

Town of Chippewa: Minutes

Town Board Proceedings

February 19, 2020

Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chippewa was called to order on February 19, 2020 @ 6:30pm. At roll call the following were present: Town Supervisors–Bill Ernst and John Bruch, Chairperson-Dan Koch, Clerk-Cindy Pritzl, Treasurer–Barb Koch, Town Employee–Charles Miesbauer, Roger Eder, Noah Mueller, Town Residents-Eric Sitte, Ashland County Sheriff Department – Bruce Joanis, Ashland County Emergency Management-Dorothy Tank. [Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve Agenda. Motion carried.](#)

[Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve minutes of Regular Mtg. on January 22, 2019. Motion carried.](#)

[Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve payment of Checks \(13901-13933 and Electronic Vouchers to WDOR & IRS \(C20200101 –C20200202\), Northern State Bank in the total of \\$32,949.47. Motion carried.](#)

Old Business:

1. Discuss Fuel Prices/Options: Ernst talked to Ritchie and they are defending their company. They are willing to give us a \$500.00 voucher and would help clean out our tanks. Ernst suggests to either clean out our tanks or order new ones. Richie would get us new tanks and pumps if that is the route we want to go. Koch said that they had fuel problems since he worked for the town. Cenex fuel prices are #2-\$2.17/gallon, fuel master 70/30 off road-\$2.299/gallon, road master 70/30-\$2.849, on road-\$2.729. They have 7 additives already in the fuel. [Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to purchase two new fuel tanks and two new pumps not to exceed over \\$3,000.00 per set. Roll call vote Koch-yes, Bruch-yes, Ernst-yes. Motion carried. Clerk to place the order for tanks and pumps tomorrow.](#)

New Business:

1. Review Lakeshore Lane Road Layout: Town of Chippewa receives transportation aid on .29 miles of Lakeshore Lane, the northern section is part of a private road. Dorothy Tank brought it to the board attention that nothing on the road indicates that it's a private road. She would like the town to put up a sign that states Lakeshore Lane (Private) where the private road begins.
2. Discuss Employment:
 - Accept Resignation of Employee: Board received a resignation letter from Noah Mueller. [Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to accept the resignation of Noah Mueller. Board wanted to wish Noah good luck and thanked him for his help. Mueller's last day will be February 21.](#)
 - Discuss Future Employment: Ernst believes that we need a full time employee. Board agreed to run an ad for two weeks for full time employment and in the ad the new employee would have to have retirement. Board agreed to have a special meeting on March 11 @ 6:30 to review candidates.
3. Posting of Town Roads: [Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to post the roads when the time is right. Motion carried.](#)
4. Ashland Co. Sheriff's Report: Officer Joanis sent an email to all clerks regarding ATV/Snowmobile signage. He explained the rules and would like to have the town review their ordinances. Board agreed to put on the agenda for next month.
5. Public Comment (Audience): None

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance: January 31, 2020	\$ 458,405.84
Reclamation Fund:	\$ 15,591.83
Equipment Fund:	\$ 125,267.46
Tax Account	\$ 3.98
Northern State Bank CD:	\$ 25,702.36

[Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to approve Treasurer's report. Motion carried.](#)

[In the checking account we also have our tax money. Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to transfer \\$45,620.61 from the checking account into the tax account. Motion carried.](#)

Clerks Report:

- Regular Board Meeting March 18 @ 6:30
- Special Meeting March 11 @ 6:30

- Drott Excavator – Clerk brought up that the person who put his bid on the excavator hasn't brought any money in and we still have it. Wanted to know if we should put it back out on bids. Board agreed to send them a letter and give them another month to pay for it or we will put it back up for bids.

Building Permits:

- **James Keller** 15067 Pinecone Lane, Butternut – 40' movable storage container – estimated value \$2,500.00. Ernst informed board that as long as it's movable it does not need a permit.

Driveway Permits: None

Road Crew Report:

- Roadwork Update:
 - Still some driveways that need to be addressed about cutting back branches
 - Sterling – new tire went bad due to chains chewing the side wall up. Zifkp informed road crew that these tires would be able to handle chains. Eder to find out if they will warranty it.
 - Grader – one leak is fixed and now there is another one.
 - International – arm broke new one on order.

Chairman/Supervisor's Report:

- Backhoe to get worked on before summer.
- Agenda item brusher for next month.

Motion by Ernst, second by Bruch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Cindy Pritzl- Clerk

Public Notices:

Special Meeting – March 11 @ 6:30pm
Regular Board Meeting – March 18 @ 6:30pm
Board of Review – May 13 @ 6:30