was very cost prohibitive.

Supervisor Saak stated that the town only needs to request an extra dumpster for the busy times of the year.

The issue was tabled indefinitely.

New Signage for the Town Dump

Supervisor Saak stated that the town needs a score sheet for the pricing the town is being charged for the disposal of e-waste, mattresses, televisions, etc. Once the score sheet is available the sheets should be copied and made available to the constituents, so they are aware of the pricing for disposal of such items. This would eliminate the need for new signage at the town dump.

JET Logging

The question was asked what was happening with the logs on the dump road. Chairman Erwin stated the logs can be brought to Sagola for processing. The problem is finding a logger to bring the logs to Sagola. Chairman Erwin will speak with Sagola to see if they know of anyone who can remove the logs for the Town.

Constituent Pat stated that JET Logging had removed some more of the logs. Clerk De Clark stated that JET should not be touching the logs any longer as he broke the contract with the Town when he didn't show up at December's meeting as required. If he removes any of the logs he is now stealing from the Town.

Chairman Erwin said he would speak with Jack from JET Logging regarding this matter.

Board Member Comments

Clerk De Clark stated that she would like the Board's permission to hire an outside individual to file any necessary DOR reports, year end tax summary and other reports she is required to file with the state. Clerk De Clark stated that with working two other jobs besides being the Town Clerk she is becoming overwhelmed with the extra work required to complete these reports.

Clerk De Clark stated that she had spoken with Pam the former clerk for the Town of Fence and Pam stated that she very much missed the work she did for the town. Upon hearing this Clerk De Clark stated that she was going to request giving the extra report filing duties to the town accountant but hearing that Pam would be interested in the position she would ask the town to consider hiring Pam. Pam was very interested in this proposition.

The board requested to have Pam come to the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

Chairman Erwin stated that the town can bring their old files to Florence Hardwoods for burning.

Chairman Erwin stated that he had heard on the radio that the Wisconsin DNR has grant monies available for the disposal of e-waste. Clerk De Clark stated that she would investigate this issue.

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Sylvester W. stated that his road needs sanding. Constituent Pat W. stated that he would take care of this tomorrow.

Constituent Pat W. stated that he would like to request less salt in the sand the town receives from Florence County. He would like just enough salt to keep it from freezing. He also stated that a grader with teeth to scrape the roads would work too. Chairman Erwin stated he would speak to Joe from County about these issues.

Supervisor Drewa stated that a list of projects that need to be addressed should be made up before spring.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk