

TOWN OF ADAMS
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 15, 2020

Present: Jim Bays, Chair; Ron Johnson, Bill Euclide, Miranda Christensen, Clerk; Hope Eggersdorf, Treasurer; Nicholas Flanagan, Town Attorney

Others: See Sign-In Sheet

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Bays at 7:28pm

Agenda

Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 17, 2020

- Budget Hearing – Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the minutes as written. Approved.
- Special Meeting of Town Electors – Motion by Ron, second by Jim, to approve the minutes as written. Approved.
- Monthly Board Meeting – Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the minutes as written. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The total of all accounts is \$245,057.58. Motion by Ron, second by Bill, to accept the report as presented. Carried.

Additional Reports

- Friendship Lake Report – Ron indicated there hasn't been a meeting held since our last Board Meeting. Therefore, a report was not provided. The next meeting is scheduled for January.
- Ambulance Service Report – Bill indicated there hasn't been a meeting held since our last Board Meeting. Therefore, a report was not provided.
- Fire District Report – Bill provided his report. In part, after necessary repairs to Engine 302 and Engine 303 all firetrucks have passed DOT inspection. In addition, due to both logistical issues and temperature sensitivity of the bay areas, the Fire District Board has decided that the Adams County Health and Human Services department will no longer utilize the fire station to conduct COVID testing. Motion by Jim, second by Bill, to accept the report as presented. Carried.

Town Wide Trash Collection

Charlie Kuhn, Director of Adams County Solid Waste was in attendance.

- Collection and Hauling Agreement – Attorney Flanagan provided a detailed overview of the Collection and Hauling Agreement that had been electronically forwarded to the Town Board for review on December 5, 2020. Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to adopt and sign the Collection and Hauling Agreement. A roll call vote was taken: Jim – Yes; Ron – Yes; Bill – Yes. Motion Carried.
- Grant Funds Letter – The County is looking to secure grant funds through The Recycling Partnership organization to offset the cost of recycling carts for our curbside collection contract. Charlie Kuhn is in the process of putting together the application for the grant funds. One of the application requirements is an executed letter from the highest elected official in the town indicating their awareness of the pursuit of grant funds to support the planned investment in curbside recycling and an indication that they support the application. Miranda worked with Attorney Flanagan to draft the required letter. The Board reviewed the presented letter. Motion by Bill, second by Ron, for Jim Bays to sign the drafted Recycling Partnership letter that will accompany our grant funds application. Carried.

Rezone and/or Conditional Use Requests

- Bob Jezo – Rezone from Conservancy – Rezone .44 Acres from Conservancy to Recreational/Residential for property located at 2217 15th Ln – Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the rezone request. A roll call vote was taken: Jim – Yes; Ron – Yes; Bill – Yes. Motion Carried.
- R James Schindlbeck – Rezone 2.5 Acres from A1 to R1 for property located at 2141 8th Dr – Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the rezone request. Carried.

Farmland Preservation Discussion

A letter regarding Farmland Preservation was received from Dustin at Planning and Zoning and electronically forwarded to the Town Board for review on December 8, 2020.

Dustin would like to modify the Farmland Preservation Plan criteria to more accurately reflect the purpose of the entire program. As indicated in the letter, the Farmland Preservation Plan applies to all property shown on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map as agricultural, forestry, or open space. These criteria would be modified to only include areas mapped as agricultural. Dustin would also like to remove all parcels zoned as A-1. He is not intending to modify any other part of the plan or any associated ordinances. When the new criteria are written, and the new maps produced, Dustin will be supplying those to each Town for their input. There will be at least one public hearing on the proposed plan and maps.

Advisory Board for New Supervisors in 2023

The importance of recruiting individuals for Town Government was discussed. The Board determined there will not be an Advisory Board created for potential new Supervisors taking office in 2023.

Set Date and Time for Caucus

Motion by Bill, second by Jim, to schedule the Caucus for 7pm on January 19, 2021. Carried.

Employee Review

The Town Board Meeting will convene to Executive session to complete Employee Reviews on January 19, 2021.

Set Date and Time for Annual Audit

The Annual Audit is scheduled for January 19, 2021 and will be completed during Employee reviews. The Audit will be completed by Nancy Akkerman, MaryAnn Bays and Joyce Jefferson.

Shop Maintenance

There was nothing reported at this time.

Town Hall Maintenance

The Town of Adams Highway Department will work to cap off the water fountain.

Other Business

There is standing water on the east side of the intersection of 11th and M. Jim will contact Pat Kotlowski with the Adams County Highway Department to discuss.

Pay Bills

Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to pay bills of \$13,030.10. Carried.
Meetings were reported to Hope for payment.

Set Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next Town Board meeting is set for January 19, 2021 at 7:30pm. The Caucus precedes the Town Board Meeting and begins at 7pm.

Motion by Ron, second by Bill, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Miranda Christensen, Clerk**