

**Town of Otter Creek - Regular Town Board Meeting – August 12, 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:

Bob Bernier  
Chuck Boyer  
Dillion Derringer

**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. Ralph motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Hayes seconded. Motion carried.

- Discussion on closing part of 1090<sup>th</sup> street, "rocky hill road" from approximately 3/8 mile in from the bottom end of 765<sup>th</sup> street, 730<sup>th</sup> go in about ¼ mile, balance would be closed. Collection point for garbage. Derringer recently purchased the property on the north side of the road. The part that would be closed is adjacent to Derringer's land. Pretty clear line from survey. This will not landlock anyone. No one is shut out. It will be right past Derringer's driveway and end there, a school bus can turn around. Need to have an understanding from the other landowners, Lentz and Higbie. Hayes does not have concerns with closing this section of road, there may be revenue loss with closing a section of road. Anderson said we would need to make a turn around. We could close from 730<sup>th</sup>, this would be ¼ mile, we currently receive \$2,000 per mile. This would be \$500 revenue loss to close the entire road. Two options, close at the 40 line, or close at 730<sup>th</sup>. Options to go either way.
  - **At this point, the board will look at the road separately and then decide if we will draft a resolution. Bernier will draft a resolution in preparation for further discussion.**
- Discuss and act on solid waste/recycling plan:
  - Inform County by August 19, 2020 if Otter Creek is staying in the County program or dropping out, requires a 120-day written notification (by Sept. 1). Village of Colfax is withdrawing and will be a responsible unit and operate the Colfax site. The tonage hauled by Dunn County if we all join the responsible unit, would be \$23/per person/year, same as we pay now. Single stream recycling, not sorted. May need to purchase compactors. RightAway Rolloff (Bloomer) would buy the receiver boxes, we would only need to buy a compactor. This would be bid out. \$135,000/year to

operate. If Town of Tainter does not go in, it may be a bit more. 2/3rds of residences in Colfax contract with Viking Disposal. Village would issue stickers as is done now. If we stay with the County, people would have to go to Boyceville. New responsible units start on January 1, 2021. Municipalities that have withdrawn are still part of the County program if the RU is not ready by 1/1/2021.

- Hayes made motion to withdraw from the Dunn County recycling program, seconded by Ralph, motion passed.
- Clerk Bernier will write a letter to Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling, email to DNR, following the lines of the Red Cedar email and follow up letter.
- Warner made a Motion to express to the Village of Colfax that we intend to join their RU for Solid Waste and Recycling pending their getting set up. Motion was seconded by Hayes, motion passed.
- WoodWind Park (Meagan and Paul Frank) requesting information on alcohol licensing - begin the process of licensing for operation. Expect to be completely open for operation at some point in the fall of 2021 – need info on business and liquor licensing. Plan to sell merchandise online in the coming months.
- Open Book – Tuesday, August 19, 2020 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Town Hall
- Board of review – Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Town Hall
- Discuss Dunn County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan draft.
  - Town Board to review the documents provided to them and submit any questions to the proper contact.
- Disaster Aid for local roads – any update. \$33,450 filed with Steve Findlay based on roads and materials. Steve was putting a budget proposal together for the State. Nothing further needed from us. We will need to discuss graveling and culvert needs.
- Clint & Delores Owen - Zoning Permit – 40x80 shed
- Merle & Beverly Crane - land division – 3 lots; 5.64, 10.13 & 10.79 acres
- Fire bill – Ben Stephens – barn fire - \$1,035.00
- Updates from Fred Weber
- Patrolman comments – Anderson had comments pertaining to last month and the discussion between he and Warner. Discussion regarding professionalism with all interactions.
- Road Work/Equipment – Anderson is not in favor of plastic culverts any longer. He put gravel on from Gunnufson’s driveway to the curb, he put down 14 loads for that. He plans on starting shouldering next week if the trucks are available. Anderson is still patching from the storm, there are a couple of curbs to patch. He is mowing and brushing while waiting for trucks to be available.
  - Hayes will check on getting the tree on Julie Anderson’s road clipped.Anderson has a 12’ snow plow universal, is the town interested in purchasing for \$1200, rather than fix our old one.
  - Hayes will stop at Anderson’s place and look at the snow plow.

Anderson has a request regarding his pickup truck, his knee has caused his hip to have issues, he has been driving his truck. Anderson wants to know if the Town would enter into a lease and pay insurance and gas on his truck, he would take care of maintenance. He puts 10,000 miles on a town truck per year.

- The Town will research the legalities, Bernier will contact WTA, and Warner will check with our insurance agent.

**Public comments** – none.

**Auditing of bills for payment** – all bills were approved.

**Financial Report**

Clerk went through the finances.	Equipment Account	-	\$31,270.21
	Tax Account -		\$161,516.47
	Checking Account -		\$43,876.36

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Ralph, seconded by Hayes. Motion carried. Ralph moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Hayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:**

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LeAnn Ralph – 715-308-6336

Bev Bernier - 715-658-0131

Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310

Cecil Hayes – 715-577-6634 (cell)

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