

TOWN of ROCK
Board Meeting
October 9, 2014, 7:30pm
Town of Rock Hall

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

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

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

Members of the Public Present: Harry Wallis, Jeff Meinders

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read. Jason Beier moved to accept the minutes as presented; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Elmer Berry, Treasurer. There was a discussion and update on the outstanding bills owed to the Town. Mark Katzenberger moved to accept the treasurer's report as given; Dave Cattnach seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Planning Commission Report** was given by Harry Wallis, Chairman. Three permits were issued since last month. He is still working on the zoning materials.

The **Fire Department Report** was given by Jeff Meinders, Fire Chief. He presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Fire Department, which was basically the same as last year. Both Jeff and Cole Pankratz attended the recent Rural Fire Association meeting. Our town is losing another department member due to retirement and many surrounding towns are facing the same challenge. In better news, the Department received a 50/50 DNR grant for next year. The total project, which includes a Smokey the Bear sign, protection gear and some tools & supplies will cost \$2,254.92, with the grant providing \$1,127.47. The Fire Department also needs a projector in order to hook into a computer and project on the wall and Jeff is wondering if this is something the Town would consider picking up the cost on – it would probably cost \$500 at a maximum. Cole Pankratz sees it as something the Town could use too, not just the Fire Department. Mark Katzenberger moved to allow Jeff to purchase a projector for the Town at a maximum of \$500; Jason Beier seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jeff mentioned that in the past, if not all of the Fire Department budget was spent, it went back to the Town. The Department needs to buy some turnout gear – it's not off-the-shelf and the bill doesn't come until later. Jeff was wondering if they could use the prior year surplus? The consensus of the Board was "no", but with an exception if something was ordered in the current year, but the bill did not come until the next year.

Consideration of 2015 Ambulance Service Contract: The 2015 proposed contract was reviewed and discussed. It is \$21,618, which is a \$1,009 increase over last year. Mark Katzenberger moved to accept the ambulance contract with the City of Marshfield for 2015; Dave Cattnach seconded the motion; motion carried.

Town Hall Cleaning: With the resignation of the current employee, the Board approached Harry Wallis about taking over the Town Hall cleaning. Harry is willing to accept the position at the Town's labor rate and also provide any necessary maintenance services. Cole Pankratz moved to hire Harry Wallis to provide Town Hall custodial services; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

Adoption of Wood County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution. There was some discussion about this plan and what some Board members found out about it. Basically, Wood County wanted a grant and that is why this plan was originally drafted. If it is not signed, we wouldn't receive any funding if something happens. There is no cost to the Town and we can opt out at any time. Jason Beier moved to adopt the Wood County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Accounts Payable** was examined by the board. Dave Cattanaach moved to certify the bills for payment; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence and Other Business: Various items were passed around for review and discussion. Andrew Krahn had sent a letter and documentation regarding the extension of Lincoln Avenue commencing at the Townships of Rock, Richfield, Carey & Wood.

Cole Pankratz is going to call Central WI Coop and get a current fuel price. If it is under \$2, he'll go ahead and contract for at least a tank full.

The **Audit of Town Books for July-September 2014** was conducted and all was found to be in order.

A budget work session was scheduled for October 16th at 7:30 p.m., with the actual budget hearing to be 7:00 p.m. the night of next month's meeting on November 13th.

Adjournment: Jason Beier moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Katzenberger seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wensch, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.