

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
June 12, 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, Janet Wenzelow and Rich Wenzelow.

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 from May 8, 2023.

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 Saak to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Dump Fees

Chairman Erwin stated that GFL Environmental accepts e-waste, tires, light bulbs, batteries etc.

Pat W and Chairman Erwin will load up and dispose of all the e-waste and will dispose of it this week.

Chairman Erwin stated that Liberty Recycling will accept the tires for disposal. He will contact Liberty and schedule a pickup for the tires.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had spoken to GFL and the light bulbs can be thrown in the dumpsters and smashed. They do not need to be packaged up.

Supervisor Drewa inquired where large appliances go at the dump. Supervisor Saak stated that they go on the scrap metal pile.

Supervisor Drewa had put up new, bigger price signs stating mattresses are now \$20 for disposal.

Treasurer Demko stated that we need to determine what the annual cost to the town for recycling is so it can be determined what should be charged to the town residents. This issue should be addressed in September for the next tax season. Chairman Erwin tabled the issue until September's meeting.

Dump Signs

Chairman Erwin inquired if the town dump needs larger signs stating the prices. Supervisor Drewa stated the sign sizes are fine.

Supervisor Drewa inquired if a list of the prices for disposal at the dump could be put in with next year's tax bill. Treasurer Demko stated that yes, this can be done.

CCTV

Supervisor Saak stated that items are being taken from the dump after closing hours. He inquired if the town should invest in security cameras. He stated that closed security cameras that will notify someone's phone or to a receiver can be purchased for a couple hundred dollars. Supervisor Saak stated he would look into this further.

Board of Review

Chairman Erwin stated that the tax rolls are not ready yet so a motion to table the review needs to be made.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to table the Board of Review until the tax rolls are complete.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Dust Control

Chairman Erwin stated that dust controls was applied on most town roads. Constituent Pat stated that dust control is still needed on Scotch Pine, Birch Lane, and Turtle Creek Road. Chairman Erwin will check with Joe from County about getting these roads covered.

Supervisor Drewa inquired if the cost of the application for dust control should be shared by the taxpayer.

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Drewa made notice that no one from JET Logging was at the meeting. He stated that he had spoken with Diane and they had agreed to pay the \$4,000 amount set by the board during the last meeting. It was determined that the board would give them more time to try to secure a loan and potential COVID funds.

Supervisor Drewa thanked those who had participated in the town clean up in May. Treasurer Demko stated that Eric Printz of Florence Economic Development would announce the clean up on the radio for next year's event.

Supervisor Drewa asked if the town should keep using Asplundh Tree Removal Service for cleaning up the town trees or should we look into another service. It was determined that we would stay with Asplundh. Supervisor Drewa will contact Asplundh to set up the service for the fall.

Treasurer Demko stated that Mike will take down the south end town sign and that Janet Wenzelow will repaint the sign for the town.

Supervisor Drewa inquired if the soft water unit was unplugged and does the filter get changed periodically. Constituent Pat stated that yes, both have been completed.

Constituent Pat stated that he had painted the window trim. He said that he still needs to excavate the hill on Walnut West. He would also like to put up a permanent wood snow fence. He stated he would check with Jeff to see if he would allow a permanent fence.

It was inquired how Airplane Joe's project was proceeding. Constituent Pat stated that it's looking great. The road still needs expanding and a culvert needs to be installed yet. The town needs to find out who owns the property on the hill where the expansion needs to be so that permission can be obtained.

Supervisor Drewa asked about Mulberry Lane. Constituent Pat stated that it has been graded but still needs more work.

Chairman Erwin stated that he's had inquiries as to when the town roads will be mowed. He stated that he would check with Joe from County and ask it to be completed by July 4th.

Constituent Pat stated that Raymond did an excellent job grading the roads.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he knows someone who can give the town an estimate on insulating the town garage. Constituent Pat stated he will get an estimate too.

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