

Town of Hamburg
Monthly Board Meeting
February 15, 2022
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Tucker, Stubbe
Fire Department Chief Ryan DeBroux, Assistant Chief Kevin Borchardt
Cody Murkowski/Nathaniel Hein

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Clerk Dawn Czech read the January, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Supervisor Stubbe, seconded by Supervisor Artus. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Two local teens, Murkowski and Hein, stood and confessed to stealing a series of street signs recently. They apologized for their poor choices, and stated they had learned a big lesson because of it. Vogel thanked them for their presence and their willingness to own up to their actions.

Fire Department/EMR Report

Fire Department Chief DeBroux stated he is working to update the SAM registration to enable the Township to receive future grant monies.

He also is working with a new Fire Inspection contractor to secure a new contract for inspections in Hamburg.

The Edgar Fire Department is interested in purchasing the Air canister bottles from the old FD air packs. All other parts of the system are outdated.

DeBroux reports Marathon County will be using the new tower on Hwy 107 North to improve communication levels for the Fire Departments pagers and radios.

The Department of Natural Resources will be collecting 11 buckets of PFAS foam from the Hamburg Fire Department. PFAS have been found to cause health problems in animals and Humans. Increased levels have found in the water supply in various municipalities in Marathon County recently.

The Fire Department is looking into new lighting in the Fire Barn. They estimate new LED fixtures will cost \$2500.00. They will be exploring possible WPSC rebates as well.

Talks are currently in progress in wider Marathon County to have a professional SAFER Department provide Fire services throughout the county. It would provide both EMS and Fire

protection and close the smaller rural departments. A feasibility study will be done before any recommendations are forwarded to the County Board.

Upcoming events for the Department:

April 2nd Fire Department classroom training Hamburg Town Hall

June 25th Tractor Pull fund raiser Hamburg Town Hall

August 17th \$100 Raffle fund raiser Hamburg Town Hall

Chairman Report

Vogel reported the new Stettin-Rib Falls-Berlin Fire contracts will be going in the mail tomorrow. The contracts are for 5-years, with a 2.5% increase in each year (2022-2026). The contracts will be delivered to Berlin, Rib Falls, and Stettin for signatures.

An application for Fire Department member has been received from Troy Stadler. Motion made by Artus, seconded by Stubbe to approve the application if Stadler passes the mandatory background check. Motion carries.

Vogel asked for suggestions for the upcoming Newsletter and Annual Meeting agenda.

Suggestions include:

Township wide Dust Control application

Town Shed Roof

Road maintenance for Wilde Drive and Skye Falls Drive

New town vehicle for Road Use

Town Shed lighting

Supervisor Report

Artus reports 4 new tires have been purchased for the grader. We have received credit for ½ tread remaining on 2 of the older tires.

With little snow in the past month, plowing across roadways issues have not been much of a problem. Supervisors will monitor roadways after future storms.

Treasurer Report

\$150,956.28 Bank Checking

\$49,246.56 ARPA monies from the State of WI (included in bank balance)

\$185,170.18 Machinery Fund

\$97,744.98 Fire Dept Engine Fund

\$259,628.60 Athens Credit Union (Tax Acct)

Clerk Report

Czech discussed Open book and Board of Review Dates that have been proposed by Mueller Assessment's in April, 2022. The Town Board approved both dates.

Accounts Payable and Receivable

Motion by Stubbe to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Artus seconds. Motion carries.

Upcoming Meetings

03-08-22 Town Board Meeting 6:30pm Town Hall

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 8:00 pm, seconded by Stubbe. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk