

Town of Bear Creek

Town Board Proceedings of March 14, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting of the Bear Creek Town Board was held at the Bear Creek Town Hall, on March 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marty McCluskey at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Marty McCluskey, Chairman; Jeff Scallon; and, Steve Emerson, Supervisors.

Others present: Donna Lins, Treasurer; Tim McCluskey, Patrolman; Ted Greenheck, Plan Commission Chair; Nancy Greenheck; Jay Frazier, Weiss Realty; Travis Nachreiner; Bob Breneman; Robbin D'elene; Jeff Freel, and, Sheila Carver, Clerk.

The minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Board were read by the Clerk. Scallon motioned to approve the minutes. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Scallon motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Scallon reported no building permits.

The board discussed authorizing Prouty Road to be added to the April agenda for approval as a permanent ATV/UTV route. Bob Breneman would like Prouty Road to be permanent. He will send out registered letters to the residents. Scallon motioned to approve Prouty Road to be added to the April agenda. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

A CSM for Filly Family LLC was presented to the board which has an easement to the buildings. The CSM was approved by the Plan Commission. Scallon motioned to recommend approving the CSM for Filly Family LLC. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

The Plan Commission submitted comments and recommendations for updates to the Comprehensive Plan that was originally adopted 13 years ago by the board. There have been challenges with the two acre lot minimum. They recommend increasing the minimum to five acres to accommodate off-street parking and CUP options for home base businesses. They would like new ordinances explored for prohibiting puppy mills, parking on town roads, light pollution and junk yards. They would like updates on construction projects to address intersection improvements with county roads for proper turning radius, culvert lengths should be reviewed annually and solar panels should have an end-of-life plan on the structures themselves.

Greenheck explained that Resolution 2023-01: a resolution adopting public participation plan and procedures for amending the comprehensive plan, is a requirement to show that the Plan Commission did the review. Scallon motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-01: a resolution adopting public participation plan and procedures for amending the comprehensive plan. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed Ordinance 2023-01: an Ordinance adopting a Commercial Building Code. There was concern about agriculture being mentioned in the ordinance. Carver had contacted Building Inspector Dennis Butteris for clarification. He said nothing will change with what farmers want to do. They will still just get our local permit if they want to build a shed, etc. This ordinance just allows General Engineering to perform commercial inspections on behalf of the Town of Bear Creek instead of a state inspector being sent out to do the inspections. Scallon motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Marty's neighbor has concrete to dispose of if the Town needs any fill. Cummings Road still needs fill. Emerson will have concrete this summer as well.

Scallon presented a map of Sauk County road construction projects for 2023. Meetings that Scallon has attended have discussed all Ash trees dying, gypsy moths, hopes to fix shared revenue and trying to add more funds to local road improvement grants.

The board approved expenditures totaling \$58,175.60.

Scallon motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Town Clerk