

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Hiles Town Board was called to order at 7p.m. Present: Lovrine, Bukovic, Tauer and clerk Votis. Treasurer absent due to health. Agenda was read. Motion to accept as read Lovrine, second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Clerk read August minutes. Motion to accept Bukovic, second Lovrine. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Tauer treasurer's report. **PINE LAKE WATER LEVEL:** Bob Binter from the Pine Lake P&R District addressed the board and rendered his apology to Tauer for the rudeness of some of those in attendance at the last lake association meeting. He stated that he really would like the association and the board to try and get along and work together. He then brought up their concerns on the water level of Pine Lake. Seems that this summer the lake level has been low and a lot of people had issues with not being able to launch their boats and hitting rocks. During the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends he said that the level was at .65 which he feels was very low. What the association is asking the town board to do is keep the level at .85. This does meet the DNR requirement and would like the board to vote on this. Tauer stated reasons why the level is kept low. The town is liable if the level goes over what the DNR has set and can be fined by them not to mention that property owner on the lake that would incur damage from high water could also sue the town. Tauer did say that Binter said that even if it could be kept at .80 That would be good. Tauer said that he understands the issue and the town is going to try to keep it higher in the summer. He also said that the DNR has told him that the town can do three things: 1. Give ownership of the dam to the lake association and they can deal with the DNR on the level. 2. Go to court and get the level changed and 3. Remove the dam. These were discussed. It was mentioned that there is water over the railroad tracks by Atkins/Wildcat Creek and when this busts open it will bring the water level up high in a hurry. Finally, Binter said he hopes that all can work together on this and asked that a vote be put on the agenda for next month. **FIREWORKS PERMITS:** Clerk gave the board several samples that other towns use. They will look these over and come up with something for the town to use. **OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mark Ferris reported on the Hiles Planning Committee's meeting. He stated that they spent a lot of time discussing replacing/upgrading the digital sign and will have formal recommendation next month. On a personal note he felt the town should congratulate the Lutheran church in town on the 100 year anniversary. **RESOLUTION 9-2116-1** to amend the budget was read. Motion was made by Bukovic to transfer \$45,000.00 from the contingency account into the highway construction account and \$20,000.00 from highway maintenance account into the highway construction account. Second, Lovrine. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Clerk also explained that the WTA has asked all Wisconsin towns to adopt a resolution for the Just Fix It campaign which addresses the need for the state to provide more money to towns for road maintenance. There will be meetings in every county on September 29, 2016 at 7 pm. Forest County will be having one hosted by John Rogers, Forest County Highway Commissioner. **RESOLUTION 09-2016** was read. Motion to pass this resolution Lovrine. Second, Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Clerk received a letter and Shoreland Zoning Maps from Pam Labine with a request to meet with any number of residents that are interested to go over these maps. Clerk will call and set up meeting. Tauer reported that the new welcome to Hiles sign has been shot at and made a vandalism report with the county sheriff's office. He also said that Mark Hoening called him on September 1st about fixing the paint job on the hall after it was painted by Jerry Wells. Seems odd that he never could return calls before. Tauer received the state road maps and will be submitting them without the portion of Four Duck Lk Rd on them until issue is resolved. Wildcat Creek Culvert. The DNR turned the town for grant money on this. Feels it is not bad enough and was advised to wait another year and try again to have it approved. Bukovic talked to several masons to have the privy work done and seems everyone is too busy. He did talk to Tony Votis and he said that he would do it for nothing. Will get brothers to help. May be able to start next week. Lovrine did get to talk to Maryann Lippgrid from the forest service on the Butternut Boat Landing Rd. Will get more information to her. **CITIZENS INPUT:** Bob Binter asked about the green/blue algae on Pine lake and wondered if the board knew of any septic systems around the lake that are not in compliance. He was told that Pam Labine from the county would know. Mark Ferris asked if meeting with Pam Labine could be on October 10th she will be asked. Tom Carlstedt had an estimate for Styrofoam for under the Station B addition. After discussion, motion was made by Tauer to approve \$1,050.00 for CJ Builders to add this. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. He submitted two bids for the plumbing: Advantage Plumbing for \$2,350.00 and Musky Land for \$2,750.00. After discussion, motion by Tauer to accept the bid of \$2,350.00 from Advantage Plumbing. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Lastly presented only one bid for electric. Another bid was supposed to be given to him, but the person decided they were too busy to do the job. Bid is from Olson Electric for 10,794.00. Discussed. Motion to accept this bid Bukovic. Second Lovrine. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Mark Ferris had questions as to why all the work for the Station B addition wasn't with one contractor and others in town are too. Board explained. Jesse Houle asked if the board would look into putting the sidewalks back in town. Thought maybe there would be grant money for this. Tauer said that the board has to find out who actually owns the land the old ones were on. **READING AND APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS:** Motion by Lovrine to approve for payment vouchers #18296-18343. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn Bukovic. Second Lovrine. Vote all aye meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.