

May 17, 2018

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 6 visitors.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor:

Marlene Burton – M. Burton asked the status of water district 7. Supervisor Bender said that there was no change.

The minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting were accepted by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

The minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting were accepted by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Reports:

Water – Keith Brass reported that they have done several water turn ons. He said that the tower is shut down for cleaning and he said that the town is running on the prison tower. Keith reported that the Quality Water Report is out.

Keith said that he has not heard from the prison regarding the antenna for the new water meters in water district one. He also said that he and John will be shown how to do a drive by to read the meters.

Recreation Park-Keith Brass said that the batteries in the AED machine need to be replaced. He said that the tennis nets are up and people are playing. They have swept the parking lot and they are trying to save flooded ball fields. Keith said that there was a furnace and fire inspection done.

Highway-Bill Pond reported that the crew has been cleaning up the road sides and they have been swept. Bill said that they will have MSHA training next week. He said that Bach's will donate stone for the new playground, and Wellesley Island Builders has donated 2 flats of concrete mix. Bill said that he will be attending highway school on June 5, 6, 7 and won't be available to help with the playground installation, but has it on the calendar and the crew will be there.

Bill said that the wind storm washed out several roads and he had to call in men to help that evening. He said that RMS has crushed and the gravel is ready. He also reported that the septic tank at Tibbetts Point is now working; they had to do a few repairs. Bill said that Suite Kote has put his July paving on their schedule. Keith Brass asked if they could do the Recreation Park parking lot at that time and Bill told him yes, they will work on this together. Bill distributed to the board the quotes that he received for a new sander and he will discuss this with the machinery committee. He said that he received a bid of \$310.00 for the mixer and he wants to donate the welder to the village.

Finance Report-Supervisor Bender said that because of the purchase of the new meters, the finances are down \$200,000.00 from last year. He reviewed the accounts.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the Supervisor,s financial report, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

DANC-Councilman Mason said that he attended the DANC meeting and there was discussion on doing the valve replacement as a shared service. Councilman Mason said that he told them that the town will talk about this. Keith Brass said that when this is done he would like the meter pit put in on Wilson Road.

LWRP-Supervisor Bender said that there will be a meeting in June with demonstrations on the waterfront development. He said that people will be able to make comments.

Youth Commission-Councilman Wiley said that the ballgames are up and running and all coaches have had CPR training.

TI School-Councilman Wiley said that the budget passed and that work on the athletic fields has started.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bender made an announcement that Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard, has been named Jefferson County Town Clerk of the Year.

Supervisor Bender said he felt the meeting held to receive comments on the clinic went very well and they were pleased with the number of people who attended. He said that he will set up a meeting between the village, Samaritan and the town and they will discuss the comments. Councilman Wood asked about the pharmacy. Councilman Mason said that the Samaritan contract says they will not operate a pharmacy at the clinic.

Supervisor Bender said that now that the weather has improved, he would like to have the shed moved at the VanTassel property. He said that he would like to visit the property and find a place to move the shed to. Bill Pond said that North Country Storage barns have the right equipment to move the shed and they should be contacted to do this job. Councilman Mason said that pictures before and after should be taken and video the shed being moved. He also said that he would like to have the Sheriffs on site. Councilman Aubertine said he would like to have a time line on this because it has been talked about for a long time. Councilman Wiley said that the fence should go too, do this at the same time. Supervisor Bender will get in touch with North Country Storage Barns.

Supervisor Bender reported that the town was awarded a \$75,000.00 SAM grant for Tibbetts Point. He said that he emailed the information to the Planner, Scott Burto. He said he does not know when the town will receive the funds.

Supervisor Bender spoke about the UV light and controls for the water system at Tibbetts Point. He said that the town received an inquiry about it and was sent a check in the amount of \$400.00 for the equipment. The board discussed the equipment and the condition of it, agreeing that it needs to be removed.

Councilman Mason made a motion to accept the check from Trisha Banister for the sale of the UV light system, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilmen's Discussion

Councilman Aubertine discussed the LWRP. He said that we, as the entity entering the LWRP, still need to improve communications. He said that we have been unsuccessful getting projects off the ground and securing funding. Councilman Aubertine said that Coordination has not worked and he thinks it is because no one entity has taken the lead. He said that it seems every project enters an IMA between the town and village, and he said that instead of a joint entity on every project, they should separate and support each project. He said that it should be discussed, agree to do a project then separate to do it. Councilman Wiley agreed; he said he would like to have this move forward for the greater good.

Councilman Mason said that he would like a monthly report from the Planner. Councilman Wiley said that an outline of expectations should be put together and given to the Planner. He said that it is not the Planners fault if he doesn't have a project. Supervisor Bender said that the Planner would like some guidance. Supervisor Bender said that he read the contract with the Planner, and he said it needs to be reworked. Councilman Wood said that he will visit with the Planner to find out what he wants.

Councilman Wiley said that he attended an Ontario by Bike meeting. He said the ideas were very interesting as biking in Canada is bigger than in the US. He talked about the dollars that come back to the community and we can take advantage of it because the route will include Wolfe Island. He also said he spoke with Gary DeYoung from the Thousand Islands Tourism Council, and he found money earmarked for Cape Vincent and he will get more information to Councilman Wiley.

Resolutions #31

Resolution #31 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #31 is to declare parcel #39.81-1-51.2 surplus and to agree to transfer ownership to the Village of Cape Vincent and the Village of Cape Vincent shall cover all costs associated with the transfer. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Edward Bender AYE

Councilman Paul Aubertine AYE

Councilman Marty Mason AYE

Councilman Dan Wiley AYE

Councilman Alan Wood AYE

Resolution #32

Resolution #32 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #32 is the Town Board's agreement to put in the infrastructure for restrooms in connection with the playground. There was the following discussion. Councilman Wiley said that he has changed his mind about where to locate the restroom, and he would like the infrastructure put in for future construction of the restroom. Vote was taken. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #33

Resolution #33 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #33 is to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$756.18 from A1220.4 to A1010.4, and transfer \$817.25 from the General Fund to B8020.4, for budget amendments. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Mason said that he felt the AED machine that is located in the Recreation Park building is too far for people on the grounds to use. He said he would like it moved to the skate shack during the spring and summer, and placed back in the building in the winter. Councilman Aubertine said that he thought it would be a good idea to lease the machine from Cintas. He said it makes sense to him as Cintas does a monthly inspection and if there were troubles with batteries, they would take care of it. Councilman Mason made a motion to lease another AED machine from Cintas, seconded by Councilman Wiley. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Bender read an invite from the library for a 50th anniversary celebration on June 16 from 12noon until 2pm.

Supervisor Bender told the board members that he has received bids for the replacement of the roofs at Tibbetts Point and he would like to review them at the next work session.

Supervisor Bender reviewed a quote from BAS for the replacement of lap top computers for the Assessor and his clerk. He said that this was budgeted for and that the town continues to replace computers every year.

Councilman Wood made a motion to replace the computers as per the quote given, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to give the Supervisor direction to open a discussion with the village regarding the \$250,000 matching fund grant. He said he wants to get this moving and a discussion needs to happen with the village. The Supervisor and Councilman Wiley will talk with the village board of Trustees.

Bills: General Fund \$36,982.34; WD 1, \$40,377.23; WD2, \$4,193.07; WD3, \$1,873.43; WD4, \$2,233.70; WD 5, \$1,606.36; WD6, \$1,650.28; Highway \$41,631.07.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

There being no further business, Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk