

## TOWN OF BIG FLATS - TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order. The pledge was recited.

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

**September Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor made a Kipfer 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 that the reports to be filed for audit.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Meyers there were 7 medical assists, and 1 lift assist. No mutual aid calls. He told the residents they participated in the Water ball competition in Rome, one FD employee attended State Certification for Inspector, and another attended the Instructor course. He discussed the possible purchase of a stair chair with either a battery tender or no battery, was a difference of approximately \$600. Chairman Reed stated he was good with what their decision would be. He also discussed the possible purchase of moving blankets, and the need for new door locks, stating the hall door entry was failing along with the west door to the FD. Kris Cruise was to go to Home Depot to purchase. Chief Meyers also reported that pump testing and ladder testing was due in October. Chief also addressed agenda item #16, discussing an electric or gas set up for the FD dryer, mentioning the dryer could accommodate 4-6 sets of turn out gear. He then reported on the FD financials.

**Committee Reports:** Zoning Administrator, Jay Jocham reported the activity for the month of August. There were 10 site inspections and six approvals. He reported that 1530 S Blackhawk Ct was inspected, and that Adams County now owns the property. He also reported the property at 816 was inspected for abatement. Jay also discussed the non-confirming cabin at 930 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and the information was forwarded to Adams County for inspection. This property is also up for sale. Jay also reported a new pole barn at 1062 Browndeer Lane that was constructed without permission and that he passed the information to the town Board and Plan Commission. He responded to 24 phone inquiries and 51 emails.

**Town Laptop:** The FD requested use of the laptop that was not being used by Supervisor Kipfer for use of the new FD inspector, Kris Cruise. Supervisor Clark made a motion to approve, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Friends of Big Flats Firehouse:** Pamela Marquardt spoke on behalf of the group. She then turned to her husband for presentation of the monies earned with the two brat fries, and the rummage sale. Her husband Al presented a check to Chief Meyers in the amount of \$3,016.50 to assist in the purchase of the dryer needed for turn out gear. Huge thanks to the Friends of Big Flats Firehouse and Pamela Marquardt, and Barb Neumiller for all your hard work.

**Firewise Volunteers:** Chairman Reed discussed the need to form a committee for the Firewise program. He discussed needing 2 citizens, 2 FD personnel and one Board member. He discussed sending this information to Amy with the DNR. He also discussed it would probably only be 2 or 3 meetings per year.

**Snow Plow Drivers:** Board discussed the need for additional plow drivers for the winter. No applications were submitted after the last publication seeking applications. Supervisor Reed made a motion to republish in the local paper, and the WI Rapids Tribune, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Supervisor Kipfer did inform the board that a current hwy dept worker has his CDL, Cody Harris.

**Plan Commission Meeting:** The board informed the residents the next Plan Commission meeting would be held on September 21, @ 6 PM.

**Tax Collection:** Board discussed updating the Tax Collection letter, for placement with the tax bills, and on the website. Town Treasurer informed residents that if they want credit for their tax payment for 2022, the payments need to be in her hand by Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM.

**Ambulance Correspondence:** Chairman Reed posting the volumes by month for each municipality on the town website.

**Cemetery Contact for Monuments:** Board discussed who is the Cemetery contact for the Town of Big Flats Cemetery, Clerk informed Jim LaPointe is the official Sexton, he will assist with placements of monuments.

**Mobile Home Demo:** Board discussed the need for demolition of the mobile home at 974 E Trout Valley. They learned the Dept. of Veterans Affairs will try to assist.

**Fall Inspection:** The board discussed the inspection of creeks and ditches for next years water thaw, looking for possible bad areas.

**Fire Number Charge Increase:** Board discussed increasing the fee for new and replacement fire numbers. Supervisor Kipfer informed the board of “real” costs for new and replacement fire numbers. He proposed an increase to \$70 for new fire numbers, and \$40 for replacement fire numbers. Supervisor Kipfer made a motion to increase the fee, Supervisor Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Wage Increase:** Board discussed a wage increase for a current Hwy Dept employee that has a CDL, Cody Harris. Supervisor Clark made a motion to allow the increase, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**November Board Meeting:** Board informed the residents of a date change for the November board meeting, due to the election being held on Tuesday, November 8, the board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 @ 6PM.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Reed made the Pipeline correspondence available.

**Citizen’s Input:** One resident discussed the dip in Bighorn. Another asked about signs about careless fires, the board identified that a call to the DNT to report those fires. They also discussed there was a Friendship Ranger Tip Line. Jay Jocham discussed residents on 8<sup>th</sup> and Beaver having personal fireworks show, and he inquired if they needed a permit. The board discussed calling the Sheriffs Dept. Finally, Ann Campanella thanked the board for the road work done on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

Citizens Present: (16)