TOWN OF TEXAS TOWN BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2022

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MUNICIPAL CENTER

Notices were posted at the Municipal Center, on the website and emailed to interested parties.

Meeting was called to order by Delmar Winter. Andy and Wally were in attendance.

Minutes were read by the clerk. Motion to approve by Andy, second by Wally and carried.

Linda Thiessen, Town Treasurer gave a report on receipts and bank balances. . Motion by Andy to accept and file for reviews. Second by Wally and carried.

**CHAIR REPORT-** Items on the agenda

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS-** Wally said things are going good. He wants to talk about roads after he checked some today.

**CLERK REPORT-** No special report

**OLD BUSINESS-or NEW BUSINESS-** The new truck warranty was approved in November and status needs to be checked, no check has been issued.

Discussion on a three year road improvement plan. Wally said he talked with Tom Elliot in July about Michels Quarry helping with road work on Granite Road. Wally said they would meet in January to discuss further. Paul and Loren said that Tom retired is not with Michels anymore. The road work planned for 2023 is Granite Road from Forest Lawn to County Road J. Other roads in need of repair are Buffalo Ridge Rd from Green Valley to Granite, Buck Trail from bridge to County Road W, County Line Road 2.5 miles approximately. No three year plan was determined with these needs.

Wally talked with residents on Behnke Road about blacktop. Delmar said Behnke Road was never on a road plan or discussed. Wally said that Andy said it should have been done before Split Rock and Wild Rose. Andy said I said no dead-end roads should be blacktopped, if any then Behnke. Andy said he voted against Wild Rose and Split Rock blacktopping. He did not mean that Behnke should be blacktopped. There are many blacktopped roads that need repairs before dead-end roads. Wally said Behnke Road was in the minutes to be blacktopped. Both Delmar and Clerk said no never was it discussed. Marilyn Behnke questioned if grading and gravel repair was cheaper after storms than blacktopping. Lloyd Brandenburg said as an engineer that a lot of work needs to be done before it could be blacktopped. Wally said they pay $50,000 per year taxes that would pay for the blacktop. Loren Beyersdorff said only about $5000 per year is town revenue, the rest is school, County, and NTC.

The Utility ordinance was tabled until January. Delmar will get copies for the Planning Commission.

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance was presented. Andy moved to approve as drafted and submit to Town Attorney. Second by Delmar and carried.

ARPA funds were discussed. Delmar said it should be used for the generator. Questions on size of breakers etc. Wally questioned why light up the whole town. It should only open 5 doors and water pump. He said he could get a quote in 1 hour.

Reminder of deadline for nomination papers. Linda Thiessen submitted a Notification of Noncandidacy for Treasurer.

The Deputy Clerk position in the Budget was discussed. It will be a work in progress between training and wages. Wally told Gina that she should run and not be the deputy in training. Gina said that Lorraine called her and asked if she was interested. Lorraine said there is a lot to learn. Wally said if he was 10 years younger, he would run for clerk. Lorraine will run again for two years and train Gina. Lorraine talked about a referendum to appoint a clerk rather than elected. The board could appoint from in or outside the Town and have qualifications. More Discussion needed. If the Town Board wants to consider, it needs to be a referendum.

**FIRE DEPARMENT-**Members voted for Fire Chief. Rick Walters was voted in again. Delmar moved to approve the vote, second by Andy and carried. Working on updating bylaws.

**PLANNING COMMISSION-**Committee approved changes as completed by Andy, and requested submitting to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Motion by Andy to adjourn. Second by Wally and carried.

The vouchers reviewed and approved.

Lorraine I Beyersdorff Town Clerk