

Town of Freeman

The regular meeting of October 31, 2022 was called to order at 7:00 pm by John Leirmo.

All members present - John Leirmo, Al Thompson, and David Olson.

Dave made a motion to approve the agenda, Al seconded. All yes.

Peggy certified the meeting was posted at River Bank, P.O., website, and the Town Shop.

Patrolmen hours were reviewed, Al made a motion to approve, Dave seconded. All yes

Peggy presented the minutes from the 9/19/2022 regular meeting. Approved as read.

Sacha Powell stated there was no activity in the tax account. Sacha stated there are four small parcels of land the county would like the township to purchase for a total of \$273.99, which is the back taxes. Dave will talk Gigi at the county.

The October bills were reviewed, Al made a motion to approve, Dave seconded. All yes.

Old Business:

- FEMA: Nothing to report
- Road Repair: Nothing to report.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Nothing to report.
- Farmland Preservation: Paul Sampson stated the ordinance has been approved and certified.
- Fahrner Construction repair for 2021 sealcoat: The township received a letter October 25, 2022 from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. The letter read as follows:

RE: 2021 Chip Seal Project & Roadway Evaluation

Wayne Jerrett and Kevin Kruckow of Fahrner Asphalt Sealers reviewed the roads chip sealed in 2021. Our overall finding was consistent with other MAC 5 roads in the area. We are aware the township expressed concerns specifically regarding Buck Creek Road.

We understand that we were read low bidder on the 2022 work with a bid due date of March 28th and we were not awarded the work. This being an earlier bid we not have adequate time to assess all the roads in question and give a fair response to the township on the 2021 roads prior to the bid opening.

Out of good faith and to remain in good standing with the Town of Freeman we are willing to pothole patch Buck Creek this fall yet and plan to re chip seal that section of roadway in the 2023 ship seal season. Knowing that we will re ship seal Buck Creek Road, if we are low bidder on future projects for the Township we would in return expect that the township would award Fahrner Asphalt future ship sealing in the township.

After much discussion on the poor condition of the roads Fahrner chip sealed in 2021, John will contact a lawyer and to determine how the township should handle this situation.

- Fence viewing matter with La Plante's: no new information.
- White construction road damage: John talked to Vernon Communications; White is supposed to repair damage.

New Business:

- Treasurers Bond: The bond covers the treasurer tax collection; the bond is \$396.00 for the year. Dave made a motion to approve, Al seconded. All yes.

- Peggy reminded the town board the townships assessor, Dave Toennies is retiring at the end of the year. The township will need to find a replacement.
- Discussed budget, the budget hearing will be prior to the regular meeting in November.
- Permits:
 - Two non-residential building permits were received from Michael Lattman for 2 pole sheds. with variance request. Dave made a motion to approve with a variance, John seconded. All yes.

Public Discussion:

- Discussion on putting in ventilation in township meeting room.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 29th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Al made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Peggy Thompson, Clerk