

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 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 three days. The meeting was held at the Vance Creek Town Hall on Tuesday night, January 8, 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 Mike Stafne to accept the December 11, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Tim Prusak seconds. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Libby introduced Attorney Adam Jarchow from Bakke Norman Law Firm in New Richmond. Adam made comments regarding Procedure of Open Meetings Law and Nonmetallic Mining and Mining related Ordinances.

Kendra Quist spoke during the open session in protest and she requested of the Clerk that it be noted in the minutes. Kendra asked the Board for a one year moratorium on frac sand mines. Kellie Jones spoke on other Towns that have adopted Ordinances. Dave Williams asked to have a citizens group formed for a moratorium. Denis Enders, Virginia Carr, Jess Fredericks, Dan Enders and Andrew French want community input for a moratorium. Tim Austin spoke all mines are regulated. Among the many others concerned citizens to speak included Katie French, Mike Rchette, Tony Kofakis, Joe Plouff, Brent Rystrom and Nick Barthman. Some spoke for and some spoke against mining. George Edwards Jr. spoke that he is against zoning. About 125 citizens were in attendance at this meeting with standing room only in the hall.

Adam Jarchow told the gathering he has done Non-metallic Mining Ordinances for 15 – 20 Towns. A mining company would have to come to the Town Board to enter into a mining agreement which would include a violation citation.

Correspondence

Clerk received from Gary and Kendra Quist a request for a Non-metallic Mining moratorium Ordinance. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Revised State Trunk Highway Fire Call Claim Program. Allen reported on Peterbilt truck repair.

Treasurer's Report

Paul F. Streif presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$310,708.68 as of December 31, 2012.

Motions

Motion made by Tim Prusak to hire Adam Jarchow as the Town Attorney. Mike Stafne seconds. Motion carried.

Mike Stafne has offered to reclude himself from voting on this issue as the boring for frac sand is on Mike's land. Adam will prepare drafts of Ordinances and Moratorium Ordinance for the February Board meeting.

Vouchers

Motion made by Mike Stafne and seconded by Tim Prusak to approve the vouchers to be paid with checks 9512 – 9543 and 2 EFT's totaling \$171,543.87. Motion carried.

Town Employees' Report

Virgil reported he is going in for surgery on January 14 and will have to be off of work for up to six weeks. Scott Nordby will be filling in for Virgil when needed to plow snow and sand the roads.

Other Business

Town Caucus is Tuesday night, January 15, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. The Town Caucus is the time to nominate candidates for the Town Board offices of Town Chairman, Supervisor I, Supervisor II, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer to be voted on at the April 2, 2013 Spring Election.

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

Adjournment

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

Marge A. Marlett - Clerk