

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors
November 9, 2017

The Public Hearing for the 2018 proposed budget was called to order at 5:45 pm by Chairman Huebner. Those present: Ron Huebner, Steve Jacob, Dale Firary, Bill Gretzinger, David Liebenthal, Steve Rubert, Barb and Leroy Yohn, Marcia and Tom Brown and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Chairman Huebner asked if there were any questions on the budget which was available for the electors to review. There were no questions.

There being no other business, motion by Steve Rubert with a second from David Liebenthal to close the public hearing.

Chairman Huebner closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

The Special Meeting of the Town Electors was called to order at 5:53 pm by Chairman Huebner.

Motion by Steve Jacob with a second from Bill Gretzinger to approve of the 2018 proposed budget as well as the 2017 payable 2018 tax levy. Motion approved with all in favor.

There being no other business on the agenda, the Special Meeting of the Electors was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Town of Fountain Prairie was called to order by Chairman Ron Huebner at 5:57 pm. Town Board members present: Ron Huebner, Steve Jacob, Dale Firary, David Liebenthal and Bill Gretzinger. Others present: Leroy and Barb Yohn, Marcia and Tom Brown, Robert Defatte and Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer.

Notice of posting. Agenda posted at Fall River Post Office, Fall River Farmers & Merchants Union Bank, Town Hall, sent via Town Email List and on the Town Website: <http://fountainprairie.us>.

Robert Defatte was present to inquire about the Town vacating Leroy Drive if he were to purchase that property. Board members agreed that they would be willing to discuss this.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to move forward agenda item VI B-1 Approval of CSM for Tom and Marcia Brown. The addition of a small piece of land that the Brown's are purchasing from Justin Nettesheim does not need Town approval, because they are adjoining neighbors, but the survey map needs to be signed by the Town Board. CSM was signed by Town Board members.

Minutes – Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Steve Jacob to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Town Board meeting with the correction that Ron & Kim Brockman were not present and that Richard Habenicht was present for this meeting. Minutes approved as corrected with all in favor.

Clerk's Report – The Clerk advised the Board members regarding tax collection by the Farmers and Merchants Union Bank. The Bank would collect taxes for the Town and report daily to the Clerk those collections. This would make it more convenient for Town residents because the Bank is open more hours than the Clerk is at the Town Hall. The cost would be \$150.00 to Transcendent for the Columbia County tax receipting program. The F & M Union Bank does not charge for their services. The Board members agreed that this was a good service and that we should take advantage of it.

Treasurer's Report – Board members reviewed the bills payable for November. Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from David Liebenthal to approve for payment checks 6064 through 6080 including **Electronic Funds Payments** for payroll liabilities. Bills approved with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. A CD at Landmark is coming due on November 22, 2017. The money from the Landmark CD will be combined with the \$5,000.00 2017 budget payment and deposited into the State Local Government Account which now is paying 1.04% interest with no penalty for withdrawals. The Board is looking ahead to expenses that are anticipated for repairs to the dam in 2018 according to a recent dam inspection. Some of the costs may be deferred if a grant is obtained.

Motion by Bill Gretzinger with a second from Dale Firary to combine the money from

the maturing CD plus the \$5,000.00 2017 budget payment and deposit in the State Local Government Investment Program at an interest rate of 1.04%. Motion approved with all in favor.

New Business/Reports

Fall River Fire Group – David Liebenthal. Nothing new.

Planning Commission – Bill Gretzinger and Steve Jacob. Ron and Kim Brockman are requesting to separate the buildings from the farm land on the property formerly owned by Pearl Franke.

Columbus EMS – David Liebenthal. Nothing new

Lazy Lake Management District – Dale Firary. Nothing new. Next meeting is December 13, 2017.

Park on Sleepy Hollow Drive (Resort Park) – Dale Firary. Nothing new – no meeting.

Permits/Licenses & Doylestown Recycling - Steve Jacob. Nothing new.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Huebner. Chairman Huebner checked on the culvert on Fountain Road. Nothing can be done.

Sidewalk, curb and gutter along CTH D. This was tabled.

Residing the Town garage – there was one estimate from Oelke Construction at a cost of \$6,749.00 to reside the garage with vinyl siding and a new service door. If soffit and fascia are included, the cost would be \$1,200.00 more. Chairman Huebner will get another estimate.

The 2018 Town Budget with 2017 levy limit payable in 2018 were approved by the Town Electors at the Special Meeting of the Electors. Town Board approved the same.

Discontinuing Leroy Drive – this was discussed at the beginning of the meeting with Robert Defatte and Leroy and Barb Yohn.

Chairman Huebner had the County file for a Local Road Improvement Program project. The project would be one mile of Hemling Road. The cost that the County gave Chairman Huebner was \$207,460.00.

Snow Removal at the Town Hall – there were no bids received. Another notice will be published. This time the notice will be published in the Columbus Journal.

Old Business:- Summer Road Work Update. Chairman Huebner will contact Joe Deboer regarding putting up 10-ton signs on Heppe Road and Shady Lane.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6 pm.

There being no further business, motion by David Liebenthal with a second from Dale Firary to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Clerk/Treasurer

Attached to Original Minutes: Monthly Financial Report
2018 Approved Budget

APPROVED