

Town of Clearfield

Monthly Board Meeting January 2008

Town of Clearfield Board Meeting was held Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The following people were in attendance: Ron Bailey, Ron Lauden, Jim Suzda, Cindy Suzda and Jody Bigalke. Kathy Davis was absent.

Chairman Ron Bailey opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. It was noted that the meeting had been properly posted.

Approve Agenda - Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments –Jim Suzda updated the board on the power washer purchase. He will call Northern to follow up on the shipping status.

Meeting Minutes -The minutes of the previous month's meeting and public hearing were recognized. Motion by Lauden, second by Suzda to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Suzda presented the Treasurer's report. The 2007 Year End Money Market account balance was \$320,703.24 and the checking account balance was \$3574.71. The 2008 Year Money Market account balance was \$265,173.64 and the checking account balance was \$1905.71. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file. Suzda also provided the board with up to date property tax collection batch reports as well as a copy of the January settlement sent to the Juneau County Treasurer. Suzda stated that the year end collections were down somewhat over last year and that the dog license collections were down as well.

- Refunds on real estate escrow accounts- Suzda updated the board on the problem of having to issue refund checks immediately on escrow accounts, and having to issue refund checks for amounts under a dollar. Another issue that continues to surface is the non adherence to stated tax collection times. Suzda stated that people stop by very early in the morning and late evening outside of the stated collection days and hours. The board discussed possibly having a drop box available. Bailey suggested that we develop a resolution to address the escrow refund situation so that any refunds would be issued at the next scheduled board meeting so that we are not issuing checks in between board meetings. Bailey will try to have a draft resolution to consider for the next board meeting.

Building Permits – none

Bartender/Operator Permits – Nathan D. Fowler-Rockett's Sports
Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to approve the operators permit for Nathan Fowler. Motion carried.

Mayberry/Thompson fire bill –Bailey informed the board that he was contacted by Kathy Mayberry regarding the outstanding fire bill owed to the town. She stated that she did not want the fire bill to go on to their property taxes because they are trying to secure a HUD loan for a new home and would not be able to do that if a special charge is attached to the property. She wanted to know if a payment arrangement could be made with the town. Bailey informed her to come to the board meeting and the board would discuss the situation with her. She did not show up for the meeting. The board did discuss possible arrangements that would be considered. Bailey will contact Mayberry as to what the board discussed and possibly bring this issue back to next months board meeting for consideration.

Road Report- Jody stated that he has been plowing just about every day. He also stated that he has been trying to get 30th street in better shape, but it would take straight salt to try and get the road smoothed out. Jody said that a window on the loader got broke, but was not sure as to how. He will contact Laridaen's Glass for repair estimate. Our sand/salt situation is getting low. Jody stated that we have approximately ¼ to 1/3 of our original amount left. He will get sand/salt on an "as needed basis" from the county when our supply is depleted. Jody put new blades on the wing. He also had a concern about the operating RPM's of the new truck. He will contact V&H to discuss with them. Bigalke also informed the board that it appeared that a new shed was being built on the Haye's property on Fish Road. Bigalke said that he accidentally hit Alex Menneke's mailbox with wing. He replaced the mailbox.

County 50/50- Motion by Lauden, second by Suzda to approve 2008 Juneau County 50/50 Petition. Motion carried.

Purchase of new 911 signs- Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to approve the initial purchase of 50 new "911 signs" from "Rent A Flash" of Wisconsin at a cost of \$9.85 each per written quote dated 1-11-08 with replacement to begin at southern most end of 8th Ave. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk confirmation-George Davis – Motion by Lauden, second by Suzda to confirm Clerk Kathy Davis's appointment of George Davis as deputy clerk, primarily for election duties. Motion carried.

2008 Necedah Ambulance/Fire Contract- Bailey stated that the town received a revised contract that reverted back to the original language used in previous contracts. The 2008 contract for fire is \$2037.70 with a \$100 per truck per hour rate and a \$10 per man per hour rate. The ambulance contract amount for 2008 is \$903.03. Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to approve 2008 Necedah Fire and EMS contracts as presented. Motion carried.

2008 Drug Testing Program Contract – Motion by Lauden, second by Suzda to approve the 2008 Drug Testing Program Contract with Juneau County Health Department at an hourly rate of \$47.82 per hour. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance referendum question for ballot- Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to approve the referendum question for the spring election ballot as follows: "Shall the Town of Clearfield adopt the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as presented at the Public Hearing and approved by the Town Board on December 19, 2007? " Motion carried.

Correspondence/Updates- Bailey updated the board on another animal complaint. Bailey sent the first warning letter to Adam Clough on 11th Ave.

Bailey asked the board about their opinion and position on whether or not to proceed with developing a new comprehensive plan according to the most recent law changes, or to take a wait and see position on the validity of the comprehensive plan that the town adopted in 1998. Bailey said that there is talk about extending the 2010 deadline because so few municipalities have even begun the process. Bailey stated that our plan will need to be updated, as it is now 10 years old and data has changed, but he felt that it is a waste of time, energy and town funds to have to start this process all over again when we were told at the time that we began developing our plan, that this is what was needed. The board felt that taking a wait and see position for now would be prudent considering that there is talk about extending the 2010 deadline and so few municipalities actually beginning this process.

Bailey will attend the 2008 WTA district meeting in Wisconsin Dells.

No year end budget reports were provided. Kathy was going to work on them, but was unable to complete before the meeting.

It was noted that the Presidential Spring Primary is February 19, 2008.

Bailey provided the board with Billing Recap YTD report.

Board Comments- Suzda noted that they need to order toner. Suzda also noted that when the pressure washer arrives, he will need to pick up some electrical parts for installation. He will pay for the parts and submit for reimbursement.

Bailey apprised the board of the "Joint Powers agreement with Juneau County" that he signed and returned to Juneau County.

February Board Meeting Agenda – no items added.

Payment of Bills -Motion by Lauden, second by Suzda to approve the payment of vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Motion by Suzda, second by Lauden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2008.

Submitted by-Ron Bailey
Chairman-Town of Clearfield