

TOWN OF BIG BEND

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021

CAUCUS AND TOWN BOARD MEETING

Chairman Tom Meisner called the Caucus Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Election of Caucus Chair T. Meisner asked Bob Davis to be the Chairman of the Town's Caucus, which he graciously accepted.

Nominations

Chairman Marc Wiesner nominated Tom Meisner as the Town Chairman, seconded by Jim Rassbach, motion carried.

Supervisors Marc Wiesner nominated Mark Schmitt for Supervisor, seconded by Jim Rassbach, motion carried. Peggy DeVoe nominated Bob DeVoe for Supervisor, seconded by Jim Rassbach, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Jim Menard nominated Sandy Rassbach for Clerk/Treasurer, seconded by Mark Wiesner, motion carried.

Motion by Jim Menard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Rassbach, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:10.

Chairman Tom Meisner called the meeting to order at 7:12.

Board members present were (Chairman T. Meisner, Supervisors M. Schmitt, B. DeVoe and Clerk S. Rassbach).

Minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting – Motion made by B. DeVoe to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as printed, seconded by M. Schmitt, motion carried.

Clerk – Treasurers Report Reported on Christmas Cards received from Olynick & Rifkin, info on FCL & MFL orders, received the title for the Red Pick Up, read off the building permits for December, stated that the town hall was used as a staging facility for the Sheriff, Fire, Ambulance and First Responders to regroup for a missing person, a citizen stated that neighbors are filling the ditch west of the Plummer Road boat landing which causes his culverts to be dug out every year and was wondering if a sign could be put up against it, stated that we have received \$670,886.75 in taxes, the town has also received the \$6,129.00 and \$650.48 from the recovery plan COVID, the town paid Candy Shrewsberry \$300.00 out of the EMS account who is continuing AEMT education for the Rusk/Big Bend area, the town received the first quarter General Transportation Aid and I gave the financial report.

Board Members Reports

Tom Meisner Reported that when he calls Troop 63 to get the cans from recycling, they come right a way removing the cans and return the trailer promptly, the Fireside Lk. Property has been cleaned up and the attorney stated that she has fulfilled her obligation as well as the School Rd. property which he plans on selling in the spring. The new plow truck is working well.

Mark Schmitt The plow crew is up and out early.

Bob DeVoe Stated that the new plow truck looks great and that the shop has been picked up and reorganized and looks great, he stated that the town might want to get a sign for the plow truck that states stay back 200 feet, stated that the hand towel and soap dispensers have all been installed and stated that he attended the CDAC committee meeting in December and for the next 3 years they will focus on maintaining the deer herd and that the public can go on line January 3rd through the 13th for public comments.

CO Board – Mark Schmitt stated that WITC is not comfortable with the their name and there is the potential to have a 86 acre parcel added to the Rusk Co. Forest.

Citizen Comments – Herb Stone talked about the manure that runs into Soft Maple Creek in the spring and asked if the farm that it comes from can be stopped, the board gave him Nick Wilson's number from the Forestry's Dept. to see what they can do. Buck Paulson stated that the new plow truck works well and that they were able to fix bad spots and recovered a lot of gravel that normally would be lost, he also stated that men's toilet does not work right and should be looked at.

Old Business

- A. Town Roads it was brought up that the plow truck should get carbide blades at \$190.00 ea. and that 3 should last a year. A motion was made by M. Schmitt to get a set of carbide blades, seconded by B. DeVoe, motion carried. It was mentioned that rubber blades might be worth looking at and M. Wiesner will talk to Chippewa Co. January 13th, February 10th and March 10th Digger's Hotline will have classes that maintenance might want to attend.
- B. Ordinance Committee is going to look over the town's current zoning map and make any changes that need to be made if any. January 19th at 6:30pm is the next meeting and it is an open meeting and all are welcome.
- C. LEPC is waiting for spring to work on the radios to make sure everything is OK and if anyone has money they don't know what to do with the LEPC committee is accepting donations.
- D. COVID Update the town recovered their grant monies.

New Business

- A. Sign Bank Paperwork
- B. Closed Session to discuss employee concerns

Pay Bills Tom stated that the board would pay the bills and then go into closed session so the public wouldn't have to wait. Motion made by M. Schmitt to pay the bills, seconded by B. DeVoe, motion carried at 7:53 pm.

Motion to go into closed session made by M. Schmitt seconded by B. DeVoe, motion carried. In closed session at 8:24. Motion made by M. Schmitt to go back into open session, seconded by B. DeVoe, motion carried. 8:47 back into open session

Motion made by B. DeVoe to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Schmitt, motion carried. Adjourned 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Sandra M. Rassbach, Clerk Treasurer