

Town of Otter Creek – July 13, 2021
Otter Creek Town Hall
Regular Town Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Chairman Mark Warner*
Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*
Supervisor 2 LeAnn Ralph*
Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier
Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests, Bob Bernier, Chuck Boyer, Jon Robinson, Lori Sudbrink, Meagan Frank, Tim Flug,

Representing ATV/UTV Club: Brady Arntson, Jeff Schroeder, Lucas Brackin, Travis Bushay

*Board Members

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Meeting minutes from the 6/8/2021 BOR and Regular Board Meeting, and meeting minutes from the 7/7/2021 Special Meeting (ARPA funds for broadband) 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.**

Discuss ARPA projects; Mosaic broadband expansion proposal - Resolution R-2-2021. Motion to approve the Resolution R-2-2021 by Hayes, seconded by Ralph, motion carried. We have 30 days to publish the Resolution in the Colfax Messenger and Town Hall Door, and on website. **Clerk Bernier posted the Resolution on the Town Hall door and town website 7/15/2021, and published in the Colfax Messenger 7/21/2021.**

Discuss equipment replacement planning/schedule – one year since last discussion.

- **Plow truck** – high priority. We should look at replacing it in the next two years. About a 9 month or more waiting period to get a new truck. Box alone is \$20,000. Truck wiring on the inside of the transmission was rotten. Took 2 weeks to fix. We also had the truck in the shop last year. This will be the 12th winter. If we buy a truck, we can haul our own limerock. A new truck may not fit in the shed, we may need to insulate the south end and put in an overhead door. Meyer Truck can tell us what we have spent on repairs for this truck. For the next year, we will research costs of a new truck, see what grants are available, etc. Put on the monthly agenda for any updates. Get the spec sheet from Hay River, have Tim from Cameron fill out a spec sheet. **We will have a review monthly, as it takes a year to have the truck in hand.**
- **Backhoe** - we have 5300 hours on it, had 1800 when we bought it. This has electronic injectors, so John Deere needs to do any work on this if needed. **Evaluate this after the plow truck purchase.**
- **Skid steer** – we have very low hours on it thus far
- **Grader** – used second to plow truck.
- Consider **V plow** for the truck. **Not at this time.**

Summer propane fill – Bev will call for \$1.19/gal.

Propane contract for Fall of 2021 – Synergy sending information late July

Sanitary permits – Aaron Runk Zoning & Sanitary Permit
 Troy Gunderson Zoning & Sanitary Permit
 Brad Ingram – Privy Permit
 (Bill sent to Ingram for property taxes due by July 31, 2021)

Land Use Permit issued – Aaron Runk 7/6/2021 – B-4-2021
 Troy Gunderson 7/12/2021 – B-5-2021

ATV/UTV Club information – Request from WTA Dunn County Chair to revisit the ATV hours of usage voted on last year. One vote per town. Proposing the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. which should cover all seasons of the year, all towns need to agree to have law enforcement support. The Town had previously supported one hour before dawn through one hour after dusk. Discussion that 11:00 p.m. may be too late, propose 10:00 p.m. Clerk Bernier checked with County Chair to see if other municipalities have discussed an end time of 10:00 p.m. Per Cheryl Miller, she has not had this request from other towns, they tend to approve the 11 p.m. end time. **Bev will email Cheryl that Otter Creek supports the 6 am to 11 pm hours of usage.**

ATV Club requested opening of 690th Street at 1058th Ave to 1090th Ave. and 1058th Ave to 690th St to WoodWind Park. Woodwind Park (Meagan Frank) requested opening of these roads to get people to the park by whatever mode of transportation available. The ATV Club proposed that once people get to her road, the ATV Club could put up 10 MPH signs, they do this by Jakes. The road going North to Ridgeland, there is dirt and dust. Birchwood has trails with signs, slow, no dust zone. This is one option. 35 MPH is the County speed limit, so you will get that wherever you go. There will be bad apples, but the majority follow rules, most are home by dark. The sport is growing. ATV Club is asking for one year trial period to see if it works. No one has asked the residents along WoodWind Park road yet. The Town will put on the agenda for the August meeting to discuss opening 690th and 1058th to ATVs. Possibly send letter to residents along these roads asking for their input and informing them we will be discussing at the August meeting.

Updates from Fred Weber:

	Date	Customer	Service	Pass/Fail	Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/2/2021	Giertz	Final Inspection/Occupancy	Passed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/2/2021	Knops	Slab Plumbing	Passed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6/21/2021	Runk	Permit Issued		New Home Construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/22/2021	Coombs	Final Inspection/Occupancy	Passed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/22/2021	Runk	Slab Plumbing	Passed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6/22/2021	Runk	Footing	Passed	

Report from Patrolman on Road Work/Equipment – Boyceville is blocked off and our blacktop is not done yet. Mowing is done. Working on 730th, put an extension on 1110th and 730th, culvert was getting plugged. Gary added 6' to it 7/13/21. Inlet washing out. Re-blacktopped and rocked. Diggers hotline scheduled to locate 1070th by Deepwood, dirt road. Giertz's driveway need diggers hotline. Doing small patching with pickup. Have Wirth schedule with Senn to do

blacktop on 1090th. Put the gravel on 1070th where the culvert is going once Hwy. 170 is blacktopped.

Review treasurer's report. Motion by Ralph to accept the treasurer's report, second by Hayes, motion carried.

Clerk reviewed the finances.	Equipment Account -	\$33,850.23
	Tax Account -	\$122,387.87
	Checking Account -	\$26,045.78
	ARPA Funds -	\$27,737.17

Public comments – none.

Auditing bills for payment – bills circulated and signed by Warner, Hayes and Ralph.

Any other business – none.

ADJOURN - Ralph moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Hayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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