

TOWN OF FOREST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Forest Town Hall

- I. Call of Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Davison at 6:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Davison, Schiller, Rechlicz, Johnson, Obert and Teed were all present. Gene Baldwin also attended.
- III. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice
 - a. Davison affirmed that the meeting was properly posted
- IV. Public Input
 - a. Gene had some ideas for house with doing a “barn raising” where citizens come together for town hall renovations.
- V. Minutes of January 2021 Meeting
 - a. Read by Obert. Davison requested the names be changed in the Patrolman’s report for the trucks from the employee’s name to the year of the truck. Schiller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- VI. Financial Report for January 2021
 - a. Financial Report was read by Johnson with an ending balance of \$388,044.71. Schiller made a motion to approve the Financial Report, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- VII. Other Reports
 - a. Town Patrolman Report
 - i. Hauled fluorescent bulbs to landfill in Viroqua
 - ii. Put new wear plates on 2006 Blade and wing
 - iii. Serviced Backhoe
 - iv. Opened the drain in the new bay
 - v. Northland Door installed new garage door
 - vi. New tires installed on dump trucks
 - vii. Plowed and sanded roads and kept snow cleaned up around buildings
 - viii. Got CDL
 - ix. Burned brush piles on Pine and Bugbee
 - x. 2001 Truck seemed to be running well, but needed new water pump, installed that
 - xi. Kept snow cleaned up around all town buildings
 - b. Review of Submitted Building Site Permits
 - i. None Received
 - c. Ambulance Report
 - i. Met on February 3rd. Tanner Whitmer completed EMT training. Most EMT’s have received COVID-19 1st vaccine. Need 3-5 pagers and a portable radio. EMT’s are not happy with how donations are handled. CARES Money will be dispersed to EMT’s based on number of hours worked.
 - d. Fire Association Report
 - i. Got Lights replaced. Insurance costs jumped. Tabled discussion on donation to Vernon County Fire Mutual Aid Association. Discussed number of firemen that respond to calls. Firemen bought a new water tank.
 - e. Recycle Center Report
 - i. Todd Cleaned Fluorescent out the light bulbs
 - ii. Clean up days on Friday and Saturday April 23rd and 24th 8am -5pm
 - f. Citizens Conversation Committee Report
 - i. Nothing to report
 - g. Chairman Report

- i. Thank you from the Ontario Library for Donation.
- VIII. Business
 - a. Profit and Loss Review
 - i. Reports reviewed by board. Motion was made by Rechlicz to approve the P&L, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - b. Approve Invoices
 - i. Invoices submitted for payment were read by Obert. Schiller made a motion to approve the invoices for payment, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
 - c. Discussion and Possible action on Dog License and Dog Kennel Fees
 - i. Information reviewed that was provided by Vernon County.
 - ii. A motion was made to raise the dog licensing fees to Spayed/Neutered dogs to \$5.00, and \$10.00 for in-tact dogs, Kennel fees to \$50.00 for up to 12 dogs and \$5.00 for each additional dog. A Resolution needs to be made to increase Dog License fees.
 - iii. Tabled until March Meeting.
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action on Updating the Towns Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Discussed the Town's Comprehensive Plan and formed a potential list of candidates for the committee. Tabled at this time.
 - e. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of Public Records Access Policy
 - i. Tabled at this time
 - f. Discussion on Review of Town Ordinances
 - i. Tabled at this time
 - g. Announcements
 - i. Thursday Night Vernon Electric would like to use the voting area
 - ii. Primary Election for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on February 16, 2021
- IX. Confirm next Board Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall
- X. Adjournment
 - a. Schiller made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion carried.