

Town of Otter Creek - Regular Town Board Meeting – September 8, 2020

Otter Creek Town Hall

The Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were:

Chairman Mark Warner

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes

Supervisor II LeAnn Ralph

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Additional attendees:

Lucas Brackin (ATV)

Heather Kirchner (ATV)

Jeff Schroeder (ATV)

Bob Bernier

Chuck Boyer

Dillion Derringer

Jeff Dehnhoff

Meeting minutes were not read by Bev Bernier as Warner, Ralph and Hayes reviewed the minutes prior to tonight's meeting and agreed that the minutes did not need to be read. Hayes motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Warner seconded. Motion carried.

- Dunn County ATV/UTV Association update – Lucas Brackin, Assistant Trail Coordinator – shared hours of operation and review any questions from the Town of Otter Creek. Brackin asked if Otter Creek is opening their roads and Warner replied that we have not decided on this. They want us to open up all our roads. To trail ride right now, you need to load your ATV, haul it and unload it on the trail. They are saying that 99% of the riders will be residents. Makes it easier for them to find a route through. Colfax opened a club, looking to open a route to go to Ridgeland. The County wants all areas to go with the same ordinance, current ATV group operates April to December, daylight to dark. They are willing to attend a meeting where we discuss changing the current Ordinance. Brackin stated at the last highway department meeting (at 57 minutes in), there is discussion on what the County is looking to do on this. Advantage to adopting this Ordinance is to get sheriff assistance. **Warner would like to see if the County acts on the ordinance before we act on this.**
- Discuss solid waste/recycling plan for 2021. The County is offering to sell some of their equipment, we have the 2021 revenues, expenditures, sale values, etc. **Current status - the Village of Colfax is looking to get a contract with a commercial hauler.**
- Discussion and possible Resolution on closing part of 1090th street. Where to keep it open, where to close. Close all the way down the hill to the driveway to Deringer. Input from residents – people get stuck often, through TV's, tires, lot of garbage. Close at

730th, stop before the hill, make a turn around on the north side of the pine trees, don't take it all the way to the highway. 125 feet off of the fence corner to the west. Need to put a culvert in. **Propose that the board members look at it with Gary and approve a resolution at the October 13, 2020 town board meeting. Hearing date would be December 8, 2020. Warner will phone the WTA to see if we can temporarily close the road until further notice. Meet Friday Sept. 18 at 8 a.m. to review, board members and Gary. Bernier to send a reminder email about time and place. Bernier to post door and website. Anderson to put up signage when we have information.**

- WoodWind Park (Meagan and Paul Frank) – Bernier sent them documents for liquor license purchase and yearly license.
- Public Hearing – 10/13/2020 – 8:30 a.m. – expansion of Town of Grant AEA (26,045 acres) into Town of Otter Creek (5,090 acres).
- Levy Limit - 2020 payable, 2021 allowable levy - \$112,954 (unchanged)
- Review list of landowners that have applied for 2021 MFL designation – any comments by 9/20/2020
- Building Inspector – monthly report from Fred Weber -Mueller insulation passed
- Zoning –
 - New inground sanitary system – Jeff Coombs
 - Replacement – inground lift – Dave Fly
- Review possible snow plow purchase – Hayes. This would give us an extra plow. Hayes make a motion to purchase the plow for \$1200 from Gary Anderson. Ralph seconded. Motion passed. Bernier will provide a check to Anderson.
- Review update on J. Anderson request for tree trimming, railroad avenue – Hayes. **Move to the October meeting.**
- Discuss patrolman request for town lease of personal truck. We are covered under insurance if using personal vehicle for town business. We can pay mileage at the federal rate. Hayes makes a motion to pay at the federal rate for town business, seconded by Ralph. Motion carried.
- Patrolman - Road Work/Equipment – graveling on 765th done, up to 730th. Switched from Kraemer gravel, now getting Wirth's gravel from their pit. Mark is filing the disaster aid, may file for extension. Should finish graveling next week. The Town will get reimbursed for grader time, patrolman time, etc. Gary estimates he will use 68 loads, will not need 70 loads. 710 shouldering – hauled 9 loads less than what we figured, will save about \$5,000 from what we estimated for spend. Anderson said it is nice to have blacktopping done early. Beaver are busy – plugged on 670th – cut across road. Gary re-did the screen, filled half way. By Flug's is getting plugged. Our yard light is not working, has been out for over a year. Warner may have a lift in the upcoming months and be able to work with Gary to fix the light. **Warner will research a new unit for installation.**
- Public comments – none.
- Auditing of bills for payment – all bills were approved.
- Any other business – none.

Financial Report

Clerk went through the finances.	Equipment Account	-	\$31,279.51
	Tax Account -		\$61,542.87
	Checking Account -		\$72,844.01

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Ralph, seconded by Hayes. Motion carried.
Hayes moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Ralph. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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