

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC BOARD MEETING

May 16, 2017 6:00 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, Supervisors George Beasley, Irma Brockley, Craig Cawley, and Ethel Smith were present.

Others Present: Treasurer Mark Zimmerman, Clerk Marlo Gustafson, and Town Engineer Robert Roth were also present.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified that public notice was given on May 11, 2017. The Portage Daily Register also received notice of the meeting.

Town Agenda: Motion by Beasley/Brockley to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor by call of roll.

Prior Month's Board Minutes: Motion by Cawley/Brockley to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Building Permits Report: Permit list was reviewed. Several accessory buildings have been going up in the area without proper permits. Clerk instructed to contact Building Inspector.

Road Report: Cawley finished inspecting all town road with Don Nichols of Columbia County Highway. Columbia County and Scott Construction are bidding roads that need to be seal coated.

Cemetery Report: No lot sales or funerals to report. Spring cleanup is underway. Mowers received tune up.

Recycling Center Report: No complaints at the May meeting.

Sheriff's Report: April report was reviewed.

Building & Grounds Report: Supervisor Beasley submitted a written report regarding updates on the maintenance of the town hall and town hall property. Rural Insurance requested that we obtain evidence of Workman's Comp. Insurance for outside contractors.

Correspondence: Gardiner Appraisal sent information regarding Senate Bill 158 which would allow a person who has refused a reasonable written request to view the person's property to appear before the Board of Review to contest the properties assessed value. Not viewing property would make it extremely difficult to have uniformity and fairness between property owners. Clerk was instructed to produce a resolution opposing Senate Bill 158 for the next meeting.

A letter from Town Engineer Robert Roth went to Boyd and Holly Wolfgram regarding a proposed Cell Phone Tower on Parcel 225. This tower is a permitted use under County Zoning,

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however the land disturbance of 4,000 square feet would trigger the Town's Erosion Control Permit process and the Storm Water Management requirements of Town Ordinance Chapter 467. A building permit would also be necessary. Roth continues to be in contact with Joshua Watson of Wireless Group Consultants (working with US Cellular on tower) to facilitate this project.

Dekorra Town Board Supervisor Sandy Smith, emailed a letter to pass on to all Town of Pacific Board members regarding changes being made to Columbia County Zoning Ordinance 16-125-240 which would delete important wording that would protect residents from nuisances that could be caused by allowing certain business activities. The proposed changes would take further power from Townships regarding rezoning activities. Her email correspondence encouraged the Town Supervisors to contact the Columbia County Board Supervisors to oppose giving the Columbia County Zoning Administrator sole authority to decide most land uses, especially when certain land uses would create a nuisance to surrounding properties.

Outside Meeting Attendance: Chairman Devine and Supervisors Cawley and Beasley attended the Pardeeville Dire District meeting. Chairman Devine also attended the Portage Fire Department meeting and is still working on an acceptable agreement for fire call services. Supervisors Beasley and Brockley attending the Swan Lake Community Informational meeting.

Town Plan Commission Report: Nothing new to report. Meeting was not held in May.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Beasley/Brockley to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor by call of roll.

Payment of Current Bills: Motion by Beasley/Cawley to approve payment of current bills with checks numbered 14297 through 14322 and electronic draws 17-19 through 17-23 in the amount of \$41,958.56. All in favor by call of roll. Check number 14308 will be voided and reissued with adjustment for erroneous invoice.

Investments Report: A \$200,000.00 CDARS at F&M Bank matured on May 4, 2017 and was reinvested at F&M Bank at 1.85% for 3 years. The next maturing investment of \$250,000.00 comes due July 6, 2017. Motion by Beasley/Cawley to accept the Investment Report. All in favor by call of roll.

Portage Fire Department Charges/Reimbursements: Discussed. Chair will meet with Clerk to review fire calls more closely regarding average time spent on each call. The new proposal will discontinue using equalized value share of "owning" the equipment and sharing of maintenance costs, etc. Instead, there would be the cost of housing three fire trucks and a cost per hour for fire calls within the Town of Pacific. No formal decisions have been made.

Adjourn: Motion by Cawley/Beasley to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Town Clerk