

December 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

The Town of Bloomer regular monthly meeting was held on December 11, 2017 at the Bloomer Town Hall and was called to order by Chairman Gary Nehring at 7:30 pm.

Board Members present were: Gary Nehring, Roger McFarlane, Brian Lueck, Roxanne Geurkink, and Ashley Nelson

Also Present: Robert Heldt from Wisconsin Dept of Transportation, Chris Michels from Wisconsin Dept of Transportation, and Scott McBride from We Energies

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

All board members were furnished with a copy of the minutes from the November 13, 2017 Town Board meeting. Supervisor McFarlane made a motion to approve the minutes, Supervisor Lueck second. Motion carried.

Receipts 6908 - 6918 were presented.

Checks 9903– 9923 and 2 electronic transfers were presented. Supervisor Lueck made a motion to pay the bills and approve the financial report, Supervisor McFarlane second. Motion carried.

An application has been made by Dean Ruff to We Energies to provide natural gas to his grain drying facility located on 85th Street. Scott McBride of We Energies was present to explain the process. The first step after a consumer application has been filed, is to have the Town pass a resolution and then We Energies can apply for a franchise within the Town. The Board explained that a resolution has already been passed and signed in 2014 with NSP. We Energies will research the validity of NSP's resolution and if NSP has actually applied for a franchise within the Town. NSP has not acted on their resolution for 3 years and the Public Service Commission may consider the NSP request void. The Public Service Commission will ultimately dictate which natural gas lines are installed and by which company. Supervisor McFarlane made a motion to pass the resolution for We Energies to apply for a franchise within the Town of Bloomer, Supervisor Lueck second. Motion carried.

Robert Heldt and Chris Michels from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation presented a plan for possible land development by A-1 for a parcel of land located by Hwy 53, Hwy 64 and 85th Street. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is looking for the possibility of access off Town Road 85th as a secondary option, using Highway 64 as main access to the property. The Board informed the representatives that this area falls in the Extra Territorial Zoning jurisdiction and the ETZ will need to be contacted.

Chairman Nehring made a motion to approve the following names as election poll workers for a 2 year term beginning January 2018. Patricia Ruffedt, Joan Tremblay, Sandra Letlebo, Rose Powell, Deanna Vahlenkamp, and Joan Monpas. Supervisor Lueck second. Motion carried.

Chairman Nehring made a motion to purchase 4 plat books for the Town, Supervisor McFarlane second. Motion carried.

Chairman Nehring informed the board that Scott Construction is offering favorable pricing on chip sealing if several Towns in the same area can have chip sealing completed at the same time.

The stove in the Town hall is not working properly. Supervisor Lueck made a motion to purchase a new stove for the Town Hall for a cost not to exceed \$500.00, Supervisor McFarlane second. Motion carried

Gravel permit renewal applications have been received from Milestone Materials/Monarch Paving for the Webb Pitt and the Webb Pitt Expansion. A \$100.00 application fee has been received for each renewal for a total of \$200.00. Chairman Nehring made a motion to approve the 2 applications, Supervisor Lueck second. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nehring made a motion to borrow \$51,547.00 for a term of 2 years at an interest rate of 2.8% or the current rate at the time of loan consummation through financing provided by Mid-State Trucking for the purchase of a new plow truck, Supervisor Lueck second. Motion to adopt the foregoing as a resolution by Supervisor McFarlane, second by Supervisor Lueck. Roll call vote to adopt said resolution: Supervisor McFarlane, yes. Supervisor Lueck, yes. Chairman Nehring, yes. The resolution was signed by all board members and a copy is made as a part of these minutes.

Chairman Nehring made a motion to adopt the Town Budget as presented for 2018. Supervisor McFarlane second. Motion carried.

Various correspondence and mail items were discussed.

The next Town Board Meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.
Meeting adjourned.

Roxanne Geurkink
Clerk