Town of Bear Creek Town Board Proceedings of March 8, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Bear Creek Town Board was held at the Bear Creek Town Hall, on March 8, 2022. 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; Jeff Freel; Robert Breneman; Robbin D'elene; and, Sheila Carver, Clerk.

The Audit Meeting took place prior to the Regular Board Meeting. The 2021 records of the Clerk and the Treasurer were reviewed and approved by the Board. The financial statement will now be available on the website, at the Annual Meeting and at the Town Hall.

The minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting 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 had no building permits to report. A Kessinich Road resident contacted Scallon about demoing the current garage and building new or remodel the current garage. He was informed that building a new garage would create set back issues. Dave Nelson contacted Marty about removing structures, he was directed to talk to Cal Magnan. Emerson asked if Egli had contacted Scallon about his project. Scallon will follow up.

Blake Duren, Sauk County Circuit Court Judge candidate, scheduled an opportunity to talk to the Board, but did not appear.

Jeff Freel addressed the Board to request Marble Quarry Road as an ATV/UTV route to be put on the April agenda for approval. The process needs to be gone through again as it was not approved last year due to construction. Breneman was present to request Prouty Road. They were instructed to talk to the residents on the respective roads. There is concern about the units not pulling over to allow traffic to go by them. The notice will need to be published and put on the April agenda.

With the excessive snowfall yesterday, the roads had to be plowed and they were soft after Saturday's warm up. There was a complaint on Chapel Road not being plowed timely but it was unjustified because the complaint was before it was done snowing.

Scallon attended the Sauk County Towns meeting. He shared the map of planned highway improvements for the next two years. They brought up the rails to trails bike trail project. Their economic impact study says that it will bring in five-million dollars a year to Sauk County. That figure is questionable. The new federal infrastructure funding has a lot of requirements. It is mandatory to have an engineer before the process even begins. They thought it would be difficult to get any of the funding for 2022. Even though the bill passed congress, they have not approved funding for the program yet.

The board will review the roads on April 9th. The board approved expenditures totaling \$15,647.73. Scallon motioned to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver, Town Clerk