

Town of Big Flats
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2025

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Reed, Supervisor Kipfer, Supervisor Clark, Clerk Horacek, Treasurer Nigh

The Pledge was recited.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

- 3. Approval of Bills:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to pay the bills. **Motion Carried**

- 4. Approval of Previous Months Minutes:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to approve the minutes from the previous month's minutes. **Motion Carried**

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

- 6. Correspondence:** Handed out, no questions. Chairman Reed stated that the rumors of him being very sick are not true. It's also been said that he has been taking money from the town. This is also not true. He stated how the system works. He has nothing to do with handling any money or checks. He only signs the checks that have been printed out by the clerk. And, he has not had a stroke.

- 7. Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Schmidt** Reported on the calls that the department went to. She introduced the new officers for the department. Nick Kipfer is the new assistant fire chief. In November they filled out paperwork, they were awarded some \$16,000. They have been doing ice and rope training. They are in round 2 for the grant that the department applied for in the sum of about \$209,000. She thanked Chairman Reed for introducing her to the person for this grant.

The new pump is up and running. Fleet Pride could not beat the price of Ascendance for the repairs to truck #531. After a discussion with the board, it was decided to sell truck 531 up for auction and not put more money into it.

Motion was made by Supervisor Clark and 2ns by Supervisor Kipfer to put truck 531 up for action. **Motion Carried**

- 8. Zoning:** Rich Westover stated that he had 2 site inspections. He has asked the board if he could move forward with legal on 931 11th Ave & 1311 Bighorn Ave. It was agreed by the board to move forward with legal action.

Nuisance Committee: None

- 9. Fire Department Repeater:** There have been issues with the radios. Scott Shipps and Les Meyer talked about what would be needed to fix the issues with the repeater. The cost would be around \$7000.00. Both Scott and Les are willing to do the work free of charge. A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer and 2nd by Supervisor Clark to move the repeater to the town hall and repair it. **Motion Carried**

- 10. Engine repairs Truck 531:** Because of the cost of \$12,000 to replace the motor plus other repairs. It was decided to put this truck up for action.

- 11. Grant for FD:** Chief talked about it with her report.

- 12. School Referendum, Dr. Tom:** Talked about the reason for needing the money to add to the high school. The new addition will house the middle schoolers. The middle school on Highway 13 needs so many repairs and upgrades. He handed out flyers with the cost per house.

- 13. WIFI for town shop:** Clerk Horacek stated that Frontier came out to see if we could use a booster to get Wi-Fi to the shop. He stated the shop was too far from the hall and it has no window. Supervisor Clark stated that there is a phone line that runs from the town hall to the shop. Chairman Reed asked Supervisor Clark if he would see if that line would work to run WI-Fi in the shop. Supervisor Clark stated he would look at it.

- 14. Light for the town garage:** Motion made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**
- 15. Stair repair for the transfer site:** Supervisor Clark stated that the cost to repair the stairs should be around \$500. A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark to spend up to \$700.00 to repair the stairs. **Motion Carried**
- 16. Rabit Rock update:** Supervisor Clark talked about all the graffiti at Rabbit Rock. He stated that 2 people had been caught on camera. They have been charged for the damage. They will be going to court in April.
The man who lives across from Rabit Rock has been opening and closing the park for the town every day. Supervisor Clark was driving over there to do it. But now we have someone who has volunteered to do it for us.
- 17. Lights for east and south side of the town hall:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer 2nd by Supervisor Clark to replace the lights. **Motion Carried**
- 18. Madison Computer Works:** A motion was made by Supervisor Clark 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer to pay the 2025-2026 contract with MCW for the clerk and treasurer's computers IT support. **Motion Carried**
- 19. Letter from DOT:** The Department of Transportation will be removing any signs along State Highway 13 that are in the road right of way.
- 20. Appointment of Plan Commission:** Wendy Goerke has been appointed PC Chair and Pam Marquardt to the PC. Both will be 3-year terms. Motion made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**
- 21. Appointment of Joe Thomas:** Joe has been appointed to the Plan commission for a 1-year term. Motion made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

- 22. Board of Appeals Committee:** Motion made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. To set up a board of appeals committee. **Motion Carried**
- 23. Approval of conditional Use Permit:** Motion made by Supervisor Clark, 2nd by Supervisor Kipfer. To except the conditional use permit for a salon. **Motion Carried.**
- 24. Set a date for board members to meet for the upcoming court date for Rabbit Rock:** It was decided to meet on Monday, March 17 at 5:00 PM.
- 25. Road Bids:** After opening all bids, it was decided to accept Scott Construction's road bid. Motion made by Supervisor Kipfer, 2nd by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

Announcements:

- Next Plan Commission meeting: March 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
- Next regular town meeting: April 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
- Ambulance meeting on March 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM in Monroe

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

24 people signed in

Terri L. Horacek, Town Clerk