

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Hiles Town Board was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. Call to order was at 7:00 p.m. Present were Doris Lovrine, Larry Berg, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Cathy Votis and Judy McKay-Burkey. Agenda was read as posted. Motion to accept Berg. Second Lovrine. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Minutes of the August meeting were read. Motion to accept Lovrine. Second Berg. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was given by Judy. The representative from the Crandon Chamber was not here yet, so the board moved to next item on agenda. Appearance by Fire Chief Vic Burkey and assistant chief Chuck Hill. Their purpose was to let the board know that the department is in need of another pumper to replace the old one at Station B. The new pumper at Station A will be paid off in 2010. Their thought is to move the new one from Station A and to get a newer one for St A. They realize that this cannot be done right away, but perhaps in a year or two. The board did agree that this would need to be considered and that they should keep them apprised of the situation. Greg Weber from the Crandon Area Chamber appeared before the board to ask the town to consider supporting the county wide room tax. He explained that 30% of this tax from Hiles would stay with the town to be used however they would want and the 70% is to be used by Forest County to advertise our area as a whole. The time line on this is to institute this by the first of 2008. The tax would be collected by the town treasurer. The board was agreeable on this and Pfeiffer stated that they would get back to them on this. **OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Two bartenders license applications were presented to the board one from Jeannette Daily for a regular bartenders license and one from Tammi Quillman for a provisional license until she can take the required class. Berg moved to grant these two licenses. Second Pfeiffer. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Judy stated that she will need to get a treasurer's bond to collect taxes this year. Board said to go through Northwoods Insurance. She also stated that the playground committee had met and that the steps may be able to be done this year before the snow flies. Doris said that she had a letter concerning Four Duck Lake Road and Resolution 09-99 which states that this is NOT a town road. She feels that it is. After discussion, Pfeiffer said that she would look into this more. Berg mentioned looking into the Rural Transit Survey some more. He also stated that the commission on aging is looking for donations to cover the costs of thermal utensils for the meals on wheels program and asked if the town could donate. After discussion, a motion was made by Pfeiffer to donate \$250.00 to the Forest County Commission on Aging for thermal utensils. Second Berg. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Pfeiffer stated that she attended a meeting on September 11th in Popple River concerning Smart Growth Plan which needs to be done by 2010. She said that it was very interesting and that the speaker was on the Vilas County Board. Seems that he feels town boards need to become better informed on this. He also stated that Vilas County was not going along with this. Pfeiffer stated that she felt the town board needs to find out more about this. **TRIPP:** There will be a meeting with the Forest County Highway Dept on Thursday Sept. 20th on Tripp. Berg and Pfeiffer will attend. **CITIZENS INPUT:** Chuck Hill stated that he felt the new 35 mph signs recently placed on Butternut Lake Road is too fast. Says there are a lot of curves. Board felt the 35 was okay and thanked him for his input. Gary Urban expressed his concern that the resurfacing of old Hwy 32 by his home was like a washboard and that his driveway needed fill to be joined with the road. Board told him that this was a slag seal and was not like hot mix and needed to be driven on the compact it, but that they were aware that a patch would be needed by his driveway and the road crew would be taking care of this. It was also stated that several street lights are not working properly. Pfeiffer asked where they were and she would contact Public Service about them. Not other business. **READING AND APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS:** A motion was made by Doris to approve for payment vouchers #13525 through #13566. Second Larry. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn by Larry. Second Doris. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.