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TOWN OF GREENFIELD BOARD MEETING ~ Wednesday, October 9, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Tom Jacobs, Supervisors Andy Neubauer and Kevin Timm.
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Stacy Burns, Treasurer Mary Leuck

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse, WI by Chair Tom Jacobs with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting were read by Clerk Burns, motion to approve after changing the word Coon from Cook, was made by Supervisor Neubauer, 2nd by Supervisor Timm, all approved 3-0.

Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Leuck, motion to approve as read by Supervisor Neubauer, 2nd by Supervisor Timm, all approved, 3-0.

Road Report: Webinar for Multimodal Local Support is Oct. 10th. Clerk Burns read email from Steve Mader because he was unable to attend. It stated: "Concrete curbs are going in today on East Hills. I have signed off on all FEMA Claims for 2018 event." He then sent another email stating that the project (PW-00325) is complete and check for \$30,933.46 was in the mail.

Schieche road bridge quotes; Weiser was \$72,175 (for only one of them); County Materials was \$160,546.67 and Crest was \$43,264. Motion made by Supervisor Neubauer to go with Crest for the 4x14 box culverts for bridges. 2nd by Supervisor Timm, all approved, 3-0.

Neighbor complaint on Schieche road. The Richardson's, represented at the meeting by Sarah Fortune, claim that their neighbor, Pat Manthey adjusted her landscape last year because of water issue and now it is excessively flowing into their lawn, causing problems for them. Pictures of the Richardson's lawn were submitted to the Board. Pat Manthey said she had satellite views showing the grass water way has been there a long time, but she did not share them. She also agrees that the water has been excessive for the last 3 years because a spring has appeared on the hill above her property, and there has been record rainfalls totals last year and this year. She was aware that the Richardsons' were concerned so she, at her expense, had it excavated last summer to divert most of the water that comes down the hill to go more south, away from that grass water way. She also spoke to Brian Cox from FEMA who says there are new springs appearing all the time. Ms. Fortune stated that her client would like the town or some engineer to look at the situation to see if anything can be done. Pat stated that she has spoken to land conservation specialist, Robert Hemling this past June and he has offered advice in writing after visiting her property. Chair Jacobs stated that he has also seen the area in question and the plan of action for Ms. Fortune should be to contact Robert Hemling from the County to ask about the situation. If there are more questions, let us know.

Clarence Court – After discussing with land owners, developers, and Pat Houlihan, the Lawyer, we would get no road aid for this road if we took it over. Mr. Kirchner stated that he understands that ownership of the road may not be possible but because tax paying citizens live on the road, it would be great for the town to plow the road. He asked for a trial basis for this 2019-2020 winter. Concerns were raised about plowing a private road, does this set a precedence for other private roads? What about possible damages? Mr. Kirchner said that the association would even sign a release of liability for any damage. Finally, it was decided to plan a meeting to look at the road. Notification of such a meeting will be posted when scheduled.

St. Joseph Ridge Lion's club will host Fall Fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 1st, \$10 ticket at the door, Pork Loin Sandwiches served. Motion by Supervisor Neubauer to approve temporary liquor license for this event, 2nd by Supervisor Timm, all approved 3-0.

Fortune request for a change of parcel size for parcels 6-171-0 and 6-175-0. After discussion and looking at maps provided, Supervisor Timm made a motion to approve the proposed resizing of the parcel, 2nd by Supervisor Neubauer, all approved 3-0.

Bryan Frost has asked for easement approval to cross over about 15 feet into the Gerke property to properly install mound septic system. Soil evaluation and plot plan were provided. Supervisor Neubauer made a motion to approve the easement request, 2nd by Supervisor Timm, all approved 3-0.

Bob Hurd, custodian of the town hall, has asked to purchase a used or new snow blower. An idea was brought up to install a blower or blade for the new John Deere tractor purchased this past summer. A 54 in. blower would be \$4300; a 47 in. blower would be \$3900; and a blade should be under \$2000 but we can get an estimate. This will be tabled until speaking with Bob.

Recycling Grant was finished and submitted by due date. The town also had a DNR inspection over the phone. The findings of the inspection were that the town is responsible to log any incidents as well as make sure the businesses in the town are compliant with our Recycling Ordinance. There needs to be an updated Recycling Ordinance on file, so Clerk Burns made a draft that will be looked over by the board members and also by the Recycle Center employees. After looking over the draft, questions were brought up about the way things were stated, so again, everyone will look this over before adopting. There was discussion about Hilltopper and Harter being single stream recycling facilities, so that may also have to be incorporated into the ordinance. The contract with Hilltopper expires next February so that will also have to be looked at in the next few months. The Town also needs a Compliance Assurance Plan.

Fire Department, meetings will still be scheduled. Board agreed to pay Coon Creek Fire Commission \$315.03, 4% of our 2% money from State.

Budget approval meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Levy meeting will follow the budget meeting on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Citizen Concerns: Doug Ward is concerned about the exposed pipe at 0 Elizabeth Way. Steve has looked at it and the board will also look into this and solve the problem. The Recycle center concrete project will have to wait until spring as no one will do the work anymore this fall. Mary Keller-Sperle gave handouts about the Ice Age Farmer. If interested please search Ice Age Farmer and Grand Solar Minimum. She is recommending more high tunnels farming to extend the currently shortening season. Shelby Fire Dept. will be getting a new truck so some trucks will be moved around. Here in St. Joseph, we will be getting a vehicle that will broaden the fire departments capabilities. This also means more space is required. A suggestion was made to build onto the salt shed to store the Kubota. The St. Joseph Lion's Club and Shelby Fire Dept. will be working on ideas for this. The Blood Drive was very successful; however, the new people working caused a few disruptions because things were run differently. A question was asked why the Red Cross isn't the collector of the blood, the answer was this company keeps the blood local to us.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM to pay bills by Supervisor Timm, 2nd by Supervisor Neubauer. All approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy J Burns, Town Clerk