

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The Town of Erin Prairie September 19, 2022 Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Van Dyk at 6:00p.m. at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. Present were Board members John Van Dyk, Dennis Mitchell, and Mike Monteith.

A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Mike to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed by affirmative vote.

Mike moved to approve the August meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dennis and passed unanimously.

The funds available in our checking and Money Market accounts at this time equal \$121, 256.79. This does not include \$36,895.67 of ARPA funds that have been designated for broadband use. Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Dennis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The bills were presented. The highway bills included two bills that will need to be mailed to town residents. One was a bill for culvert end caps and the other for the new Jewitt signs. Some township residents asked for those signs to be put up and agreed to pay for them. After reviewing and discussing the bills Dennis moved to pay the bills as presented. Mike seconded the motion which passed by affirmative vote.

John gave an update on the New Richmond and United fire and ambulance departments. He mentioned that the assessments for the fire departments will be changing. Assessments are based on population and the number of fire calls. Baldwin ambulance is constructing a new building so there may be more of a change in assessment there. Chris Milliron was present to express concerns about the New Richmond Fire Department. It was mentioned that if the city's population is over 5,000 they are required to have a Police and Fire Commission in place, which New Richmond does. John and representatives from the other townships are part of the Fire Board, however, they are an advisory board only.

Town Web Design, the company that has set up and helped manage our website, sent a notice that starting next year they will no longer support the current version of our website platform. They have offered any municipality still on the old version the opportunity to update to a new version for a cost of \$799.00. This cost includes a free website design in three years also. Town Web Design has been good to work with and offers free help and support when needed. Mike made a motion to continue with Town Web Design and to update the web site as needed. Dennis seconded the motion which passed by affirmative vote.

It was mentioned that the township is in need of more money to be able to keep up with the road work that should be completed. There is an option to put together a resolution which would increase the levy more than the levy limit allows. A Special Meeting would then be held to seek approval of the resolution from the township residents. This will be discussed and the resolution written at our October meeting and then a Special Meeting will be held in November before our regular Board Meeting.

Dennis noted that it appears there are some trees and brush growing up that need to be cut down by some of the bridges. He will check that out and contact the county to complete that work.

A motion was made by Dennis to adjourn at 7:25p.m. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer