

WESTBORO TOWN BOARD

Chair Tim Roiger called the meeting to order on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Present were supervisors Steve Peterson & Eldred Gumz; Clerk Julie Scott, and Treasurer Denise Johnson. Also in attendance were Road & Maintenance Director Jeff Peterson; Scott Brehm, Bryan Strobach, Marlene Rymer, Jerry Clark, Violet Thums, Rosemary Rindt, Harry Stroik, and Duane Rademacher. Gene Lucia arrived at 8:50 a.m.

S. Peterson/Gumz motioned to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2012 meeting noting changes: sign 'grant' should be 'program' and 'verbal bids' should be 'written quotes were verbally given'. Motion carried.

Jeff reported that his computer has been received with problems occurring with transferring programs; fire dept. computer received; back up storage has been installed. Dennis Neumueller is upset about the town posting Zimmerman Road South. Roiger read a newspaper article on Frozen Road Declaration. The new toweling dispensers and cleaning items were delivered yesterday; the basement doors have been obtained with Craig Polzin installing within the next two weeks. Contractor is coming to re-glue the baseboard where it is peeling up at the corners; the TRIP project was approved at \$13,060.24. Clarification was given on the sand/salt cost per yard; the Park Road project at the Mondeaux Spring has begun by the U.S. Forest Service. Trees were cut and excavator work done last week, culvert must be installed and fill obtained. Smoke detectors are being shipped. Craig Polzin will investigate the acoustics in the town lobby/office when he comes to install the basement doors. The Motor Fuel tax rebate has been received. The library computer work has been completed by Bryan Wiese under the town remodeling project bid. Discussion was held on the snowstorm problems, dump truck broken down and snow extremely difficult to plow.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to release bids for blacktopping. TRIP funds will be used for West, Ruprich, Grittner Streets and the little portion of road being built on Grittner South. Motion carried. Estimate will be obtained from American Pavement Solutions for crack sealing. Board decided to not do any chip sealing this year.

The town currently has 3315 yards of gravel left from the 2011 accepted contract with John S. Olynick. Roiger/Gumz motioned to purchase approximately 1700 yards of gravel at the 2011 price per yard – (\$7.18/yd.) to equal 5000 yards needed for 2012. Motion carried.

Explanations were given on the repair issues on the dump truck. Jeff is to pursue receiving warranty credit for the emission controls. The new shop truck was picked up yesterday. Payment of \$28,175.50 was withdrawn from the Machinery savings account. Roiger/S. Peterson directed Jeff to check for the best price for a fuel tank and tool box for the shop truck and make the purchase. Motion carried.

S. Peterson/Roiger motioned to sell the old shop truck, with or without the fuel tank/tool box, and the fire department equipment van on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. Motion carried.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to approve posting town roads with weight limits on March 13th at noon simultaneously with Taylor County and publication in *The Star News*. Motion carried.

Jeff gave his maintenance report which included discussion on the sidewalk spray which was not as anticipated; company will now send a free sample of another product which should work better. There are bugs in the town office and Jeff's office, wait to see if it dissipates or will have to check with an exterminator. The basement kitchen sink needs a new faucet which will allow a 5 gallon pail to be placed under it. Price Electric is sponsoring a workshop in March; a demonstration on electrical line safety. Roiger listed several projects anticipated to be completed this year. Jeff stated that other municipalities as well as Taylor County are having signs stolen or vandalized.

S. Peterson/Gumz motioned to obtain price quotes on a Recycling Center camera system, with action to occur at the April meeting. Motion carried. The town should adopt an ordinance allowing some forfeiture to be retained in the municipality for the illegal dumping.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to approve the request by Road & Maintenance Director to attend an Asphalt Road Maintenance workshop in Eau Claire on March 21st and Gravel Road Maintenance workshop in Marathon on April 25th at a cost of \$60 each. Motion carried.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to send letters to residents informing them of the enforcement of Wisconsin Statute 346.94(5) – plowing snow across/on town roads and Wisconsin Statute 66.0907(5) – snow removal on public sidewalks. Subject is also addressed in the town's Winter Maintenance Policy. Motion carried.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to approve the request from Westboro Pride for a temporary class "B" license for an event to be held on Saturday, March 17th, 2012 at the VFW Hall. Motion carried.

Gumz/S. Peterson motioned to direct the library to reimburse the wiring costs by utilizing Plum Creek grant funds of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, with notation that the Bridge Fund balance had not been updated showing the deposit of \$18,000 in February. Motion carried. Roiger/Gumz motioned to approve payment of bills #16637-16691 in the amount of \$40,025.93. Motion carried.

Copies of the VFW Hall and Grittner Street South deeds are available for review. The final draw paperwork for the CDBG has been submitted to the Dept. of Commerce for payment.

Update on the mining exploration occurring on Yellow River Road. Ordinances can be adopted to maintain the integrity of the roads. The silver bridge is still scheduled for replacement in 2013.

Jeff broached the subject of the amount of overtime hours he is submitting. He stated he doesn't work anymore than he has too.

Scott Brehm announced that Paul LaBrec who has been a fireman since 1980 has now retired. A pot luck party will be held in the next weeks. Roland LaBrec, who no longer is chief will also be acknowledged. The new equipment van is now in operation. The town forfeited the \$1,000 down payment for the Rice Lake van.

The next meeting was set for Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Roiger/S. Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Julie Scott, Town Clerk

