

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE FERN TOWN BOARD
September 12, 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 Patrick Wloszczynski, Gary Blank, Christine Washburn. Janet and Rich Woslyn.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the agenda.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Saak to approve the town minutes.

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 Saak to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

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

Fred had presented a letter from the Federal Regulatory Commission that there were no concerns on the dam on the Pine River.

Fencing

Supervisor Drewa stated he had spoken to Steve from Statewide Fencing, and they will be able to begin work on the fencing around the dump the end of September or the beginning of October. Steve will call Supervisor Drewa with a firm date. Pat W. will remove the old fencing before the work begins.

Supervisor Drewa also stated that he was able to get Statewide to come down \$500 from their original quote

Town Attorney

Supervisor Drewa stated that he had spoken with Steven Garbowicz an attorney out of Eagle River, WI. He is the town attorney for Florence and was recommended by Donna from the courthouse. The Town simply needs to send him a letter stating that Town wishes to contract with him to be the attorney.

JET Logging

Chairman Erwin stated that he will speak with Attorney Garbowicz regarding the issue with JET logging.

Board Member Comments

Chairman Erwin stated that the Open Book for the tax rolls will be held by R&R Assessing on September 13, 2022, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Chairman Erwin stated that the Board of Review for 2022 will be held on September 29, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Chairman, Clerk and Supervisors should be in attendance along with a representative from R&R Assessing.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he likes the new dump attendant, John Jewula.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would like to see the fire hydrant by the river checked before winter. Chairman Erwin stated that he would speak to Jeff Sternhagen about getting the inspection done.

Supervisor Drewa stated that Asplundh Tree Service will charge \$145 for two men and a chipper for clearing trees that are posing an issue. It was decided that the amount they charge should not exceed \$10,000.

Motion to accept Asplundh Tree Service and the \$10,000 cap was made by Chairman Erwin.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried with a unanimous "aye" vote.

Supervisor Drewa stated that the Aspen West sign has been missing for quite some time. He has asked around the community, but no one seems to know what happened to the sign. Supervisor Drewa will check with Florence Schools to see if the woods class can make the Town a new Aspen West sign.

Chairman Erwin stated that he has spoken with Joe Witynski regarding putting a new culvert in on Balsam Lane. They will also be raising the left side of the road.

Kevin from Florence Utilities also wants to trench in utility lines on Balsam Lane. Supervisor Drewa stated that he would contact Kevin to pencil the job in.

Supervisor Saak asked if the side of the roads should be mowed before fall. Chairman Erwin stated that, yes, they should be mowed.

Constituents Concerns

Constituent Wloszczynski stated that the sander for the Ford truck is now a 1.5-yard sander. He feels we should be going to a 2-yard sander. Also, the old sander is very beat up. Constituent Wloszczynski would like permission to purchase a new sander.

Motion to purchase a new aluminum sander was made by Supervisor Saak.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion carried with a unanimous "aye" vote.

Constituent Blank inquired whatever happened with the Sea Lion Lake Air B&B? Supervisor Saak thought that the Christensen's were going to head up taking care of this concern.

Constituent Blank thought there was a 2014 petition regarding a no wake lake on Sea Lion Lake. Supervisor Drewa stated that ordinances are hard to enforce. Chairman Erwin stated that these concerns would best be addressed by forming a lake association. Supervisor Saak suggested contact Crotty of the Parks and Recreation. He could put up a map showing the no wake area on the lake.

Supervisor Drewa stated that he would pursue finding the no wake lake ordinance from 2014. He also stated that all Air B&B's need to be licensed by the county.

Supervisor Saak inquired how much sand was left from last season. Pat W. stated that he had already ordered more sand for this season.

Constituent Washburn inquired if the Town could keep the Wednesday dump hours throughout the winter months. Supervisor Saak stated that it is an issue with staffing but was willing to try keeping open on a temporary basis to see how much traffic comes through to see if it's work keeping open.

Chairman Erwin reminded the board that next Monday the 19th was the WTA meeting, and that Fern was hosting.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Drewa.

Motion seconded Supervisor Saak.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti De Clark, Town Clerk