

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
July 10, 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 and Joanne Wloszczynski, Janet Wenzelow and Rich Wenzelow and Pam Batte.

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 from June 12, 2023.

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.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would like the cost of dust control to be shared with the constituents. He stated that his neighbors would be willing to share the cost. Chairman Erwin will get a cost breakdown from Shelly.

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated that WTA is having their convention in August and he and the clerk are thinking of attending. Chairman Erwin stated that there are a lot of information items presented at the convention that would be helpful for town business.

Board Member Comments

Chairman Erwin stated that he received a call on Friday from Pat W. that the Pine River pump was activated somehow and it flooded the parking lot. Chairman Erwin called Jeff Sternhagen and Jeff managed to pull the breaker and shut it off.

Treasurer Carol stated that Mike could not initially see what had caused the issue but later found a snake had caught a mouse in the breaker box and that is what caused the unit to start running.

Constituent Pat stated that it is best to leave the breaker off which will be done in the future.

Chairman Erwins stated that Tony Peroni had a wet hole in his yard because of the work done on Balsam Road. The road still needs a culvert. Constituent Pat will fix the washout.

Supervisor Drewa stated that J & J Insulation will come out to do a quote on the garage.

Chairman Erwins and Constituent Pat did dust control on it went well. It was a lot cheaper to apply it the way they had.

Supervisor Drewa asked how it would work for a constituent to cost share for the application of dust control product. Chairman Erwin stated that the constituent would receive 100 feet of application on both sides of the constituent's property.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the grass cutting looked very nice. He also stated that the south end of town's sign looks good.

There was a request that the town dump change its hours from 3-5 to 4-6 instead. Chairman Erwin stated that the hours already in place would stay as the hours.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would prefer to see Asplundh Logging cutting trees in September or October versus the winter months. He had also spoke with Anthony Klingas a young man who has his own tree cutting business and his own crew. Chairman Erwin stated that he should bring Anthony in to see what he can do for the town.

Chairman Erwin stated that he went to Niagara to speak with Insight regarding getting Bluetooth at the dump for surveillance cameras. He spoke with Emily and she stated that she would get the paperwork to the town.

Constituent Pat asked how many cameras do the town want for the dump. It was decided that six cameras would be sufficient with one receiver in the shop for recording.

Supervisor Drewa asked if the town would receive an insurance break if the cameras were installed. Chairman Erwin stated that he would check with the insurance company to see if there is any type of break for having cameras.

Supervisor Drewa asked about the to do list on the blackboard.

Treasurer Demko stated that Mike will investigate getting a light for the flagpole. Getting the floors refinished has been scheduled and the ceiling touch ups still need to be done.

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Joanne asked if anyone knew where the key for the toweling dispenser in the women's washroom might be. No one knew. She stated that it needs to be opened so she can fill it.

She inquired who was going to order the runner rug for the basement. Supervisor Drewa will check on this.

Constituent Joanne stated that Pat needs to paint the floor in the basement and that the wall is rotting on the south wall of the basement.

Constituent Rich asked when the roadways were going to be mowed. Chairman Erwin stated that they started it today.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk