

Coe Township Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members attending: Rick Mitton, Annie Tague, Betsey Morthland, Paul Riewerts, Steve Simpson, Mike O'Hara and Bev Hansen. Mark Kruckenberg was absent.

Guests attending: Kenny Reveal, Debby Johnson, Ronald Johnson, and Rich Morthland.

Minutes from the December meeting were read. Paul moved to approve the minutes as amended, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.

Public Comments:

- none

Supervisor report:

- Steve made a number of recognitions:
 - Road Crew – they have done a great job with the snow removal
 - Annie – she received a “thank you” from Sage Info Services for the FOIA information she sent to them
 - Paul – with his help the Township is well on the way to resolving issues with the cemeteries
 - Bev – for the work she did to advertise the recycling event
- there was one use of the building for the preceding month
- mileage rates have changed to 56 cents/per mile for 2014
- Steve received a letter from the State Comptroller’s Office stating that a report had not been filed for Pleasant Point Cemetery when Pleasant Point was turned over to the Township ... upon further investigation it turns out that the information was incorrectly coded as a private, rather than a public, cemetery ... their records are now straightened out
- TOIRMA sent a questionnaire regarding a \$3 million/occurrence for township liability ... the amount could be changed to \$5 or \$10 million ... this could be put on February’s agenda for discussion
- Audit – not completed prior to January’s meeting, it will be done prior to the February Township Board meeting

Highway Commissioner:

- had a busy 6 weeks with the snow and weather
- ordered 3 loads of salt, can get one more load (up to 120% of budgeted amount)
- over 80 tons of salt used already, as well as 70 tons of ice control
- had multiple breakdowns, and costly breakdowns (\$8000)
- repairs done on big truck
- replaced parts on both trucks
- 290+ hours of snow removal, have had help from Steve and Brent Brinkmeyer
- pulled out 7 vehicles, responded to one RI County Sheriff’s call
- helped Canoe Creek and Zuma townships
- the tractor has worked out well
- would like to sell our snowblower (it doesn’t work with the tractor and it’s slow) we have been using a private owner’s snowblower – if we sell ours we could work-out a payment schedule for the one we’ve been using
- it’s been an expensive year with all the snow
- we did take out a mailbox, which will be fixed at our expense
- if a board member gets a call concerning a blocked road, tell them that the Road crew is doing their best to make sure everyone can get out at least one way, then will go back and open both ways to their properties

Assessor’s report:

- Annie will be attending the annual assessor’s meeting, open to the public

Clerk’s report:

- passed out flyers and put information on the website regarding the recycling event

Cemetery report:

- had their first meeting January 14, 2014
- Paul will be meeting with Pam Bruner in Cordova to find out about registration duties and other information related to cemeteries
- will have 4 meetings/year
- the \$50/burial fee will be collected by funeral directors then paid to the township, then the sexton will be compensated by the township
- will be looking at other cemeteries regarding rules and regulations
- the goal of the board is to first get in compliance with state statutes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Recycling

- Steve will be in attendance Saturday January 25, 2014 for the "Recycling Event" from 9am to 1pm.

Bills

- Betsey moved to pay the bills, Mike 2nd, motion passed

Paul moved to adjourn, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.