

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

**MINUTES OF THE 9/11/2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Ken Farley 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. Doug Winters indicated to the Board that he would like to see a committee of town residents be formed to develop ideas for the use of the CapX2020 money. That item will be on next month's agenda.

Sonja Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer reported a balance as of August 31, 2014 of \$181,342.701 in checking, \$197,230.47 in the regular money market account, \$351,454.52 in the contingency money market account, \$1,000.00 in the health savings money market account and \$636,128.85 in the CapX2020 money market account. David Prondzinski announced that the town would be receiving \$8,960.00 from the Recycling Center in November.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014 regular meeting. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

The Board reviewed the vouchers from August 15, 2014 through September 11, 2014. David Prondzinski moved to pay all bills, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; Dennis Bortle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to obtain approval from the Town residents to transfer funds from the Money Market Account into the Highway and Maintenance Fund. Town Chairman Ken Farley explained that a yes vote would indicate approval of the transfer of money, a no vote would disapprove the transfer of money. A show of hands were counted by the Clerk/Treasurer. There were 12 yes vote and 0 no votes. The Clerk/Treasurer will transfer \$100,000 from the Money Market Contingency Account into the Highway & Maintenance Fund. David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the special town meeting at 7:15 p.m.; Dennis Bortle seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Ken Farley called the regular meeting back into session. Bobbi Jo Anderson appeared before the board requesting a variance to have property on Highway 35 zoned from Agricultural to Residential. As Bobbi Jo has not purchased the property yet it was suggested by the board that she ask the current owner to have the rezoning done. When Bobbi Jo purchases the property she should come back before the board and the board will provide an approval letter to zoning.

The board discussed the renewal of the assessor's contract. David Prondzinski moved to approve the contract as written, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The issue regarding the use of CapX2020 funds to replace trees was brought up. Dennis Bortle indicated that each landowner had already been compensated by CapX for their loss of trees. The issue was tabled to the October meeting.

Quotes for the installation of a radio for the new truck and signage for the truck was discussed. David Prondzinski made a motion to approve the radio installation and the signage. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

A bid for grates was presented from Steve Smith. The issue was tabled to the October meeting.

The repair of Armstrong Bridge was discussed. Once approval to proceed is received we will call a special meeting to proceed with the repair. The project will not have to be bid out as it is an emergency situation.

Both Doug Nichols Jr and Jim Emerson spoke regarding how Little Tamarack Creek affects their properties. Representatives from the DNR have already been down to look at the creek and road ditches. A meeting will be held with Brenda McNallan from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the cleaning of Wright's ditch along the highway prior to any work being done up in the valley. The meeting will be September 23, 2014 at 10:00 starting at Earl Trim's residence.

Dan Terek presented a list of conditions they would like to see regarding the corn cannons. Dan Terek spoke with the Refuge and they are willing to work with the Kleins. Dan would like to see the citation reissued along with a citation for the 89 days last year. Dan presented board studies he had located. He asked that the extension of the permit be refused.

The current scare gun ordinance was amended by Attorney Diehn. David Prondzinski made a motion to add section 4 to the current ordinance. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion passed by voice vote. The Clerk will have the amendment published in the newspaper.

The Klein Application for Exemption from October 1 Time Limit for Operation of Scare Guns was presented. Discussion was held. The board will talk with the town attorney and consider the exemption request.

The annexation issues with the Village of Trempealeau were discussed. At the request of the board the Clerk drafted a letter to the Village of Trempealeau Council members regarding the two issues. Dennis Bortle made a motion to sign and send the letter to the Village of Trempealeau requesting completion of the annexations. David Prondzinski seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The rental of the banquet room to non-residents was discussed. David Prondzinski made a motion to change the cleaning deposit to \$1,000 and the rent and cleaning deposit shall be one check deposited prior to the event. Ken Farley seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The Clerk asked for direction on getting rid of old office equipment. The clerk was directed to put up a for sale notice and go with best offer and price the copier and printer.

Hilltopper Refuse informed the Town of a rate increase. The Clerk will check to see if our contract is a guaranteed price.

Bill Miller questioned where the 30 mph speed limit on Sacia Road starts and ends.

The next meeting is set for October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

David Prondzinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja A. Byrne
Clerk/Treasurer