

Township of Bloom
Monthly Board Meeting
March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Chairman Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Wayne Morse Jr
Supervisor Stuart Miller
Supervisor Jerry Crotsenberg
Clerk Shelly Schweiger
Treasurer Lora Hynek

Delegations or Citizens:

Earl Wallace
Isaac Wallace
Nora and Patty Midlash
Kathy Fanta & Lyle Morris
Kevin Schmitz, Scott Construction

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Pledge of Allegiance

VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW –

1. The board was informed that the notice was posted in the three locations (West Lima, Bloom City and the Town Hall).

REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA –

1. No Additions or Changes – Supervisor **Crotsenberg** moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Miller. Motion carried unanimously

Bids for Gravel and Sealcoat –

- a. Motion made by Jerry Crotsenberg to accept the gravel bid from Bindl Bauer. Stuart seconded the motion.
- b. Jerry made a motion to accept the seal coat bid from Fahrner. Wayne will check with Fahrner to make sure that pot holes will be included in the bid. If the pot holes is not included in the bid then we will relook at the bid with Scott Construction. Stuart Miller seconded the motion.

Kickapoo School Referendum Discussion – Earl and Issac Wallace on behalf of the school board presented information on the school referendum. The State of Wisconsin is giving less money to public schools, Esser Funds are expiring that the school has received in the past. Expenses have increased (teachers' salaries,

insurance, buses, heating, electric, etc.) and this is why the school district is having the referendum. The plan is for the school to need around \$400,000 each year for 4 years at this time the Pool Referendum debt and the HVAC debt should be paid off. With the referendum this will start to increase the funds that we will get from the state and help with some offsetting some costs.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lora Hynek dropped off reports to be reviewed with the following balances:

- a. General Checking and Cash on Hand \$3,580.82
- b. Money Market – General \$149,395.77
- c. Savings Account \$30,554.55
- d. Capital Reserve Fund - \$117,037.19
- e. Money Market – Tax \$88,018.06
- f. Accounts Receivable - \$1,210.00
- g. 3-CD's - \$75,000.00

Supervisor Miller made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Supervisor Crotsenberg seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0

1. County Board Report - Mary Miller was not present however she was in contact with Wayne and told him that the recycling event will be May 4th and a flyer should be coming out.
2. Patrolman Report – Culvert Repair on Old County Farm Road, weed mower shoe repairs were done, road band signs have been removed.
3. Road and Bridges Report – 6-20' culvert program – If the patrolman does this then we do not get the state funding. If we go with Delmore Consulting they charge \$100.00 per culvert and then the state reimburses us \$100.00 per culvert. Stuart made a motion to contact Delmore Consulting and Jerry seconded the motion and motion carried
 - a. Peckham Lane Concrete – The Sheriffs office gave them notice and they have until April 2nd to rectify this and removed. Stuart made a motion to table this until the April meeting and Jerry seconded the motion and motion passed
4. Delegations/Citizens to Address to Board – Nothing
5. Set Next Meeting Date/Time: April 17 at 5:30 p.m. and Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
6. Equipment – Richard should have the tractor done in about 2 weeks
7. Garbage / Recycling Center – County will be doing a clean-up on May 4th. Bloom will have the Recycling Clean-up on April 27th. Lora will get a poster out. People are putting items in and around dumpsters when we are not open. Town and Country will be putting chains on the tanks and they will be locked during non-hours.
8. Fire & EMS –
 - a. Yuba – Meeting next week
 - b. Richland Center – Wayne attended the meeting last night and a fire ban is on, elderly can get fire detectors and co2 detectors for free
 - c. LaFarge – Annual Banquet is Saturday
 - d. Kickapoo Rescue Squad – Nothing new
9. Old Business –
 - a. Web site update – this has been submitted and send certified mail

- b. Water for Elections / Well – Stuart suggested we pick up bottled water for election workers. Lora will pick this up.

10. New Business –

- a. Assessor Reevaluation – Wayne spoke to the assessor on this.
- b. Nelson Agri Center – Shopping List, Battery grease gun, shop towels, starting fluid, nuts/bolts, etc.
- c. Porch Repairs – Earl looked at the paneling and will be fixing, Lora will be looking to see if she has some vinyl flooring for the entry.
- d. Road Inspection Date – Tabled until next meeting
- e. Property Fraud Alert – Richland County is implementing a transfer protection program that is being worked on. This will be something that will be added to our website once it is going.
- f. Open Book and Board of Review dates – May/June we will know more next month.

- 11. Approve and Pay Bills –** Pay Bills - Clerk Schweiger handed out the paid bills from the previous month and the current bills to be approved by the board. Supervisor Miller made the motion to pay the monthly bills with a 2nd from Supervisor Crotsenberg and the motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Crotsenberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. and it was seconded by Supervisor Miller, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Shelly Schweiger, Town Clerk