

Township of Bloomington
Monday October 5th, 2020
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly board meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Monday October 5th, 2020 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Greg Patterson. Other members present were Town Supervisors William Erdenberger, Joe Kirschbaum, Clerk Jane Patterson and Patrolman Andrew (Buck) Crubel. Public member in attendance was Michelle Newhouse. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve posting of the October meeting/agenda notice, motion carried. Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve September 2nd Board Meeting minutes, motion carried. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve September 2nd Public Hearing meeting minutes on Cottonwood Road, motion carried. Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Bill Erdenberger) was made to approve September 2nd Public Hearing meeting minutes on Hickory Road, motion carried. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve September 2nd BOR meeting minutes, motion carried.

There were no Appearances/Public Comments.

Roads: Roads are in good condition; several loads of gravel were spread on Hickory Road passed the Blake Hollow Barn. The board and patrolman Andrew (Buck) Crubel discussed the turnaround at the end of Cottonwood Road near Henkel's driveway. Pam Henkel will be notified of the update to the turnaround. Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded by (Bill Erdenberger) was made to approve a driveway permit for Garrett Watson on Kishwaukee Trail, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Chairman Greg Patterson signed/dated the Wisconsin DOT GTA map. The Township has received its allotment of salt from the County, and road grit. Fees for plowing and sanding private driveways/roads will remain the same as last year (minimum charge of \$25.00-Depending on how much sand is needed or how long the driveway is, the charge could exceed \$25.00). If Mississippi Mountain Condo Assoc. roads need sanding, the charge will be the same as last year also (a minimum trip charge for sanding/plowing will be \$150.00, additional materials and labor will be charged according to weather conditions).

Machinery Report: Jeff Struntz made decals for the Township truck and tractor, and Buck will have the grader looked over before winter by a Caterpillar Tech.

Patrolman Compensation for 2021 was discussed in open session. Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Bill Erdenberger) was made to give Buck a \$1.00 per hour raise starting January 1st, 2021, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried.

Clerk Jane Patterson presented the September financial report and outstanding bills. The Board unanimously agreed to pay outstanding bills, on a voice roll call, Yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) to amend the 2020 budget to include the purchase of the new Town truck, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Clerk Jane Patterson noted that the purchase of the truck had no effect on the 2020 tax levy, nor will it affect the 2021 tax levy. The board and clerk discussed the 2021 Town Budget. Clerk Jane Patterson presented two budget scenarios: The first budget scenario included resurfacing Fairground Road with 2" hot mix pavement with one-foot gravel shoulders. The project will receive funding (\$15,221.83) from the DOT LRIP program. The LRIP program has a sunset date of June 30th, 2025. The second budget scenario did not include the resurfacing of Fairground Road (since it was seal coated in 2018) but focused on seal coating more Town roads and crack sealing the asphalt portion of Maine Road [putting the Fairground Road project in a future budget]. The board seemed to favor the second budget scenario. Clerk Jane Patterson stated that the Town's tax levy does not need to change, we have been tax levy neutral for the past three to four years. Safety measures for the November 3rd election will include voters entering the Town garage walk in door and exiting out the Town Hall doors. This will provide for social distancing since we can only have 2-3 people in the hall to vote at one time.

The Town received the WI DNR/WWC Grant Program check in the amount of \$1,214.95. This grant money was a 50% reimbursement for the navigational buoys purchased for the "cut" to the main channel of the Mississippi River

between River of Lakes and Jays Landing. The Revaluation for the Township was not completed as planned due to Covid-19. There is still a lot of work to be done by Gardiner Appraisal Service LLC. Linda Gardiner said it will be completed by late summer 2021.

Next monthly board meeting will be Monday November 9th, 2020 approx. 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. The Budget Hearing will be Monday November 9th, 2020 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, and a Special Town meeting will be held Monday November 9th at the Town Hall immediately following the Budget Hearing to approve the Town's tax levy.

Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Bill Erdenberger) to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted-Jane Patterson-Clerk