

Minutes Barry Township Regular Meeting

Hinckley Community Room

May 21, 2024

The meeting was opened at 7 pm and the pledge was recited. Present were: Chairman Ed Hattenberger, Supervisor Keith Kappauf, Supervisor Kim Crow, Treasurer Dick Prenovost, Clerk Sue Dutcher and townspersons Bobbi Butler, Allan Moon, Kathy Horbacz, Lewis McFerran, Paul Sporcic, Donald Lindquist, Carri Hagle, and Todd Crow. Also present was guest speaker Jeff Nelson from the Pine County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Jeff Nelson spoke briefly about how Pine County's law enforcement could help to enforce Barry Township's zoning ordinance. Basically, they would be able to give citations to residents who are out of compliance and don't cooperate with the Township. An agreement will be made between the PCSO and Barry Township at the cost of \$32.47/half hour. We should also look into an agreement with the County Attorney's office.

Under Open Forum:

Lewis asked about when the move to the Community Room was decided and when the remainder of the belongings would be removed. Ed and Lewis decided on a time and date. Kathy asked about trees being cut, and whether the Board would schedule some time before September's continuation of the annual meeting to discuss the coming year's budget. Ed responded that that would be discussed closer to the meeting. Don asked about whether there would be a special meeting before the town hall situation is decided. Ed replied that there would. Paul asked where the records are being kept, and was told that they are temporarily stored at the home of Kelly McCoy. Carri asked why the open forum was not at the end of the meeting, and was told that we are following the MAT recommended Agenda style.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Kim, 2nd by Keith. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved with a motion by Keith, 2nd by Kim. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted with a motion by Kim and 2nd by Ed. A motion was made by Kim, 2nd by Ed to allow the purchase of needed items including checks, stamps and a printer/copier. Motion carried.

Old Business-

Ed reported that the Township Permit signs should arrive in 2-3 weeks at the cost of around \$250 + shipping.

Kim reported receiving a quote on a new town hall (full build) that was in the amount of \$102,000. Another for the shell only was \$34,000 but would need to look for a general contractor. Kim mentioned that there are grants available but we'd need a final cost to apply.

A resolution was passed to officially begin the process of forming a planning committee.

New Business-

Kim mentioned that a couple of residents wanted to parcel off acres and saw no problem with it.

The Board will visit the New Look CUP construction site to see if they are in compliance as reports are coming in of a large new structure on the site. Some residents have also emailed to complain of noise.

The Board decided to allow one more letter to the residents on Gov't Road to bring the trailer house situation into compliance before referring them to law enforcement.

Under Supervisor's Minute a discussion was held on cleaning the ditches of tires and old furniture. Ed said there is a plan in place. There was discussion on the possibility of a Township Clean Up Day but it could only be the ditches, not the resident's unwanted debris.

There was discussion of possible residents "adopting" certain roads for keeping the ditches clean. Will see if there is any interest.

There was a motion to pay the bills as listed in the treasurer's report made by Keith and 2nd by Kim. Motion carried.

Next meeting is June 18, 2024 at the Hinckley Community Room.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Kim and 2nd by Ed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Chairman Ed Hattenberger

Clerk Sue Dutcher