

Town of Rock Board Meeting

May 9, 2013, 7:30 pm
Town of Rock Hall

The meeting was **Called to Order** by Cole Pankratz, acting chairman.

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** was recited.

Board Members Present: Cole Pankratz; David Cattanach; Darcy Krenn; Jason Beier; Mark Katzenberger; Elmer Berry, Treasurer; Jill Wrensch, Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Robert Beesing, Harry Wallis, Jeff Meinders, Wendy Buddinger, Ron & Sandy Post, Ray Fait, Andy Gingerick, Andy Wuethrich (Ray's Electric), Jennifer Howen (Rural Insurance)

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read. Dave Cattanach moved to accept the minutes as presented; Darcy Krenn seconded; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Elmer Berry, Treasurer. He explained the background of the report a bit for the new board members and when asked, he indicated there was approximately \$140,000 available for the road fund. Dave Cattanach moved to accept the report as given; Jason Beier seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Constable Report** was given by Robert Beesing, Constable. He responded to a call of a vicious dog on V and Cary-Rock. He spoke with the owner and just warned of the potential for a lawsuit if it bites someone. The owner indicated it wouldn't happen again.

The **Planning Commission Report** was given by Harry Wallis, chairman. He has issued two building permits in the last month. He explained a verbal complaint he received about a messy yard with junk collecting and mud on the road in the Town of Lindsay. He went to the owner and spoke to them about cleaning up the mess on the road and kindly advised them to tidy things up. The mud was cleaned up that same night.

The **Fire Department Report** was given by Jeff Meinders, fire chief. He reported that the fire department pancake breakfast was a success and raised approximately \$1,500. He said the state is now allowing first responders to do glucose testing and that will be in effect after the paperwork is complete. Two Saturdays ago he responded to a mutual aid call for a grass fire in the Town of Richfield. He recently received a complaint about an unattended fire at A-1 Flooring – they did not have a permit and after he spoke with them, the fire was extinguished. He also received a call from a resident concerning a neighbor burning garbage in an outdoor burner, but since the burner is enclosed there is not much he could do about it – he indicated the resident could try contacting Wood County Health for assistance if there is an air pollution concern. The fire department is currently down to 17 members, which is getting a little thin, so they are always looking for new members. Jeff explained that there were two bills for septic pumping because of a miscommunication between him and Judy Beesing. The wires for the warning alarm had accidentally been cut during lawn maintenance. Judy had called to have the tanks pumped and then Jeff also called before the pancake breakfast to have it pumped. Jeff has since repaired the wires. Jeff would like to see a

keyless entry lock installed on the door going into the fire station from the Town Hall. Finally, there is a house on Hwy N & Hwy B that was offered to the fire department for training. They will be burning it down once the power is cut and other area departments will be invited as well.

New Business: Andy Wuethrich from Ray's Electric did an assessment on the electric needs of the Town Hall and presented Focus on Energy information regarding the estimated annual cost savings potential and initial cost to the township. This matter will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Jennifer Howen from Rural Insurance spoke to the board with an annual review of the Town of Rock coverage and premium. It was inquired of Jennifer what effect increasing the deductible or hiring an employee for roadwork would have on current premium amounts. She will email some figures to Jill Wrench for review by the board.

Wendy Buddinger addressed the board about a neighbor that has an outdoor wood burner and is now using it to burn garbage. She has health concerns about the amount of smoke that is being generated. It was the board's opinion that there was really nothing they could do about the situation but perhaps if the health concern was great enough the Wood County Health Department could be contacted to intervene.

The road plan for 2013-2017 was discussed and updated.

The **Accounts Payable** were examined by the board. Dave Cattanach moved to certify the bills for payment with the exception of a \$200.00 payment to International League of Cities and a \$231.65 payment to Wood County Highway Department. Cole Pankratz will check into these two further; Darcy Krenn seconded the motion to certify the bills with the exception of the two in question; motion carried.

Correspondence: A certified survey map dated April 30, 2013 was received from Wood County for Mark Katzenberger and required approval or objection within 30 days. After review by the board members present, Darcy Krenn made a motion to deny the certified survey map dated April 30, 2013 for Mark Katzenberger for non-compliance with the current Town of Rock zoning ordinance. Dave Cattanach seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Cole Pankratz, yes; Darcy Krenn, yes; Dave Cattanach, yes; Jason Beier, yes. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Dave Cattanach moved to adjourn the meeting; Jason Beier seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Wrench, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2013 7:30 p.m.