

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Call to Order / Verification of Public Notice

The regular monthly Town Board Meeting for the Town of Vance Creek was held after meeting notices and agenda had been posted at the Vance Creek Town Hall, Miller's Sports Bar and Vance Creek Town Garage for five days. The meeting was held at the Vance Creek Town Hall on Tuesday night, February 12, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. Chairman Allen Libby called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Public notice of meeting was verified.

Members Present

Allen Libby, Mike Stafne, Tim Prusak, Marge Marlett and Paul F. Streif. Town maintenance man, Virgil Barthman was also present.

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

A motion by Tim Prusak to accept the January 8, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Mike Stafne seconds. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Allen Libby introduced Town Attorney Adam Jarchow from Bakke Norman Law Firm in New Richmond. Adam will offer a description of items set forth in the drafts of the four Ordinances to be discussed, considered and possibly approved following the public comments portion of the meeting.

To open the public participation portion Kendra Quist asked if the public could ask questions during the Attorney's description of the Ordinances. Answer to Kendra's question by the Board and Attorney was no.

Kellie Jones spoke that she is disappointed that this portion of the meeting is not a question and answer period.

Question asked by David Williams if the Attorney contract is public record.

Tim Austin spoke that he works in reclaiming mine pits and the land is put back to use like it was before.

Jerry Black asked if a special hearing meeting could be held before a vote on the Ordinances.

Joe Plouff asked for a moratorium and then to have a special hearing to listen to the constituents and to get a dialogue established.

There were others that spoke in favor and against the issue as well. There were about 60 citizens in attendance.

Correspondence

Clerk received from the secretary of the Wisconsin Towns Association Barron County Unit the meeting minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Paul F. Streif presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$519,090.16 as of January 31, 2013.

Motions

Attorney Jarchow announced to the citizens that Mike Stafne will recuse himself from discussing and voting on the Ordinances.

Adam explained the Non-Metallic Mining Moratorium Ordinance stops everything for six months. No motion was made to approve the Non-Metallic Mining Moratorium Ordinance.

Non-Metallic Mine Operator's License Ordinance No: 2013-1:

Mining Operators must fill out an application and come to the Town and pay a fee. The Mining Company bears all costs, engineering, attorney etc. Mining Company has to get a license and the Town will regulate.

Blasting Ordinance No. 2013-2:

Regulates the use of explosives and the hours.

Citation Ordinance No. 2013-3:

Gives the Town authority to issue citations for violations.

Motion made by Tim Prusak to approve Non-Metallic Mine Operator's License Ordinance No. 2013-1. Allen Libby seconds. Vote taken: Allen, yes, Tim, yes, Mike recused. Carried.

Motion made by Tim Prusak to approve Blasting Ordinance No. 2013-2. Allen Libby seconds. Vote taken: Allen, yes, Tim, yes, Mike recused. Carried.

Motion made by Tim Prusak to approve Citation Ordinance No. 2013-3. Allen Libby seconds. Vote taken: Allen, yes, Tim, yes, Mike recused. Carried

Upon official publication in the *Tri-County North Advertiser* February 25, 2013 issue Ordinance No. 2013-1, Ordinance No. 2013-2 and Ordinance No. 2013-3 will become effective.

Vouchers

Motion made by Tim Prusak and seconded by Mike Stafne to approve the vouchers to be paid with checks 9544 – 9569 and 2 EFT's totaling \$313,389.51. Motion carried.

Town Employees' Report

Virgil is presently on medical leave following surgery. Scott Nordby is taking over duties for Virgil while he is off by plowing snow and sanding the roads.

Other Business

David Williams now has a website for the Town of Vance Creek up and running. To get to the website you need to Google www.townofvancecreek.com. The full Ordinances 2013-1, 2013-2 and 2013-3 that were adopted at this meeting are available on the website. Town Ordinances adopted in the past are also available for informational purposes on the website. Meeting notices and the meeting agendas will also be posted on the website. The application for an absentee ballot is also available under the More menu. Scroll down to Forms and Permits to print out the absentee ballot application. Only voters who are registered can receive an absentee ballot. Complete the absentee ballot application and mail to Clerk Marge Marlett. The Clerk's address is under the Town Officials menu on the website.

Next monthly Board meeting date is Tuesday night, March 12, 2013.

Adjournment

As there was no further business a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Marge A. Marlett - Clerk