

TOWN OF BIG FLATS - TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order: Supervisor Kipfer called the meeting to order. The pledge was recited. Supervisor Kipfer was running the meeting in Chairman Reeds absence.

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

May Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Clark made a motion to accept minutes, Supervisor Kipfer 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: Town Clerk read balances, debits, and credits for all town accounts in Treasurer Reeds absence. No comments or questions were made, Supervisor Kipfer asked the reports to be filed for audit.

Fire Department Report: Chief Meyers reported on the activities for the month of May. There were 11 medical assists, 2 wildland fires, 3 lift assists, 1 standby for power line work, for a total of 13 calls in the Town of Big Flats, 4 calls for the Town of Monroe, and one mutual aid for a structure fire in Adams, which happened on a Saturday so there were 4 calls in a row. He then reported on the FD financials. Chief Meyers also reported that there would be a meeting with LifeStar Ambulance in Rome next week Tuesday. He also reported on the calls for LifeStar for the month of may being 40. He stated the total calls for 2021 was 157, and average minutes to respond to the Towns of Big Flats being 10 mins, north of town being 3.5 mins, and the far corner being 15 mins. The percentage of calls were 69% for the Town of Rome, 20% for the Town of Big Flats, 10% for the Town of Monroe and 1% mutual aid. Chief Meyers also reported the man that fell about 60 feet off Rabbit Rock was doing well. He was lucky to walk away.

Committee Reports: There was no Nuisance Committee report. Jay Jocham informed the board of the Zoning activity for the township. There were 9 inspections with 7 approvals. He informed the board of specifics for each approval. He informed the board that citations were stopped for the property on Blackhawk and that he sent a letter out. He and Attorney Flanagan were waiting for the response before acting. He discussed the letter that the County sent out informing residents of the need for permanent septic systems, and he said that he was aware of 30 installations. He received 28 phone calls and 60 emails. Board discussed item no 8 on the agenda for action, Supervisor Clark made a motion to obtain quotes for abatement for the Pumphrey property, Supervisor Kipfer 2nd, all in favor.

Road and Culvert Work: Supervisor Kipfer discussed progress on the road work within the township. He informed the residents that 10th Avenue work pulverizing would start on Friday, June 17, and paving to start the following week on Weds., that would be ½ mile south of Bighorn to Hwy. C. On Buttercup near 15th Ct. the culvert will be removed and replaced by two new culverts starting next Monday. Also, on Beaver Ave 1 mi east of Hwy. 13 a culvert will be pulled and replaced, after the culvert work on Buttercup. On Beaver Ave. there will be 2.5 miles of full chip seal and wedge. On Bighorn Drive there will be 2.5 miles from 13th to 9th Drive. Also 3.5 miles on Buttercup Ave. from Hwy. 13 to 16th Ave. Also doing 8th Ct. a quarter mile and So. Bighorn Drive a half mile. Question about 16th Ave repairs. Supervisor Kipfer stated the township would do what they could. Resident concern of the road damage being done by Heartland Farms. Board discussed the possibility of setting up a meeting with Heartland. Resident offered to contact Heartland regarding these road issues. Board discussed working on it bringing Chairman Reed on board. Supervisor Kipfer stated that he had video of damage done and could address this with Heartland.

Transfer Site Driveway Update: Supervisor Clark updated the residents of the additional driveway at the Transfer Site. He identified that the new roadway was Phase I of the new process that will come in the future and include a 2nd employee. Phase 2 will be bringing in a shack, and Phase 3 will be bringing electric to the new shack. With the road expenses, Phase 2 will probably not begin until next year.

Light for town Flagpole: Supervisor Kipfer informed the residents that a light had been purchased and would be installed soon.

Big Flats Auxiliary: Flo Hustad spoke about the Rummage Sale happening in August. Items can be brought in on Sat. August 13th, and August 20th, with the Rummage to be held on August 27th from 9-noon. The Auxiliary reserves the right to refuse items. Denied items would be clothing, but donated items must be fully operational.

Plan Commission Meeting: Board set the next meeting for August 17th @ 6 PM. Some discussion was had about the new Dollar General in the township.

Correspondence: None to view.

Citizen's Input: Citizen complained about her Fire Number sign being taken by ATV users. Supervisor Kipfer stated he would order her a new one for her. Residents asked if he could use an old paint can for cat litter. Supervisor Clark said yes, he can put in the main dumpster. Concerned citizen inquired about pushing brush pile back at the transfer site. Citizen inquired about having 16th Ave. graded.

Adjourn: Supervisor Clark made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Kipfer 2nd, all in favor.

Citizens Present: (24)