

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD  
November 13, 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 Rich and Janet Wenzelow, Pam and Paul Batte, Joan, and Patrick 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.

It was noted that Tony Kligas would be moved to item 8 on the agenda.

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the town minutes from October 9, 2023, with the correction that it was Joe Schummer not Joe Podnar.

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 Chairman Erwin to approve the monthly bills.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Correspondence

Chairman Erwin stated that a letter was received stating the per capita charges for EMS from Amanda Mulvey. The annual charges for Fern will be about \$4,700.

There was a letter from Daniel Freeman who maintains the Town's website. For the past two years Daniel has not charged the town any money for posting the minutes, agenda, etc. and maintaining the site. Daniel is now going to charge the town \$500 annually for these services.

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve paying Daniel \$500 for the annual fee to maintain the website.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

#### Madeleine Lane

Chairman Erwin stated that the town could move forward better if Joe Schumacher was in attendance with the required signatures. The issue is tabled for now.

#### Clerk

Chairman Erwin stated that the current Clerk, Patti would like to have the board approve Pam Batte becoming the appointed clerk and Patti becoming the appointed deputy clerk.

Treasurer Demko inquired if before the appointments could be made if the town needed to advertise the position first. Chairman Erwin stated that he would get a hold of the WTA attorney, Carol for the answer to this question.

#### A&K Tree Trimming Services

Chairman Erwin and Pat W. have spoken with Tony and he is mostly done with the tree trimming the town required. They stated that he did a good job and his services probably won't be needed for next year.

It was brought up that there are trees very near some power lines. These trees should be trimmed by the utility company. Chestnut and Elm Lanes both need some attention.

#### Jack Pine Drive

Chairman Erwin stated Jack Pine had a wet hole on it. Supervisor Drewa stated the road used to be a mud run and that emergency services could not access the road. There was some maintenance work done on the road to divert the water from the road to the woods. Constituent Pat stated that the work done was for the betterment of the road.

#### Soda Machine

Chairman Erwin stated that there was some interest from an individual to purchase the soda machine in the town dump garage. He inquired if \$400 was a sensible price for the machine. Supervisor Drewa stated that this was a fair amount.

Moved by Supervisor Drewa to approve the sale of the soda machine for \$400.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

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

### Board Member Comments

Supervisor Saak stated that the land at the end of Mulberry Lane is not the same owner.

Supervisor Drewa stated that three people had contacted him regarding Mulberry Lane because they cannot get through to Zoning. They are stating that zoning does not return calls to them. Constituent Pat stated that power is going to be installed on Mulberry Lane.

Treasurer Carol asked if the town wanted to put any stuffers in with the tax rolls? It was determined that, yes, the town does want to put a stuffer in regarding the prices for disposing certain items at the town dump.

Chairman Erwin, Supervisors Saak and Drewa and Treasurer Demko agreed to meet on Monday at 6:00 to discuss what the prices to put in with the tax rolls will be.

Treasurer Demko stated that the price of stamps will be going up at the beginning of 2024. She inquired if the town should invest in three years' worth of stamps before the price increases. It was determined that, yes, the town should invest in three years' worth of stamps.

### Constituents Concerns

Constituent Pat stated that the Mraz property was sold and the home and shed are going to be demolished. The developer's intention is to make it three one-acre parcels. This brings up the issue of drainage. Pat does not believe that the town should be installing a culvert at this site.

Constituent Pat stated that Tony from A&K will be coming by to grind the stumps from the cutting down tomorrow.

### Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk