

*1/13/2015 Town of Mekan Regular Monthly meeting at Town of Mekan W1561 Ever Green Ln Montello WI . Meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Michael Raddatz. Present Nancy Reuter, Clayton Masters, Caroline Gemoll, Irene Palmer, Jeff Ferrite, Kenneth Raddatz, Mary Manning, Manny, Tom Onofrey, Marge Breivogel.

Minutes read by Caroline Gemoll, Motion to accept minutes as read by Clayton Masters, 2nd by Nancy Reuter. Passed Mike Raddatz questioned 944 – Caroline advised we have to wait for IRS to respond, also the Health and Safety report wanted to know if that was resolved. Advised that this was sent, email was incorrect, but did not receive an error, resent to correct email.

Treasurer's Report read by Irene Palmer, Discussion on returned check for property taxes and letter to tax payer. Irene stated that she has also collected 1300 in back property taxes for 2013 year. Balance was around 3704 to collect for 2013 in personal property taxes. Irene will be sending some to the new collection agency. Jeff advised that we should also put that this will be sent to the credit bureau also, Collection agency will place on the credit bureau. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Clayton Masters, 2nd by Nancy Reuter.

Tom Onofrey from Zoning is here to discuss the Comprehensive Planning information and to inform the town that two areas of focus that are changing. One is Comprehensive Plan Update and Farm and Preservation Planning. Planned goal Land use map and Farm and Preservation map are going to be one. Our a current Planned land use map we have a lot of land that is Agriculture which fall under Farm and Preservation which requires at least 80% zoned Ag 1 but we are currently zoned Ag 2 . Rural lands is 10 acre min and ag1 is 40 acre min Farm land Farm and Preservation land tax credit is changing and farmers would not get tax credit unless they are in the Farm and Preservation . So we do need to do something either to get our planned land use map updated. County would do the in house maps. There is a Comprehensive Planning meeting on January 14th 2014 at 7:00 p.m. That should be attended by the Board to get a better understanding on the way this will affect the town. Also mentioned that our biggest farmer should attend this meeting. Mike Raddatz plans on attending the meeting.

Shore land zoning the new zoning impervious surfacing coming Oct 2016. County zoning coming in and out has been on the State agenda numerous times. People converting upper garage into sleeping area is moving forward in allowing this, as they County know people are doing this and want to make sure it is done safely and according to code.

Short term rental – is in corporate counsel with specific language – Looking at Tourist rooming house license that owners would need to apply - this would also affect the current rentals and would be subject to health inspections.

Questioned house on Franks Drive, why it's taking so long to get rid of it- Owner is deceased and was in an estate and no one wants to administer the estate as there is no money in it.

Hwy Billing- Mike went to the meeting – Hwy Discussion on our why bill for Fox Court. Estimate was 71,000.00 with the Town Receiving an estimated 10,000 for trips grant. Total billing for the Fox Court is coming in around 91, 000. This is 19455. Over our budgeted funding. Raddatz meet with Hwy Department to negotiate a settlement, possibly that we would pay for the material and county will not charge for the machinery and labor for that Portion County said no. The County would not make a precedent on and estimate. It's easier for county to take care of everything, it's just a phone call. Basically would save 50.00 hour if hired out directly but would need our own truck would be able to get someone to plow for 15 to 20 hourly. Ken Raddatz stated that he does not think you could get retired people out at 1, 2 3 in the morning to plow snow it would not be easy. Clayton Masters stated that he agrees but we do have it good with the county and feels that we should pay them and stay with the county – yes he agreed that there was a mistake. There has been a good relationship with the County and they are getting things updated to get better estimates. Jeff Femreite

Stated that there is all kinds of bumps in the road and feels they did not do a good job and they should rip it out and do it right. One they did a bad job and 2 they want more money for it. Hwy County shot down our grievance down so it would not go to county board. There is a County highway board meeting on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Current bill that we owe the county for end of December is 44337.86 will voucher to pay 24882.76 as of now board chair agreed to pay the Highway bill all but the 19455.10. Ken suggested that anyone at the meeting would stand with spokesperson to show the county how many people are not happy with this.

IRS Mileage 57.5 cents per mile

Mike stated that our Hwy budget should be 3197 higher for the new funds that came in. Caroline will adjust the budget to reflect the correct highway funds.

Caucus

Ken Raddatz ran the caucus nominations

Mike stated that current officers are on the ballot. Clayton Masters stated he was not going to be running.

Clayton Masters nominated Michael Raddatz to be chairman, 2nd by Nancy 2nd.

Marty Cooperschmidt nominated Nancy Reuter for Supervisor 1, 2nd by Michael Raddatz

Michael Raddatz nominated Jeff Femreite nominated for Supervisor 2, 2nd by Caroline Gemoll

Michael Raddatz nominated Caroline Gemoll for clerk, 2nd by Irene Palmer

Michael Raddatz nominated Irene Palmer, 2nd by Nancy Reuter.

No other nominations for any of the offices.

No Lake District Report

Correspondence- Mike read a thank you from Adam Malsack that was in the paper concerning the Fox court Road

Transportation aids money – already confirmed

Mike stated that he would also like to get the room tax report.

Mike stated that he would like to get the treasurers settlement copy

Operator's license Mike would like an update.

Caroline had summary of Censes that was mailed in

Public and Safety and Health information – that needed to be filed- no injuries

Nationwide Retirement- Showing current funds

Vouchers 1-33

Motion to accept Vouchers 1-33 by Mike Raddatz 2nd by Nancy Reuter. Passed

Irene stated the printer worked great for the tax letters this year.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Reuter, 2nd by Clayton Masters. Passed