Town Board meeting February 2016

The town board meeting was called order at 7:30pm. Chairman, supervisors were present, clerk participated via telephone conference, treasurer was not present.

The minutes from the January 5th town board meeting were read by Chairman Hesse. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve the minutes with two corrections, seconded by Mulder.

Public Concerns:

No public concerns.

Board reviewed the proposed Registration of Marketable Nonmetallic Mineral Deposit and support materials recently received from Mathy Construction Co. No action made.

Don Spearbecker from Joe Lord Systems of Warrens , WI presented their proposal for energy conservation measures that will provide a reduction in the cost of electricity for the town hall/fire department building and the highway shop. The proposal includes changing all lighting to LED, motion sensor fixtures where appropriate and wrapping the hot water heaters and pipes. The cost of making these changes will be reduced through grants from Focus on Energy and a 25% discount from Xcel Energy. The final proposed costs are \$3,422.25 for the town hall/ fire department and \$2,488.25 for the highway shop. It is estimated that the changes will result in substantial savings in the cost of electricity for both locations with payback in approximately 2.5 years. A motion was made by Kirchner and seconded by Mulder to accept the proposals from Lord Electric & Control to update the town hall/fire department and highway shop with energy conservation measures. Motion passed.

Scott Whitsett from Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc met with the Board to review final plans for Davis Creek Road and present a Professional Services Contract Amendment #4 for time and material for construction inspection services up to 200 hours at a cost of \$16,500 for consideration. They recommend having an inspector onsite during construction especially during the pavement process. A motion was made by Hesse to approve Amendment #4, seconded by Kirchner. Motion passed.

Mr. Whitsett also proposed that Jewell Associated Engineers begin the process of advertising for bids for the project with a July 1st start date planned. A motion was made by Kirchner to authorize Jewell to advertise for bids for the project, seconded by Mulder. Bids will be opened at 4pm at the Town Hall on March 1st. Kirchner will represent the Board at the bid openings.

Roads

- The CV joint in the pickup needs repairs again. Board discussed possibly replacing the truck next year. Chairman Hesse relayed a suggestion he received that the township keep their pickup for 3 years then rotate it to the Fire Department for 3 years. The six year old truck would then be traded for a new truck for the township. Board agreed to give this some future consideration.

Solid Waste

Gary Hougom from Hilltopper Refuse was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family. Dennis Konze informed that the current comingle box is being replaced with one that is open on the top, it should be the same height.

Emergency Services

Board reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement between Town of Farmington and La Crosse County Emergency Services, motion to approve agreement effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 made by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion made by Kirchner to approve receipts 205017 through 205020, seconded by Hesse.

The township checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirchner to approve township checks #19811 through #19861 and the EFTS and Fire Department checks #4242-4255. Seconded by Mulder.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50pm by Kirchner, seconded by Mulder.