

Town of Big Flats
Regular Town Meeting
May 9, 2023

Call to Order: Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All board members were present. The Pledge was recited.

Bills & Payroll: Supervisor Kipfer made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,247.89, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Previous Months Minutes: Supervisor Kipfer made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Reed read balances and transfers for all accounts. There were no questions. Chairman Reed asked for the reports to be filed for audit.

Fire Department Report: Report was read with all calls and assists. Also, the number of people taking classes. Chief Meyers stated that the turnout gear and hose have come in. He didn't have the financial report because of training. Chairman Reed asked why the pools are left out on the side of the building. Chief Meyers stated that it had been back into and needs repair.

Supervisor Clark asked if the fire department has a way to put out an electrical fire. Chief stated, not at this time. They are looking into training on it. The only thing they can do is let it burn all the way out. Or they can use cement in the dry power form.

Enbridge: Has donated a truck to the fire department. Chief Meyers stated that it is a 2015 Chevy ¾ ton with a plow and four doors. The value is around 30K. A motion is needed by the town board because the town handles the licensing and the insurance.

The motion was made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

Fire between 8th Ave and 9th Ave on Browndeer Ave: A short clip was shown It was a grass fire. The DNR had a spotter plane at the scene. The fire was started by the person on the property smoking. It was considered an accident. He was charged \$950.00, to cover the cost. But there are grants to help cover the cost. The person staying at the property is not the owner. The owner stated that he will take care of the cost. Chairman stated that the town is working on getting that property cleaned up. This fire also affected the neighbor's property.

Committee Reports:

Zoning: Jay Jockham read off the inspections he did. A discussion was made about a property that the building needed updating to meet the size required. No other questions.

Nuisance Committee: Chairman Reed read off the list of complaints.

Cold Purchase: Motion by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to purchase cold patch. **Motion Carried**

Down Trees in right away: Supervisor Kipfer stated that guys will be getting to those trees. Chairman Reed stated that the highway crew had taken on refinishing the floors in the town hall. But they will be getting out on the roads June 1st.

Culverts on 10th Ave. & Badger Ave: Supervisor Kipfer stated that the county highway department will be replacing both culverts. The cost will be \$25,000.00. The town will pay 100% this year. Next year the highway department will pay back 50%. They will get to them as soon as they can.

Fire at Beaver Ave. & 8th Ave: Chairman Reed stated the people that started that fire were charged \$1,500.00. They were still setting fireworks off after that. The Chairman will be talking to them, if they still do this, they will receive a ticket.

Mowing cemetery: It was decided to make sure the cemetery is mowed for Memorial Day.

Brush at Transfer Site: Supervisor Clark stated that they have been pushing the brush back.

Low maintenance roads before the holiday: Supervisor Kipfer stated that Cody Harris will be doing the grading for those roads.

Resolution 2023-01; Public Participation Plan: The PPP states that public participation is to allow anyone to attend the Planning Commission Meetings. It's to encourage people to in the process of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is due by August 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to except Resolution 2023-01 **Motion Carried**

Election Security .Gov email grant: Clerk Horacek stated that she had applied for a \$600.00 and was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Election Commission. The cost will help cover the expenses for the .gov email address.

Rabbit Rock: Supervisor Clark stated that the cameras have been capturing people there after hours. A sign was just put up with the hours. The gates will also be locked every night.

Approval of town credit card limits: After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to set the credit limit for the chairman, both supervisors, & fire chief at \$500.00 each. Both the clerk and treasurer will be set at \$1000.00 each. Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

Planning Commission Meeting: Date is set for May 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Correspondence: All handed out. Supervisor Clark stated that he received a letter from Old Hickory Buildings. The building will be set at the transfer site. We will be adding windows to it. It should be delivered on the 16th of this month.

Chair stated that the Lifestar report is posted on the website. Supervisor Kipfer received info on Easy Asphalt, he will be buying a bag to try it out.

Citizen Input: Someone from West 10th Ct. Private asked if the town would take over that road. Supervisor Kipfer they would have to bring the road up to specs before the town would take it over. Chairman Reed suggested that they use the towns pull behind grader. It can be pulled with a truck. The town is willing to let them use it for a donation to the fire department. They also asked if the town could bring gravel in. Chairman stated that the town can't just do a part of the road. Nor can the town take on the cost of gravel for the road. That there was a reason that it was made a private road. The town can't take on the cost of bringing the road up to state/county specs.

10th Ave. resident asked if the town could get gravel along the side of the road where the mail carrier turns around. The side of the road is breaking away. Supervisor Kipfer stated he will take care of it.

It was asked if something was being done about the house on County C with all the garbage. Chair asked Kris Cruz, the nuance chair if the lawyer had been contacted. Kris said he is working on it. She then asked if some trees could be planted along County C and 10 Ave, along the fields. Something that could help with the sand blowing out of the fields. Jay Jockham stated that they should be doing something to prevent that. He said there are grants for this, but it seems the farms still won't do that.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

Citizens present: 28

Feri L. Horacek
Town of Big Flats Clerk