

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
September 11, 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, Pam and Paul Batte and Joe Podnar.

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 August 14, 2023. It was noted that it should have been Carla Kraemer not Sandy Kraemer.

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.

Madeleine Boulevard

Chairman Erwin stated there were improvements made where Balsam Street meets Madeleine Boulevard. He had spoken with WTA regarding this matter and they advised getting a survey map for the road and all the constituents who live on the road must sign off on the turning over of the road to the town and the cost of the gravel to get the road up to state standards. Then a quit claim deed must be sent to the state.

Constituent Joe Podnar stated that he had delivered a copy of the signatures to the town a year ago. Chairman Erwin stated that he would track down these signatures.

Supervisor Saak asked if all the people were included for their signatures. Constituent Podnar stated that there was one new person on the road. He also stated that he would supply the signatures and survey again. He stated that he waited until the turn-around was done.

Supervisor Drewa stated that everything must be done by the book.

Chairman Erwin stated that the cost to the residents would be about 185 to 200 yards of gravel @ \$8.00 per run and the cost of the truck so approximately \$6,600 will be owed by the residents on the road. These costs will be billed by the town of Fern to the residents and not as a special assessment.

Supervisor Drewa stated that an attorney should be included in the process to be sure it is done correctly. Constituent Podnar stated that a letter from the attorney should be sent to the residents on the road to let them know what the parameters are going to be.

Chairman Erwin stated that he would get back to constituent Podnar this week regarding this matter. He wondered too if the land could be gifted to the town.

Supervisor Drewa asked what the timeframe for the payment from the constituent's would be. Chairman Erwin stated that he would check on this. Supervisor Drewa stated that when there was an assessment on the dam, they were given three years to make their payments.

Constituent Podnar stated that in 21 years Shannon Whaley who lives on the road has never contributed to the cost of the road. He stated that he and his sister own all the property on the sides of the road to Whaley's gate. Supervisor Drewa stated that Whaley needs to be notified of the road change by certified letter. Constituent Podnar stated that he had her address. He also stated that he will remove the necessary trees and Pat will remove the stumps.

Fall Road Tour

The fall road tour was set for Thursday, September 21st at 8:00 am.

Thompson Road Mailboxes

Chairman Erwin stated that the mailboxes on Thompson Road are currently in the gravel on the road. Pat will build a 3-foot turn in. Chairman Erwin stated that he had checked with Gail at the post office and she stated it was okay to make this change.

Board Member Comments

Chairman Erwin stated that the Balsam Lane issue has been resolved.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Perrone's had sent a text thanking the Town for the repairs made on their road that had been requested at the last meeting.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had done some training with Rich Wolosyn at the dump on Sunday. It was determined to hire Rich as fill in for the dump. He will need to be given a money box and a W-4.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Anthony Klingas from A&K Tree Removal will be at the next meeting to discuss tree removal services.

Chairman Erwin stated that the town truck is ready for winter.

Supervisor Drewa asked when the last time the furnaces were checked. Constituent Pat stated that he checks the filters and other needs for the furnace.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the elevator does not work and needs to be checked. He also inquired about the oil tank. Constituent Pat stated that there is a crack in the tank but it can wait until next year for repairs.

Constituents Concerns

None

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk