

Tofte Town Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018

Present: Supervisors Craig Horak and Sam Crowley, Treasurer Nancy Iverson, Clerk Barb Gervais, Deputy Clerk Britnie Soderholm, Commissioner Ginny Storlie, Cullen Hall and Finley Jo Crowley. Supervisor Sarah Somnis was unable to attend this meeting.

Vice Chair Craig Horak called the board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas.

Clerk Barb Gervais presented the Supervisors with a tentative agenda for tonight's meeting. Supervisor Sam Crowley approved the agenda as presented by the Clerk. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Clerk's report: Clerk Barb Gervais had sent the Supervisors the minutes for the December 14 monthly meeting and December 27 special meeting prior to tonight's meeting for their review. Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to approve the December 14 and December 27 minutes as presented. Supervisor Craig Horak seconds. Clerk Barb Gervais will be working on the year end reports this weekend. Clerk's office must be open by law on the last day of filing January 16 from 1-5 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Nancy Iverson gave the Treasurer's report. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve the treasurer's reports. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

Claims, Payroll, and Transfers: Clerk Barb Gervais presented the board with claims totaling \$15,901.69 for approval for payment. Supervisor Craig Horak asked to review the claim form and invoice from Ninaworks. He reviewed the claim form and invoice. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve payment of claims as presented by the Clerk. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Clerk Barb Gervais presented the board with payroll this evening totaling \$3,312.50. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve payment of the payroll as presented. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

The Clerk suggested the following transfers of funds to transact tonight's business: 1. Transfer \$900.00 from the community center lease account to general checking and transfer \$3751 second half of town aid payment from general checking to savings #2. With no questions, Supervisor Craig Horak motions to approve the transfers as recommended by the Clerk. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Fire Department report: Chief Rich Nelson was unable to attend this meeting. Supervisors Craig Horak and Sam Crowley reported a lot of false alarms at Bluefin. The Fire Dept responded to a snowmobile fire.

Rescue Squad report: Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke was unable to attend this meeting. Supervisors Craig Horak and Sam Crowley reported the rescue squad had 3 or 4 calls in December. The Rescue/First Responders received a donation of \$50 from James Giebel. Supervisor Sam Crowley motions to adopt Resolution #1-2018 to accept the donation of \$50 from James Giebel to be used towards the Rescue/First Responders costs. Supervisor Craig Horak seconds.

County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Ginny Storlie reported she is chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2018. Commissioner Myron Burscheim was voted in as vice chair.

There are three (3) unions for the County workers; Law enforcement, Highway Dept, and Courthouse employees. Commissioners will be voting on the contracts for each of the unions. Ginny said the Board of Commissioners made a change in Commissioners to meeting the second Tuesday meeting moved to 5 p.m.; third Tuesday time will stay the same time 9:30 a.m. Ginny said they will be looking for a representative to be the budget committee; meets from March to November once a month.

Citizen's comments: None.

Old/New Business

Tofte Housing Project: Mary Somnis, Director of Cook County EDA, will be looking for funding to for a way to construct housing in Tofte without the costing the Town any money. Dennis Rysdahl asked Clerk Barb Gervais to send reports on site information including the survey, topographical plan, wetland delineation and site plans done previous planners to Scott Stempihar of Krech and Ojard for a proposal for prepare one or two alternate preliminary site plans for Tofte housing site. The Clerk sent the reports on file.

Birch Grove Community Center: Trevor Huggins going to take the test for the food certification license. Supervisor Craig Horak is getting a lot of complaints about Bruce Zimpel's work. Craig said he would meet with Bruce Zimpel. Supervisor Sam Crowley said he took Class E license test online. Supervisor Sam Crowley discussed the timer for ice rink lights; he said he might one at home, if not, he would look up a timer on Viking Electric to see if they have one and have Clerk Barb Gervais ordered it.

Congress Comes to You Meeting – Hannah Alstead from Rick Nolan's office is holding a Congress Comes to You Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at the Tofte Town Hall at Noon to 1 p.m. Clerk Barb Gervais will post there may be a quorum of supervisors at the meeting. She will post the meeting on Boreal, send emails to neighboring townships, and post it in Tofte.

Clerk Barb Gervais will send a reminder that requests for donations in 2019 are due February 1, 2018, to organizations that have asked for donations in the past.

Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to close the Lodging Tax account after receiving the revenue from December. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to set the 2018 mileage reimbursement at the same the federal rate which is 54.5 cents a mileage and leaving the per diem rate and hourly wage outside work of the meetings the same. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

No other business to be discussed, Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Gervais, Tofte Town Clerk