

Town of Mecan Regular Monthly Meeting at Mecan Town Hall

1561 Evergreen Montello WI 53949

Meeting February 9 2016 Town of Mecan

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm with pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of Jan 12th 2016 read by Caroline Gemoll. Motion to accept minutes as read by Nancy Reuter, 2nd by Jeff Fimreite. Passed

Financial Report read by Irene Palmer, Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Nancy Reuter, 2nd by Jeff Fimreite. Passed

New Business- Montello EMS Sustainability Meeting – Mike attended the meeting for EMS, and they are looking at satellite areas throughout the county. Currently Marquette County run by volunteers but in the near future will need to be full time as this involves a lot of advance training that will be mandated by state. This will be a five year project.

Princeton Fire Department- Ernie Pulvermacher gave presentation on the Fire Department, This compiles of four areas, Town of Princeton, City of Prince, Town of St Marie, and Town of Mecan. Princeton fire Department wanted to know why we were looking into leaving the Fire District. Ernie gave history of Town of Mecan with the Fire Department since 1883. All it takes is an election to change the offices if this is Political. Ernie gave us all the information on the equipment and the Fire Department volunteers and their qualifications. Gave the geographic areas that are covered and where the Town of Mecan fits into this and that Mecan is closer than the Montello area. Board member Jeff Fimreite stated that this possible move is not anything to do with the service with the Princeton Fire Department. The Town of Mecan thinks the Princeton Fire Department is awesome, it is that we have spent two years working on this and about the games that are being played and this is costing the town money and we don't want to play games, and this is all for about 25.00 dollars a year increase. Mike questioned the Fire department that the City of Princeton was being kicked out for not paying rent. Ernie stated that when he questioned the City of Princeton on this, that the Princeton Mayor and Board did not know anything about this, that the attorney sent this letter without their consent. The City Reasoning, two board members feel they need to go to referendum. One doesn't want to spend any money, and one wanted a remodel, which a remodel would cost 1,200,000 and would still need updates in 10 years. Jeff stated it would be more beneficial for the City of Princeton coming here to state why we should not leave. Mike received numbers from Montello if we join their Fire Department, and at this time would be around 10000.00 less a year. Our buying would be 17.88 percent of the depreciated value of the current equipment. Citizens' concerns that that their rating would go to a 10 for a large area of the Mecan. Also we would be going to a 6 entity district rather that our current four and how this might reflect on response time if we joined Montello. Howard Bednarek stated that why would the City of Princeton drive away a supporter that they have or would they rather split it 2 to 3 ways when it would cost them more than the 25 dollars. City of Princeton portion is 9500.00 and of that is rent and basically only paying around 3000 for the fire department, Town of Princeton pays 60000.00 and then Town of Mecan 22500 and lowest 7162. With Town of St Marie. 19.70 Per assessed value. Al Weckwerth was at our meeting and stated that he wish that the City of Princeton would have attended the meeting and he believes that they did not know anything about our meeting to discuss leaving, and that he wished that there was an option for them like the Town of Mecan. Ernie Pulvermacher stated he advised the City of

Princeton Board of what the Town of Mecan was looking into and to discuss this on the agenda, but did not get put on the agenda nor did it come up in comments. Other discussion was on the three town's build the new fire station and charge Princeton rent. Jeff Fimreite stated that grievance needs to be asked of the City of Princeton. A new fire station will last for 50-70 years. We need this new station and the longer we wait the more it will cost. Ernie Pulvermacher stated that he spoke with the Mayor and he stated that he wanted to put it on the November Election for referendum. Mecan has been more than happy with the Princeton Fire Department. Jeff Fimreite stated we are gathering information. The next fire District Fire Meeting is going to be March 2nd 2016 at the Princeton Fire Department . February 23rd is the next City of Princeton meeting. Jeff Fimreite recommended that this should be on the City of Princeton agenda. Let it be know that we are seriously gathering information for the possibility of moving into the Montello fire district. Ernie Pulvermacher encouraged Mecan to communicate this to the City of Princeton. Jeff Fimreite stated to send a copy of our minutes to them. Mike stated that why don't we build the fire department between the three, Al stated that if Mecan left the fire district, it would not rattle the City of Princeton at all, even though it would cost them more money in the interm. With Mecan leaving that leaves 22000 that 3 other entities will need to absorb. Town of Princeton has Berlin for ambulance service. Comments from Dale Seehaver, we need to understand where the City of Princeton is coming from before we can get them to change the attitude about the fire department, and part of it is with the Population is dwindling and valuations are dwindling, taking away the fire department would be a visible empty building on the Highway. City is looking at more debt, the city cannot afford. The iso Rating Rural went from 10 to 6 and last year in city went from 4Y to steady 4. Questions were answered throughout the presentation. Princeton Fire Department thanked the Town of Mecan for letting them make their presentation. Ernie Pulvermacher stated that if Town of Mecan left he would consider resigning. Rick Bednarek asked when a decision would be made. Mike Raddatz advised we would have another meeting before a decision is made.

Highway Service agreement Meeting- Marquette County Highway the new agreement the Highway department wants would include these additional charges 4.8% for each buildings that the trucks are parked in, and 14% to park the trucks in them and 4668.35 for 7.6% of 37.6 miles as a surcharge to plow the snow. 10600 off the top of our highway aids that we receive plus the 4600.00 for an estimate of 15000 from our highway aids that doesn't leave much to do any road work.

Mike received a quote from Koplun and Kingas at 162.60 hr grader, plow truck, winger and sander. we would have two dedicated trucks, as of now they have the best bid. Rick Bednarek stated that if the town are getting plowed last anyhow, are we on time and half. Mike answered yes. With that said Howard Bednarek stated we would be cheaper off hiring out. Howard Bednarek stated that he saw the plows out without any snow on the roads.

New Laws for web posting - can be on the web and one other place this is for the town meetings to meet the minimum requirements. Election and annual meetings still need to be put in the paper. The cost for the meeting publication is around 9.00 dollars. Nancy stated that people are used to seeing it in the paper. Jeff made motion to continue to put in the Paper and on the web, 2nd by Nancy Reuter. Passed

Ice on Huron bay - ice buildup due to owner running a hose from their basement to the road , and ice was building up. Mike received complaints on this, owner's cleared the ice away.

First National Bank - credit card- Mike wants to get this off of his credit card and we do not want this associated with our general fund. Jeff Fimreite made a motion to give 1st National Bank one more chance to get the Town of Mekan a charge card with a limit of \$1000.00. that we will move our accounts, this has gone on to long.

Building Permit - there was one that we received from Tom Onfray for a deck..

Town must have a hard copy in the Town Records, and the treasurer's report should also have a hard copy. There is a file folder in the Town hall that has all the meeting minutes.

Correspondence - Road Restriction access for We Energies contract, and also Adams Columbia Electric consent form for them to work on the lines that the board needs to sign.

Caroline received a call from Zoning - Ron Martin claims that he purchased a fire sign in spring of 2008 and that he never received. Caroline has checked the building permits, and in the signs from that year and found no record with that name having paid the Town of Mekan anything.

Fire department Becky called and stated that we needed to pay the full amount of our bill that this was not a month to month bill.

Vouchers -Vouchers 26-to 56. Motion to approve vouchers 26-to 56, with the total correction by Nancy, 2nd by Jeff Fimreite. Passed

Citizen's Comments- None

Next Meeting will be March 8th 2016 at 6:00 p.m..

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Fimreite, 2nd by Nancy Reuter. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m