

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Dave Swenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL- Debbie Derfus, Dave Swenson, Gary Franz, Joe Burger – Present; Carolyn Opitz, - Absent

VISITORS – None

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Town Board Meetings of January 2 & 11, 2017; February 13, 2017; March 6, 2017-

Joe/Gary moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Discussion None. Roll Call: Debbie - abstain, Dave, Gary, Joe –In favor. Motion carried.

Debbie/Joe moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting as presented. Discussion None. Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

Debbie/Joe moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting as presented. Discussion None. Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

Debbie/Joe moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Discussion None. Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

PLAN COMMISSION – Debbie talked with Ron Gotz who isn't feeling well but didn't have much of a report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – ROD BAUER – FIRE REPORT – Number of calls to date: EMS calls - 1 medical, Fire - 1 –Electrical Pole fire, 1 – Arcing, Shorted electrical equipment

New hire for the department – None at this time.

The ladder truck is down to red power diesel. It has had an evaluation on the rear steering, after getting the estimates back. The decision was made by my officer to make the repairs and Town Supervisor Dave Swenson was also notified of the needed repairs.

As I have brought up in the previous month the fire department is looking at starting up an apprenticeship program for our fire fighters. At this time, I am asking the board for permission to submit the information for the documentation needed so that we can get the proposed plan. If the fire fighters and the department are qualified we will ask the Representative from the agency to present the plan to the Board at a later meeting.

The department has been invited to Stratford for confined space training and the department has invited Stratford for Ice Water Rescue on Tuesday night at our station.

Health and Safety: The department has gone through and ordered a few more binders and a holder for the SDS to be kept in. We have also gone through the station and found SDS for each chemical in the station. The station is now compliant with the State requirements for SDS.

EMS: The group is waiting to hear from the State about the service upgrade. We will be ordering the Rad 57 CO and pulse oximetry meter and have training on how to use it.

Approve/Disapprove Department of Workforce Development Apprenticeship Program Application – Rod explained this agenda item is a bit of a misnomer and on the agenda for a better understanding and/or more permission. The Fire Department is the first of the volunteer departments trying to do this program and stay within the volunteer bounds. The way participation is proposed shouldn't cost the township. A journeyman program for on the job training where 2000 hours are donated. It's a three year program that would be stretched out to four. Only pay to those participating are for hours already paid (time/calls/training). Rob further explained the participants are already putting in time and training but this program would afford them the title of Journeyman Firefighter upon completion with a DWD certificate.

After questions from the Board regarding pay and step increases in pay; Joe/Debbie moved to authorize the Fire Department to get the information for the program. No further discussion. Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – In Favor. Motion carried.

Debbie mentioned receiving a complaint stating there are kids driving fire trucks with older person in vehicle. Rod stated if anyone on the department is not 18 they are not allowed to drive. Debbie also relayed a request from Larry Weigel that when he calls for burning permit he would appreciate when the department calls back he doesn't get asked for a donation. Debbie also mentioned that Carl Greenberg and Donna Siltala didn't get invitations to the member recognition gathering until the date of the event.

LIBRARY – RUTH VOSS – absent

SUPERVISORS:

CAROLYN OPITZ – GARBAGE, ORDINANCES, NEWSLETTER – Dave attended the garbage and recycling meeting; need two volunteers for tire recycling for April 29th Saturday at Pankratz trucking. Joe if can't find anyone else, Gary will let Dave know. Dave shared recycling and garbage fees, statistics and grant funding for the program.

DAVID SWENSON – HIGHWAY – County got more salt shipped in. Dip signs are up. Helped Pat chase trees, had calls from the Sheriff's Department of fallen tree hazards.

DEBRA DERFUS – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, WEBSITE – Nothing – Still waiting for information from everybody. John will update when information is provided.

JOE BURGER – IOH PERMITS – TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE – MARATHON COUNTY ADDRESSING – Info about the permits in the newsletter. Town hall, still looking at options. Turned in street names for all the town's names; subject to change if we want to change it. County posted list of submitted road names online which will go to county board when all road names are submitted by all townships and villages/cities involved. Have list along if anyone would like to see it.

GARY FRANZ – NEWSLETTER – TOWN HALL MAINTNEANCE – Newsletter taking what he has to Quik Print tomorrow. Town Hall maintenance fixed toilets and shingles are missing off roof.

CLERK – APPROVAL OF CHECKS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of Checks: Checks 14738 – 14740; 14812 - 14831 including Electronic checks 17-2, 17-3, & 17-4; total disbursements \$32,939.32.

Debbie/Joe moved to approve checks as presented. Discussion: Dalco and Advanced Disposal, monthly charge to Advanced.

Roll call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in Favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Beginning balance \$2,158,315.95 Total Receipts \$120,188.92 Total Disbursements \$88,055.46. Ending Cash Balance \$2,190,449.41

Debbie/Joe moved to approve the Clerk's Financial Report as presented. Discussion: None
Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk shared Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning Notifications – Notice of Public Hearing from the City Plan Commission, Notification from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission of Town of Spencer Comp Plan Adoption, Zoning permit for Olson, Sanitary permit for Altmann, Memo from Dean Johnson asking for input on the time of day for staff to be at the Stratford location; Letter from County Surveyor regarding preserving section corners and quarter section corners. Board suggested contacting Plan Committee for suggested dates/times.

Gary suggested something in the newsletter about approving county zoning and committee openings. Debbie stated that Dorothy Olson and Judy Christianson may be interested in being on the committee. Josh Trautman contacted Dave with interest.

TREASURER – FINANCIAL REPORT- February 28, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE, BANK	\$ 1,744,777.44			
LESS OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ (19,783.18)			
PLUS OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$ -			
RECONCILED CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 1,724,994.26			
TAX SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 389,226.59			
PARK FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 10,881.92			
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 17,296.30			
FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT CD	\$ 20,135.34			
PUBLIC WORKS REPLACEMENT APPARATUS CD	\$ 27,915.00			
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 2,190,449.41			

Steve commented on the large amount; he was out of state and anticipated the payments would be withdrawn faster than they did.

Debbie asked when we make the payment for the fire truck? Steve stated in June.

Joe/Debbie moved to approve the Treasurer's financial report as presented. Discussion: None
Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Dave asked if anyone checked on ATV signage. He's called Town of Eau Pleine; and he thought there was a club. Debbie said the club is not in the township. Larry Seehafer suggested checking with John Rollins at the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve/Disapprove Call for Bids for Road Materials and Summer Road Work – Debbie/Gary move to approve call for bids for road materials and summer road work. Discussion: Crack sealing repair, gravel, striping Galvin road. Rod asked that crack sealing Fire Department black top also be included. Roll Call: Debbie, Dave, Gary, Joe – All in favor. Motion carried.

Joe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Debbie second. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Rahn, Clerk