

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
May 10, 2021

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 Wenzelow, Janet Wenzelow, Mary LeFevre, Jim LeFevre, and Pat Wloszczynski.

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 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 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 Drewa to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated the Town received a notice from Zoning regarding a variance on Balsam and Don Gordon's place. The width of the road will be changing because of a garage being put up. The variance will not interfere with the Town's road.

Town Hall Pillars

Chairman Erwin spoke with Sam and he said he is too busy to shore up the pillars. He will try to find someone else to do the work.

Constituent Wloszczynski said that he could use the jacks and raise the pillars to see what was there. Supervisor Saak stated that he would assist Pat with this project.

Thumb Addition

Chairman Erwin stated that Pat W. has investigated the purchase of a thumb addition for the tractor. He has an estimate for the thumb addition of approximately \$87,000 to \$90,000 which includes everything needed to install and use the thumb addition. It will take about 90 days to get the thumb addition from Merrill. Pat stated that the addition of the thumb will be great for trees clearing, brushing etc.

Motion to purchase the thumb addition was made by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Website

Clerk De Clark stated that she had contacted North Country Web Design and Daniel Freeman for quotes for creating an updated website for the Town.

Clerk De Clark stated that North Country's quote came in at \$800 and there were monthly fees for having her host the website. Dan Freeman's quote came in at \$650 which was a one-time fee. Daniel stated in his quote that he would also provide a video on how to post agendas and minutes to the site.

Clerk De Clark stated that she encouraged the Town to go with Daniel for the website because not only were there no monthly fees included in his quote, but that Daniel was also a very good friend of De Clark's and if there were ever any issues, she would be able to contact Daniel for help at any time.

Motion to accept Daniel's quote was made by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Saak stated that he was quite surprised by how many roads the town maintains. He made this observation during the annual road inspection. He stated that Pat is doing an excellent job maintaining the roads for the town. He did state that Walnut West Road was in rough shape because of all the logging trucks. Pat W. stated that he had already taken care of Walnut West Road.

Pat also stated that he dug a ditch on Price Lake Road to fix the water issue and he worked on Thompson Road too.

The Beaver issue on Thompson Road needs to be addressed. Chairman Erwin stated that Jim and Mike are aware of the beaver issue and will be dealing with the problem.

Supervisor Drewa thanked Jim LeFevre for all his years of service while on the board. Jim stated that today was the first time in 144 meetings that he was on the constituent side of the table.

Supervisor Drewa reminded everyone that the Fern clean-up for 2021 will be by May 15th from 9-12. Food, beverages, vests, and garbage bags will be supplied by the town. Anyone who wishes to bring a dish to share is welcome to do so.

Bill DeGroot has been cleaning up the highway and has a lot done already. Supervisor Saak suggested that the town send him a gift certificate to Annie's. It was agreed that this would be appropriate.

Supervisor Drewa asked if there was a fire number at Lemanski's. Chairman Erwin will get with Scott from zoning on this matter.

Chairman Erwin stated that the clerk for the town of Fence has resigned. He stated that they are unfortunately in a real mess right now.

It was asked if the recycling/garbage center would need more help during the summer months. Supervisor Saak stated that no, they are doing fine with just the one person working. Constituent Pat W. asked if the town should discontinue opening the center on Wednesdays. Supervisor Saak stated that no, they get a lot of locals on Wednesday.

Constituents Concerns

There were no constituent concerns.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk