

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
MARCH 14, 2022

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 Rich and Kim Wenslow, Carla Kraemer, and Patrick Wloszczynski.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

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.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Monthly Bills

Clerk De Clark informed the board that there was an additional billing statements because of the adding of the tax settlement checks that were issued after February's meeting.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated that WPS is in the process of scheduling road work for the spring and summer. Chairman Erwin stated that we do not have any scheduled roadwork that is just for the town of Fern, only with the town of Florence.

Chairman Erwin stated that he will check with Florence Utilities regarding getting a pole on Madeleine Road.

Chairman Erwin also stated that the town had received correspondence regarding the discontinuance of Aspen Lane. Chairman Erwin stated that this correspondence does not apply to Fern but us a concern of Commonwealth as that is where the property is located.

Chairman Erwin stated that the discontinuance may be reversed, and the road renamed to Aspen West to clear the confusion with Aspen Lane in Commonwealth.

Supervisor Saak asked if there wasn't a problem with the turnaround on Aspen Lane? Chairman Erwin stated that yes that had been and issue in the past.

Chairman Erwin stated that the Bechtel family is still pursuing the discontinuance of the road by the town of Fern.

Correspondence was received regarding each township contributing \$1,000 for the continued development of a plan for the EMS in our community.

Motion was made by Supervisor Drewa to make the \$1,000 contribution to the development of the plan.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Constituent's Concerns

With the absence of Carl Morrin who was scheduled to speak, Chairman Erwin gave Carla Kraemer an opportunity to speak in his absence as constituent's concerns.

Carla expressed concerns from several residents on Balsam Drive. There is an issue with excessive speeding by cars, UTV/ATV, and snowmobiles. Carla had a letter from Audra Ingram and Jessie Miller stating that they have young children and pets who play in the area of the road and are concerned for their safety.

Chairman Erwin stated that a 25 mile an hour for vehicle traffic and a 10 mile per hour for UTV/ATV signs along with a children at play sign be posted on the road.

Supervisor Saak also stated that during ice fishing season a no parking sign on the road be posted to stop the congestion caused by trucks on the road.

Fencing

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had contacted a few businesses regarding low, medium, and high-grade fencing. He inquired if the town wants 8 foot or 10-foot fencing, does the town want the poles cemented in?

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would take pictures and bring in options for the board to review before making their decision.

Chairman Erwin stated that medium grade fencing with the poles being cemented would be the best.

JET Logging

Chairman Erwin spoke with Jack from JET Logging before the meeting. He stated that Jack had removed 10 cords of maple. Jack stated that Mike Millan will take out the rest on another job's ticket that he is contracted to complete.

Pat W. stated that the road weight limits will be going on this Thursday, March 17th so the job will probably not be completed before then.

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Drewa stated that Pat did a great job of sanding after the ice storm the town experienced.

Pat W. stated that he would prefer if the Town of Florence would not put so much chloride in the sand. Chairman Erwin stated that Florence added more chloride this year for the black top roads they maintain.

Supervisor Drewa stated that it's time to start thinking about our community clean up which will be the Saturday after Mother's Day. It should be put on the next agenda.

Supervisor Drewa also suggested that that the Town of Fern donate a \$100 gift certificate again on the next agenda too.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patti De Clark

Town Clerk