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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lloyd Sutton, Jr. at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot, on April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Nicki Sprouse, P.J. Dwyer, Carlton Young, Gus Wehbe and Lloyd Sutton, Jr.

Others present: Sandy Hartnett, Fran & Stan Bushaw, Jim Greggains, Tom Baranska, Sarah Patterson and friend, Molly McCall, Judd Vickery, and Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator.

Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2016

Motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 regular monthly meeting, as presented, made by Gus Wehbe and seconded by Carlton Young. All in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Community members

and

UPDATE ON COUNTY SELF INSURANCE FUND: Discuss current issues with the County self-insurance fund and the County's revised local law.

Jim Greggains asked about the status of the County's self-insurance re-vamping. Lloyd said he has been attending meetings at the County and Lloyd provided a status of the negotiations so far. Lloyd said, as he understands it, the County can use one of three mechanisms to calculate the premiums owed by the towns/city/villages; payroll for each municipality, history of prior losses or assessed property value. Lloyd said Truxton would be in great shape if they go with the first two but if assessed value is used, Truxton pays a lot. Lloyd said negotiations are ongoing but the County does have a draft Local Law but will not share it. He said that it is still unclear how it will affect the fire departments. Gus asked why population isn't considered for a formula. Lloyd said that the City (most likely), in his opinion, provides services to towns and the towns should pay their share. Carlton asked what is the timeframe. Lloyd said July is the date that the County needs to get the figures to the towns. Lloyd said that County employees used to manage the self-insurance fund. The County has now hired McNeil Insurance at \$150,000 per year to administer the fund. Lloyd said that if towns opt out, the remaining towns have to pick up that share. Lloyd asked the Board if it is their desire to look at other possibilities and pull from the County plan.



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Nicki said she thought having Comp Alliance to also look at what including the town's fire district would cost the town. Lloyd said that he will seek another company as well.

Sarah Patterson asked about her building permit application (for a daycare center) that was affected by the implementation of the moratorium. Lloyd said the moratorium expired this month and that her application can now go to the Planning Board. Lloyd said he will prepare the necessary paperwork for that to happen.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE:

No one from the Truxton Recreation Committee was present tonight so Lloyd gave the update. He said that the community group would like to have programs similar to the YMCA and YWCA. Lloyd said the recreation programs would be under the town's insurance (basketball, exercise, etc.). Lloyd said that one member of the community has suggested having the DEC hunter safety courses offered at the community building. Gus said that he would like to know if these programs would increase the town's insurance premiums. P.J. asked how the progress on the renovations to the former school building are coming along. Lloyd said very good and the open house went well. Lloyd said Scott Evener visited the building and gave suggestions to the group. Lloyd said he believes it is the group's intention to soon handout a questionnaire on what the community would like to see the building used for. There will be another open house/gym night scheduled for early May. Gus commented that the town, in the past, paid for things for the school when it was a school and now that it is a community building, the town should continue to contribute.

DISCUSSION ON DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Review the Draft Plan and discuss plans to go forward including the possibility of scheduling a Public Hearing.

Lloyd said that the Board needs to schedule a public hearing. Lloyd suggests putting the draft that was provided by the Committee and present it at the public hearing. The Town Board will then consider comments from the public and proceed accordingly. Motion made by P.J. Dwyer and seconded by Nicki Sprouse to schedule the public hearing for May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



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COUNTY LEGISLATOR UPDATE: Jim Denkenberger (arriving late)

Jim apologized for being late and revisited the topic of the County self-insurance fund. He said that he did not attend the last CCTVS meeting but said that, to his knowledge, the draft local law has not yet been distributed. Lloyd said that he will call him to discuss in detail but stressed that not having assessed value as a determining factor would be most advantageous to Truxton. Jim briefly discussed the jail complex and his ongoing frustrations with the county.

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

Lloyd said that he has had some extensive discussions with Atlantic-Inland. Scott seems to have renewed interest in his job duties for the town. Lloyd said that he has also had discussions with Bill Bearup and Bill feels it will work better for him if Scott's code enforcement files are under the control of the Town Clerk so Bill can have better access to the files. Lloyd asked the Board if they have received any complaints about Scott Evener's service to the town and all said that they have received no complaints. Lloyd said that DEC will be working with the town on flood plain issues and he will update the board as he finds out more.

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

The Glass Smith provided an estimate for doors and windows that need to be replaced at the Depot. Lloyd said the estimate is just a starting point. Lloyd is going to ask the company to provide a sketch of what the doors and windows will look like so we will know how they will change the look of the building. Lloyd said he will make replacing the doors on the Town Clerk side a priority.

Lloyd shared with the Board an email he received from Peggy Mousaw regarding the mortgage tax distribution.

Transfer Station: Lloyd shared the revised Transfer Station Policy with the board that Gus worked on. The board agreed that the policy was sufficient and will be distributed to residents at the Transfer Station as well as at the Town Clerk's Office.



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The Town Board scheduled the 2016 Spring Clean Up day for May 14th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A fee will be charged for tires.

A motion was made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by P.J. Dwyer to extend the time for tax collector to collect taxes until May 31, 2016. All in favor.

A motion was made by P.J. Dwyer and seconded by Gus Wehbe to remove some of the “No Parking” Signs on Academy Street. P.J. and Lloyd will communicate with the Highway Superintendent which signs are to be removed. All in favor.

Town Audit: Lloyd said that the auditors have completed their audit and will be providing a written report soon. Lloyd requested a motion to transfer the \$4,000.00 fee for the audit from the planning contractual line of the budget to audit contractual line. Motion made by Carlton Young and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Jim Greggains asked about the status of the fire alarm system at the depot. Lloyd said that he needs to work on this again. He never heard back from one company he requested a quote from.

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #4) made by Carlton Young and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #4) made by P.J. Dwyer and seconded by Gus Wehbe. All in favor.

Supervisor’s Report:

Not available.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 p.m.