

July 10, 2018

BOARD MEETING

A Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7 pm on July 10, 2018 by Supervisor Dale Reinart. Roll call was taken. Present were Supervisor Reinart, Supervisor Ken Kuhn, clerk Donna Kuhn. Absent were Chairman and Treasurer. Also present were residents Ed Kuhn, Pete Hellios, Joel Feucht, and Jim Olin as well as Alan Mernack and a representative of Paul Buggar Trucking. Tim Voight of Rural Insurance arrived at 7:15. The agenda was legally noticed and approved.

The minutes from last month's meeting were read by the clerk and approved. Treasurer's report was read by clerk and accepted as read. Building report included permit for Jon Gillespie's storage shed. Shane Huth was referred to State building inspector Adam Pillard for a replacement mobile home permit. August Board meeting will be on August 7th due to elections on the 2nd Tuesday.

Paul Buggar's bill for gravel was approved and paid.
3 bills will be sent out for gravel to private residents at \$200 / load.

Voight delivered Town's new insurance policy.

Joel Feucht approached Board with questions regarding the Town's beaver contract. Board will define trapping sites and finalize contract with Feucht.

Reinart moved / Kuhn 2nd, to adopt Ordinance #2018 – 1, Town of Washburn Mailbox Replacement Ordinance. Reinart – yes. Kuhn – yes. Carried.

Hearing date set for changes to be made to ATV Ordinance #2003-1. Public hearing will be at 6:30pm on August 7, prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

The following was submitted by Chairman to start a documentation trail regarding an ongoing problem at address W4751 Sherwood Rd.:

On July 7th at 1:10pm I met with Ron Chambers the owner of the property at W4651 Sherwood Road. This was to address the parking of their vehicles in their driveway which is clearly in the Town right-of-way. I explained to Ron that we would like to have all vehicles out of the right-of-way to ensure no damage occurs because of rocks, possibility of accident, etc.

Ron told me that he has owned the property for 8 years and is disabled. He mentioned that Jeff his son-in-law which is also disabled is the one that parks in the driveway. I asked Ron if they could move or eliminate some of the vehicles they currently have on the property, then they would have room to avoid parking in the right-of-way. I asked if they could get the vehicles moved or sold within the next 2 months (September 6, 2018) and he agreed that seemed reasonable.

He then told me that he is looking to sell the property soon to "leave this Yankee country area" and move south where "people still have rights to their land". He went on to say that the setback of 75' from the center of the road to build is foolish and he feels he should not have to pay taxes on that portion of his land if it can not be built upon. I informed him that I also own land that I cannot build on, but pay my taxes as required.

During our conversation he also mentioned that the Constitution says nothing about setbacks, right-of-ways, etc. I changed the subject without being confrontational.

As a matter of record, I did visit this residence last year in June or July to voice my concern about the right-of-way issue at that time. I do not have dates, times or people that I spoke with, but I believe that they have added a passenger bus since then that has all but filled their driveway with vehicles which does not allow them to park off the right-of-way.

Added note: as of this meeting, there are now 2 buses in driveway and the car is parked in the roadway.

Deputy Treasurer tabled until next month.

All gravel and spot graveling has been completed. Board is very pleased with the gravel, as well as the speed and efficiency with which the job was done.

Budget reviewed. Will discuss shop front replacement next month after bills have been paid. Bills approved and paid.

Public Input:

Alan Mernack of N1643 Robin Ave, presented Board with a complaint involving neighbors, Brian and Amanda Wilson, who were shooting fireworks over Mernack's buildings. One landed in driveway, on car, and one was still burning when it landed on his shed roof. He contacted the police and spoke with them over the phone. This is noted for future reference if firework permit is requested from Wilson.

Jim Olin requested that the Town host an annual picnic in September as it has in prior years. It will be put on next month's agenda.

There was a request for Town resident's tax totals list to be sent out with taxes. It will be put on next year's annual meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned
Donna Kuhn, clerk