

REGULAR EUREKA TOWN BOARD MEETING, July 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eureka was called to order by Chairman Gene Krull at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at the Town Hall.

Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted in the four designated locations of the Town Hall, EdgeTown Tavern, KJ's and River Roads Wolf Creek Bar on July 2, 2015. A notice was posted in the Tri-County North Advertiser.

Present by roll call were Chairman Gene Krull, Supervisor Marvin Caspersen and Supervisor Paul Schneider. Also present were Clerk Deb Dibble and Treasurer David Anderson. Others present were Paul Grill, Joanne Valerius, Jason Odegaard, Ron Edlund, Richard Nelson, Tim Knigge, and Jim Hallgren.

Schneider/Caspersen **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried**. Supervisor Caspersen offered an amendment to Line 10 "Supervisor's Report, if any" to read "Supervisor's Comment, if any".

Caspersen/Schneider **moved** to approve the amended meeting minutes for June 11, 2015 (Regular Town Board Meeting); **motion carried**. Schneider/Caspersen **moved** to approve the minutes for June 29, 2015 (Special Town Board Meeting); **motion carried**.

Caspersen/Schneider **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 15-247 through 15-276 amounting to \$40,166.75, discussion continued; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll call vote, 3-0.

The Clerk reported that she had completed and submitted the Liquor License Report to the WI Department of Revenue. The 2015 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed and discussed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The checking account is not balanced because the bank did not have the statement ready. The receipts for the month of June 2015 amounted to \$45,000; cash balance on June 30, 2015 was \$204,542.77. The balance of the New Equipment Account as of June 30, 2015 was \$22,040.75. With the debits and credits the balance of cash on hand is \$216,926.76.

Highway report: Jim Hallgren stated that there are some culverts that should be replaced during the scheduled road construction. The brushing tractor has needed numerous front end repairs. A front wheel assisted tractor would be a good replacement for the brushing tractor. The crew has been mowing. Repair has been completed on various pieces of highway equipment.

Chairman's report: Chairman Krull reported that the sale of the old town hall was completed on June 18, 2015. The construction on the new hall has been completed, except the air conditioning. The state inspector noted the following for the hall: the height of the counters outside the clerk and treasurer's offices need to be lowered to wheel chair height and the stair railing over the break room needs to have returned ends. The parking lot has been repaved. Landscaping needs to be done and some of the lawn needs to be reseeded. Daryl Bazey, the Town Building Inspector, reported one new building permit for Paul Grill for the quarter. Daryl's upcoming two-year contract will not have any rate increases. Discussion continued.

Citizen Comment Time: Tim Knigge inquired why the town issued a check for \$175 to a private cemetery but would not apply gravel on Horseshoe Lake Road. Chairman Krull replied that the town will supply one load of Class 5 gravel for a new road. The town electors voted to provide monies to the local cemeteries that submit their annual financial statements and a Request for Funds. By State law, if a cemetery is abandoned the town has to take over the maintenance. We are paying the property owners, where the cemetery is located, \$175 to perform the maintenance so our highway crew does not have to.

Richard Nelson asked for clarification of Chairman Krull's statement at a prior meeting that citizens cannot make comments during the Business Discussion/Approval portion of the meeting. Chairman Krull stated, the agenda is posted so citizens can review it. During Citizen Comment time, comments can be made whether the topic is on the agenda or not. If a citizen wishes to comment on an item in the Business section, it is best if they do that during Citizen Comment Time. He will limit the comments to three minutes, not totally eliminate them. When a citizen has a comment they need to address it to the Board or the Chairman. Discussion continued.

Supervisor's Comment: Supervisor Caspersen commented that the Luck area ATV Association has petitioned the county to cross county roads. At the present time it is not legal to be on county roads. The Town of Eureka does not have anything in the Luck area program. I think the Town of Eureka may want to get involved in this. At the present time we would not be able to cross County Road G. Chairman Krull stated that they would also not be able to cross County Road I or State Highway 35.

Business: Supervisor Caspersen suggested that the town have a policy for performing the annual town road inspection. He would like this policy to take into consideration the opinions of the highway crew, the town board and the PASER rating preparer. Chairman Krull asked him to present the policy at the August Town Board meeting.

Schneider/Caspersen **moved** to discuss the Town Hall cleaning; **motion carried**. Shaila Johnson would charge \$75 to vacuum all of the hall, the garage breakroom and bathroom, and clean the 3 bathrooms. The funds will be taken from the Miscellaneous Account. Schneider/Caspersen **moved** that the Board move forward with the monthly cleaning at the rate of \$75.00 per month; **motion carried** by a unanimous roll call vote; 3-0.

Wisconsin State Statutes Section 60.21(1). Any town board authorized to exercise village powers may, by ordinance, increase the number of supervisors to no more than 5. If the number of supervisors is increased to 4, the town shall elect 2 supervisors each year. If the number is increased to 5, the town shall elect 3 supervisors in odd-numbered years and 2 supervisors in even-numbered years. An increase in the number of town board supervisors under this subsection does not create a vacancy on the town board. In other words, when the size of the board is increased, the new seats are filled by election at the annual spring election, rather than by special election or appointment. Krull/Schneider **moved** to increase the town board from three members, one chairman and two supervisors to five members, one chairman and four supervisors following Section 60.21(1); **motion carried** with 2 – ayes, 1- nay. Discussion continued. Adding two people to the board will have to be built into the 2016 budget meetings. It would be about an additional \$6000 per year.

Caspersen/Schneider **moved** to raise the pocket gopher bounty to \$3.00 per tail in 2016; **motion carried** by a unanimous roll-call vote, 3-0. Discussion continued.

Caspersen/Schneider **moved** to discuss a locking mailbox; **motion carried**. Supervisor Schneider presented mailbox options. Discussion continued. The topic was tabled to the August 13, 2015 meeting.

Krull/Schneider **moved** to change the sick leave policy to read Five paid sick leave days per year and that unused sick days will not be paid.; **motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote, 3-0**.

A. Five (5) paid sick leave days per year. Unused sick days will not be paid.

B. Sick leave in excess of five (5) days in a year will be considered unpaid leave.

Discussion continued.

Krull/Schneider **moved** to follow federal holiday guidelines, if a holiday falls on a Saturday take Friday off. If the holiday falls on a Sunday take Monday off. Krull/Schneider withdrew their motion and second. Caspersen/Schneider **moved** that this be on the agenda for the August 13, 2015 meeting and that a written policy statement be presented; **motion carried**.

Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting – A, 2015

Discussion/Approval – Secure mailbox.

Discussion/Approval – Annual road review policy.

Discussion/Approval – Day off for holidays falling on a weekend.

Discussion/Approval – ATV policy to cross county roads.

There being no further business, Caspersen/Schneider **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** the meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm. Minutes prepared by Deb Dibble, Town Clerk.