

TOWN OF ERIN PRAIRIE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

The Town of Erin Prairie Board meeting was called to order by Chairman John Van Dyk at 6:15p.m. on Monday, January 16 at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. Present were Board members John Van Dyk, Mike Monteith and Dennis Mitchell.

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

Mike moved to approve the December Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dennis and passed unanimously.

It was reported there is \$231,552.67 available in our Money Market and checking accounts. This number does not include the \$36,895.67 of ARPA Funds to be used for broadband in the township. The bills were presented and discussed. Two bills for snowplowing were presented but there will be more. John estimated the roads have been plowed about eleven times already this winter. A motion was made by Mike to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by affirmative vote.

Dennis mentioned that the County Highway Department had said they would trim brush in the ditches this winter. The comment was made that may be difficult but possible if the snow does recede a little. The County will be reminded about thoughts to do that this winter.

Discussion about 156th St. was brought up again. The agreement is that the road will be built to County Specifications and paved before the township will take over care of the road. This will be placed on the agenda for discussion at our February meeting.

Todd Dolan and Kelly McNamara were present to discuss renewing our contract with All Croix Inspections Corporation. They have been providing our inspection services for about 15 years. Todd mentioned that they have someone in the office on a regular basis that can answer questions and line up appointments as needed. Because they have multiple people doing inspections they can get to construction jobs in a timely manner. They have been doing inspections for many years so they have worked with a lot of contractors.

The question was raised about inspections of accessory buildings. Todd mentioned they can do inspections of these buildings if the township would like that done. Mainly the accessory and farm buildings that have electricity are of concern and may need inspection. Accessory buildings with living space in them must be built according to the Uniform Dwelling Code. All-Croix could update our building ordinance as it has not been updated for many years.

After discussion Dennis moved to renew the contract with All-Croix Inspections Corporation for our township building inspections. Mike seconded the motion, which passed by affirmative vote. Todd said they will draft an updated Building Ordinance and have it available for us to review at our February Board Meeting.

It was mentioned that Shannon Zimmerman, our State Assembly Representative, had sent a letter asking for our thoughts, suggestions, and concerns about local government funding issues. The Board agreed there are many concerns and we should send a letter to Zimmerman and to our State Senator, Robert Stafsholt, as well. State Shared Revenue and Road Aids have definitely not kept up with

the increase in costs to build, repair, and maintain local roads. We will put together a letter to be send to our representatives.

John mentioned a few items from the ambulance and fire meetings he had attended.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 20 beginning at 6:00p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mitchell, Clerk/Treasurer