

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

**MINUTES OF THE 12/9/2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Ken Farley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were in attendance. Open meeting certification laws were met. David Prondzinski moved to adopt the agenda with one change moving the Building Inspector's Contract/Trempealeau County Zoning to the beginning of matters for discussion, Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Sonja Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer reported a balance as of November 30, 2015 of \$322,723.27 in checking, \$215,704.41 in the regular money market account, \$251,818.90 in the contingency money market account, \$1,000.00 in the health savings money market account and \$464,455.37 in the CapX2020 money market account. The current available balance in the CapX2020 money market account is \$317,796.37.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular board meeting, the minutes of the November 12, 2015 budget hearing and the minutes of the November 12, 2015 special town meeting. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

The Board reviewed the vouchers from November 13, 2015 through December 9, 2015. David Prondzinski moved to pay all bills, Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Eric Earney came before the board with a zoning permit application for the construction of a new home on Swartling Road. After review David Prondzinski made a motion to approve the zoning permit application. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Kevin Lien from the Trempealeau County Land Management Department spoke to the board regarding the County taking over building permit issuance and building inspections for the Town of Trempealeau. No contract would need to be signed and the Town could at any time hire its own building inspector. The Town would still need to approve driveway applications on all town roads and would retain the driveway permit fee. A zoning permit application would continue to be signed by the board before being approved at the County level. David Prondzinski made a motion to use the County for building permits and inspections effective January 1, 2016. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The current building inspector Bud Raymer will be informed that his contract will not be renewed January 1, 2016.

The clerk/treasurer asked for a motion to pay all bills by the end of the year. David Prondzinski so moved and Ted Konkel seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The clerk/treasurer presented the 2016/2017 list of Election Inspectors for approval. David Prondzinski made a motion to approve the list. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The clerk/treasurer presented two operator license applications from Elmaro. David Prondzinski made a motion to approve the issuance of operator licenses to Denise Hamernik and Barbara Stelloh. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The clerk/treasurer presented a resolution for the board's consideration regarding the new posting procedure signed into law under 2015 Wisconsin Act 79, 985.02(2). Under the new procedure posting of meetings would only be required at one public place (the Town bulletin board) and on the Town website. David Prondzinski made a motion to sign the resolution. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Health insurance deductibles for 2016 were discussed. Sonja Byrne and Earl Trim have both selected insurance coverage with high deductibles. Currently there is \$1,000 in the health savings account to cover the Town's share of the deductibles. David Prondzinski made a motion to transfer funds into the health savings account equal to 75% of the two deductibles. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The clerk/treasurer will transfer \$8,375.00 into the health savings account.

The Vehicle Use Policy was reviewed by the Board one more time. Cell phone usage was discussed. David Prondzinski made a motion to approve the Vehicle Use Policy and purchase headsets for the town employees. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. A copy of the signed policy will be posted at the Town Shop.

The bids on a new chipper were reviewed and discussed. David Prondzinski made a motion to purchase the Vermeer Chipper for the price of \$34,136.00. Ted Konkel seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote. Trenchers Plus will be informed of the decision to buy from Vermeer. CapX funds, previously approved by the PSC, will be used for the purchase.

Bids on a new backhoe were reviewed and discussed. Ted Konkel spoke regarding the two machines. Warranties and pricing were discussed. The issue was tabled until the January 2016 meeting.

Information on a Vacuum was presented. The board will review for later discussion.

The purchase of a tool cart and tools for the Town Shop was discussed. The purchase would be paid for out of the recycling rebate received from STCSWC. David Prondzinski made a motion to allow Earl Trim to purchase a tool cart and to go through tools currently at the town shop and purchase tools that are needed. Ted Konkel seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The door on the small conference room has been replaced and the outdoor lights are fully installed. The clerk/treasurer will be applying for a rebate on the light purchase.

The clerk/treasurer presented an email from the Wisconsin Towns Association requesting Towns to draft letters to the legislature asking them to not support Assembly Bill 582 until problems in it have been addressed. The clerk/treasurer will draft a letter for the town board's signatures.

David Prondzinski moved to go into closed session to consider employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c); Ted Konkel seconded. The Board convened into closed session at 8:01 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to reconvene into open session; Ted Konkel seconded. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Ted Konkel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja A. Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer