

Meeting of the Town Board – January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Abe Mach. Supervisors present were Pete Steen, Dale Kirkeby; Treasurer, Ron Mossberg and Clerk, Nancy Hedin.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

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Dick Herzog was present. He stated that he had talked to Kirkeby and Buetow about getting some clearing of the vegetation on Sturgeon Island Road.

Ron Buetow was present and stated that any comment that he would make at a meeting is his own personal opinion and should not be reflected onto Mike Buetow.

Craig Bond was present. He questioned what the compensation was for the township employees for meetings and if there is an hourly wage. Bond questioned several of Mach's meetings and wages received.

Discussion followed.

Steen stated that at the April meeting wages are set. This year an hourly wage for supervisors will be reviewed.

A design for storing salt was discussed. The board discussed with Buetow having a shed for storage vs. storing salt under a tarp.

Buetow and Kirkeby will meet at the pit to discuss options.

Mossberg spoke on the budget and levy strategy.

Steen reviewed with the public the financial meeting which took place on December 28th. Steen stated that the levy would be reduced in order to decrease the cash reserve. Mossberg gave options in reducing the levy. The board discussed operating expenses for the year.

Motion was made by Steen, second by Kirkeby to hold the Board of Audit on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Paul Horgen spoke on the township administrator position. This will be placed on the ballot for the March election.

Steen spoke on the Island Lake culvert project. Steen contacted Representative Mike Sundin. Sundin is looking to get funding on half of the project. Funding the other half will be looked into further.

The board reviewed the counter from attorney Bob Alsop on the Wilson variance dispute.

The board discussed dates to meet with the attorney on the matter.

Motion was made by Steen, second by Kirkeby to set January 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the town hall to meet with the township's attorney Bob Alsop on the Wilson variance dispute. Motion passed.

Paul Horgen updated the board and public on the Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the Comprehensive Plan was passed out for the board members to review.

Paul Horgen gave the Fire District report.

Ryan Clark gave the zoning update.

Buetow gave the road update. Buetow stated that the person interested in purchasing the Mack truck has not been able to pick it up. Advertising the sale of the Mack truck was discussed.

Motion was made by Mach, second by Kirkeby to approve Mike Buetow to advertise the Mack truck on Craig's List as a sealed bid to be opened at the February meeting 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Kirkeby, second by Steen to rent a boom mower for 40 hours up to \$5,000 to clear ditches and right-of-ways. Motion passed.

Ron Buetow questioned whether a cost for a township administrator would be discussed before placing it on a ballot.

John Grunstrom asked about how many miles the township has. He also asked if the Wilson variance meetings are closed.

John Wesely was present and asked to keep the wording on the township administrator position as simple as possible. He also thanked Mossberg for the screens.

The board reviewed the claims.

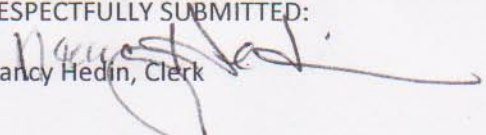
Motion was made by Steen, second by Kirkeby to approve claims 11781-11808 with DD and EFT's in the total of \$78,642.85.

The board reviewed the mail.

Mossberg stated that the expenses for the 2016 Town Board Chair were \$4,917.22 with the 2017 Town Board Chair making \$3,767.91.

The meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Nancy Hedin, Clerk

APPROVED:


Abe Mach, Chair