

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**MINUTES OF THE 02/14/2013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Wayne Wilber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

Open meeting certification laws were met. David Prondzinski moved to adopt the agenda, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments. –

- Several people signed up to speak on the corn cannon issue. They will be given a chance to speak when this item comes up on the agenda.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 regular meeting, Wayne Wilber seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 caucus meeting, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

Doris Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer reported a balance as of January 31, 2013 of \$807,858.67 in checking and \$659,359.91 in the money market account for a total of \$1,467,215.58. The clerk/treasurer reviewed the tax collection season. Collections went well.

Paying the First Responders was discussed. The clerk/treasurer stated she had received a better financial statement from the first responders and fire department. The Town will be receiving updates quarterly. The Board reviewed the vouchers for January 11, 2013 through February 14, 2013. Wayne Wilber moved to pay all bills, David Prondzinski seconded and the motion carried.

Building Permits – None.

Discussion was held with Andy Todd on issuing a Class B beer license in the name of Whole Toad LLC for his food pad. He says he has made the necessary changes to allow him to get this license. David Prondzinski moved to approve the license; Wayne Wilber seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Shannon Burns, Vice President of the Trempealeau Youth Sports Club, stated the Village of Trempealeau is no longer willing to do the payroll or bookwork. They are planning to do their own; however cash flow money is an issue. They are asking each municipality to pay up front \$100/participant. David Prondzinski stated the Town would go along with that as long as the Town of Caledonia and Village of Trempealeau pay their share; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

The Arcadia School District just dropped off literature regarding the upcoming referendum in April since there would be no residents from the Arcadia School District in attendance.

Pat Kriesel stated she had testified about the noise level of the corn cannons and the lack of respect for neighbors. She stated she is not asking them to stop or remove them, just be respectful.

Charles Miller did not wish to speak.

Wendell Klein read the judge's ruling stating they had the right to use them since the corn cannons were in place before the Kriesel's built their house next to them. There is another court hearing on April 26, 2013 but on a land dispute between them and the Kriesel's.

Carlton Klein stated he had years of experience with these corn cannons. They are needed to keep the birds away. He felt they were being neighbor friendly and were using common sense using the corn cannons. His family is still upset over the sale of land for the electrical substation by the Kriesel's. He stated it devalued their land by \$25,000.

Tom Bice stated he had grown thousands of acres of corn and has never used the corn cannons. He has had no trouble with the birds eating his crop. He admired the Town Board for trying to control these corn cannons.

Chairman Wilber asked the Klein's if they would be willing to move the corn cannon away from the property line further into the field and angle it into the field.

Wendell Klein stated they were not will to accept that compromise, because they had already lost money when the substation was built next to their property and the Kriesel's knew the corn cannon was there when they built.

The Board continued to discuss the draft Fireworks Ordinance. Attorney Terry Madden has talked with the Department of Justice. The DOJ believes that corn cannons are not classified as fireworks. Wayne Wilber moved to drop the fireworks part of the ordinance and re-work it to include only control of the corn cannons and send the re-worded draft to the County Corporation Counsel to see if they will enforce it; David Prondzinski seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

David Prondzinski moved to renew the Occupation Health Service Agreement with Gundersen Lutheran; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote. This includes random drug testing of the drivers.

Dennis Bortle moved to renew the refuse contract with Hilltopper Refuse Company; David Prondzinski seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Building Issues –

A bid was received from McGinnis Electric to install 7 ceiling fans in the amount of \$2480.00. Wayne Wilber moved to approve the bid; David Prondzinski seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Two bids were received to insulate and weatherize the building, excluding the rink and the last addition.

Ultimate Insulation & Ziegler Heating	\$14,594.00
Energy & Weatherization Solutions LLC	\$13,950.00

David Prondzinski moved to accept the bid from Energy & Weatherization Solutions in the amount of \$13,950.00; Wayne Wilber seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

A request was received from the G-E-T Post Prom committee requesting donation for the use of the community center for the Post Prom event on April 27, 2013. David Prondzinski moved to approve the request; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

A bid for wiring the building for automatic fire alarm calls has not been received at the time of this meeting.

Correspondence.

- Reminder of the Wisconsin Towns Association District Meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2013
- The clerk/treasurer stated transferring funds from the fund balance needed to be done by a resolution at a properly noticed town board meeting.
- Jim Johnson, Trempealeau County Highway Commissioner, called and said the Town still had \$4500 in TRIP money available and needed to know if we were going to use it and if not he would like to make the funds available to other municipalities.
- Chairman Wilber will be gone until the week of March 25, 2013. Discussion was held on who would sign checks. It was decided he would sign #18299 – 18350 and the clerk/treasurer would call one of the other board members when she needed to use them.

The next meeting is set for March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Wayne Wilber moved to adjourn the meeting; David Prondzinski seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Dahl
Clerk/Treasurer