

**Town of Big Flats**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 12, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All board members present.

The Pledge was recited.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark to pay the bills.  
**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Previous Months Minutes:** Motion by Supervisor Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the minutes from the previous month's minutes.

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

**Correspondence:** Chairman Reed talked about a correspondence he received from the land owner of the farm field on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. & County C. He would like to drain that field north to the Dead Horse Creek. The owner stated that he did have permits, he only needed an okay from the town board. Chairman Reed will be contacting the DNR form more information on the permits.

It was asked about opening a ATV route on County C. the cost is \$150.00. It will be put on next month's agenda.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Meyers reported for February there was 1 accident, 9 medical assist, 1 vehicle, 1 wildfire, 1 mutual aid, 3 false alarms, 2 others.

Chief Meyers stated they would like to purchase safety tents for the fire fighters when they are fighting wildfires. The Friends of the Big Flats Fire House stated they would donate money for the safety tents. There will be a CPR class in April for anyone that would like to attend. The department had gone on a call, the man had passed away, but they were able to bring him back. Someone had stated that there was a fire at Beck's junk yard. He said he had talked to the fire chief about an incident report. Chief Meyers stated that he did not talk to anyone about it. He also said that the fire was turned over to the DNR.

It was asked if the fire department was issuing burning permits. Clerk Horacek stated that she issues burning permits during office hours. She also stated that anyone burning must call the 800 number or look it up online before burning to see if it is safe to burn.

**Zoning:** Jay Jocham stated there were 2 new homes approved to be built. He is still waiting to see the outcome with the attorney on a couple of landowners. Also, six letters have gone out to landowners with too many campers.

**Nuisance Committee:** Chairman Reed read a letter from a landowner that received a notice about cleaning their yard. The owner stated they are working on getting the property cleaned up.

Next week there will be a number of letters being sent out to people.

**Ordinance #2024-01: Fire Department Funds:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark to approve Ordinance #2024-01. That will allow the fire department to handle they funds the raise. **Motion Carried**

**Full Disclosure and complete transparency:** Chairman Reed stated that there has been a number of videos on YouTube. But not everything that has happened at one of the meetings was put on YouTube. He stated that if someone plans to put the recording out for public view, then everything needs to be shown. There was an incident that caused the meeting to be adjourned within a few minutes of starting because of the way people were reacting. This part was not shown on YouTube, the board did have a copy of what happened and asked everyone at the meeting if they would like to see it. It will be shown and the end of this meeting.

**Discussion and action revisit YouTube recording:** The board has decided that they will meet next Monday at 5:00 PM to decide on plans to record the meetings and to set up a YouTube page for the town.

**Discussion and action on cost for electric for station one at the transfer site:** Chairman Reed stated the cost would be around \$1500 to run electricity to station #1. A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark to move forward with the electricity for Station #1. **Motion Carried**

**Discuss review clear bag policy for the transfer site:** After discussion it was decided that black bags will not be taken at the town's transfer site. If anyone does bring black bags to the transfer site, they will be asked to open those bags so the attendants can see what is in them. The transfer site will only be accepting clear or white bags.

**Discussion and action on rugs for the town hall from Cintas service:** Supervisor Kipfer stated he has called a number of times, and no one has returned his call he is still waiting to hear from someone.

**Discussion on upcoming road work:** it was decided to table upcoming rework until a future meeting.

**Discussion on ATV access to County Road C:** This will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Ambulance report:** Chairman Reed read the ambulance report he stated the full report can be found on the town's website.

**Plan Commission date:** the next Planning Commission date is set for March 19th, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Big Flats Town Hall.

**Announcements:** next ambulance meeting is March 19th at 6:00 PM in Monroe. Next regular town board meeting April 9th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The annual meeting is April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Change in the August meeting date to Monday August 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer and 2nd by Supervisor Clark.

**Motion Carried**

48 people signed the attendance sheet.

*Terri L. Horacek*

*Town of Big Flats Clerk*