

December 9, 2020
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order a 7:00 p.m. Agenda read. Present: Ferris, Bukovic, Tauer and clerk/treasurer Micolichesk. Motion by Bukovic to approve agenda as read. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Minutes from November read and motion to approve Ferris. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Financial report presented. Motion by Bukovic to accept financial report as presented. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion Carried.

VILAS COUNTY 2021 AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT: Vilas County 2021 Ambulance Service Agreement was discussed and reviewed. Motion by Ferris to accept agreement in the amount of \$5891.84 for the 2021 year. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 12-2020 BROADBAND FORWARD! COMMUNITY ORDINANCE: Tabled until January meeting.

BUDGET RESOLUTION 12-2020: HWY CONSTRUCTION: Resolution discussed. Motion by Bukovic to move \$22,500.00 from contingency to Hwy Construction. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion carried.

NORTHWOODS CONNECT CONTRACT: Tabled until January meeting.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLERK advised of the following: TRIPP grant and Routes to Recovery Grant money came in, sign is working correctly now, and lastly poll workers wages, clerk asking for an increase since their pay had not been raised for more than 7 years.

TAUER discussed the following: Advised road crew member Mike Bukovic quit on 11/30/2020 and that we have a job posting that will be published and a Special Meeting of the Town Board to review applications and hire a new road crew member is to be scheduled on Monday December 21, 2020 at 6pm. Tauer also discussed reviewing wages for all employees. Clerk presented amounts from other towns in Forest County. Board reviewed and discussed and noted that wages have not been increased for over 3 years and that we should stay competitive. Proposed wage increases are as followed: Hwy Crew Lead increase from 18.75/hr to 21.50/hr, road crew member increase from 18.75/hr to 21.00/hr. Transfer Station Attendant increase from 10.00/hr to 12.50/hr. Hall Custodian increase from 10.00/hr to 12.00/hr. Election inspector increase from 8.50/hr to 10.25/hr and Chief Inspector increase from 8.75/hr to 10.50/hr. Summer Temporary Employee for lawn cutting increase from 10.00/hr to 12.00/hr. Any future Deputy Clerk/Treasurer increase from 10.00/hr to 14.00/hr. Clerk/Treasurer increase from 16,400.00/year to 18,000/year. Motion by Ferris to approve increases in wages as proposed. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Raises will start with payroll for the month of January. Tauer also brought up looking for a temp snow plow driver for this winter.

BUKOVIC advised he was attempting to contact Northwoods connect contact about the proposed antenna on the fire department tower.

FERRIS advised the Plan Commission will be meeting again in January regarding the Comprehensive Plan and that the Northwoods connect should wrap up the tower in January. No other officer reports.

CITIZENS INPUT: Dave Houle thanked the board for the raise. Julie Brink thanked Dave Houle for the work he does at the transfer station. Julie also asked board if the service club can plant flowers around the hall and office this coming spring. Board is ok with that. Ferris thanked the fire department for the Santa Parade.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Bukovic to approve payment of monthly bills and payroll presented by Clerk. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Ferris. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Jane Micolichesk