

## TOWN OF BIG FLATS - TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2022 - 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order @ 6:00 PM, the pledge was recited.

**Bills and Payroll:** Supervisor Kipfer made a motion to pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, Supervisor Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**February Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Kipfer made a motion to accept minutes, Supervisor Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Town Treasurer read balances, debits, and credits for all town accounts. No comments or questions were made, Chairman Reed asked the reports to be filed for audit.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Meyers reported on the February FD activity. There was 1 vehicle accident, three medical assists, 1 mutual aid for Rome and 1 mutual aid for Quincy and 2 lift assists. They had DNR training as a refresher to Forest Fires in Adams. They purchased \$2000.00 in tools from Milwaukee Tools through Chairman Reed. Dick also discussed a DNR grant and the MABAS program for large incidents, which is a two-year process with the Chief of Adams County Fire Department. He had no financials to report.

**Committee Reports:** Jay Jocham informed the board of the Zoning activity for the township. Jay stated there were 3 site inspections made with one approval at 1123 Bighorn Ave. He also informed the board of weekly citations since January 20 for the owners at 1530 Blackhawk Ave., for moving a mobile home in w/o a permit in November. He stated there was a court date set for next week. Jay also spoke of the revisions to the Land Use Ordinance for Board approval, and the draft tree removal ordinance for hearing and approval. Jay also discussed the preliminary decision for the Dollar General store at Hwy. 13 and Hwy C. He responded to 15 phone inquiries and 30 emails. No Nuisance Committee report.

**Tree Removal Ordinance:** Tabled for future agenda, Supervisor Clark made the motion, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Land Use Ordinance Amendments:** Zoning Administrator identified the amendments, Supervisor Clark made the motion to adopt, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Plan Commission Meeting:** The board set the next Plan Commission meeting for March 16 @ 6 PM, to discuss the Comprehensive Plan, and the proposed Dollar General. Chairman Reed also informed the residents that Todd Peterson was resigning from the Plan Commission at Chair. Jay also informed the residents he had discussion with the surveyor for the store. Board set a special board meeting for March 14, 2022 @ 5 PM.

**Special Board Meeting for Board Responsibilities:** Board set a meeting for March 14, at 5:00 PM.

**Town Questionnaire:** Chairman Reed read aloud the results from the town questionnaire identifying percentages and resident's responses. He reflected on the high response of the residents and thanked those who responded. Questionnaire results would be available to anyone who requests it. Chairman Reed informed that we had a total of 445 responses for a total of 37%.

**Town Audit:** Chairman Reed identified that every 10 years townships are required to do a financial audit. Supervisor Clark made a motion to acquire bids, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Town of Rome Contract:** Board discussed enforcement of town ordinances and who is eligible to contact the town of Rome to respond to complaints. The board decided that the Chairman, Supervisors and Zoning Administrator would be eligible to make calls for concerns. Any fines would go to the Town of Rome. Supervisor Clark made the motion to allow, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Drainage, Corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Hwy. C:** Discussion ensued regarding the drainage on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Hwy. C, the option to run drain tile. Board identified that this was in the DNR's hands.

**Berm Flooding:** Board is waiting for property owner's Lawyer response.

**Dollar General:** Possible construction of a Dollar General is in the works. There was discussion of needing a turn lane to access the property. This plan is in the early stages. More information to follow.

**Transfer Site New Hire:** Board identified the need for additional Transfer Site employees. Supervisor Clark made a motion to hire Jeffrey Paul as an additional transfer site employee, Supervisor Kipter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Reed informed residents of a possible Conservation Land purchase totaling approximately 494.8 acres of which 198 acres would be public land. Chairman Reed also made other correspondence available to the public.

**Citizen's Input:** Discussion was had regarding a meeting w/Delmore Consulting.

**Adjourn:** Supervisor Clark made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Citizens Present: (21)