**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2017**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Supervisor Roger Olson, Supervisor Jake Balog, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Supervisor Tom Nonemacher, Treasurer Jane Leschisin, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc, and Roadman Jamie Wood. Also Present were 7 Residents and 1 Non-Resident.

The Clerk presented a signed affidavit as to where and when the meeting was posted.

**Minutes** – Scott moved, with a second by Jake to accept the January 12, 2017, regular meeting/Caucus minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report-** shows a balance of $15,718.76 in the checking and $205,508.57 in the Money Market account for a total of $221,227.33. Jake moved with a second by Scott to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bill Payment** – Jake moved, with a second by Roger to approve payment of voucher #12648 to #12691, and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $479,608.95. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY PLANS (MAY 6, 2017 FROM 7-1PM)-** we will have 1 dumpster for garbage and the metal Jamie will haul with dump truck/trailer to be disposed of, Jamie will do the same with appliances & tires.

**DISCUSS ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT**- Bill & Tom both attended the meeting at the county regarding the animal control officer they were checking into, the county decided not to accept putting on a full time person to do this, it’s up to each individual town to handle their animal problem. Tom explained there was 2 county officers assigned to animal control, but they aren’t doing it. Bill explained these officers were more for animal mis-treatment not animals at large. Tom stated the tax $ goes to Arnell for animals, and wondered why the town couldn’t take that over instead of it going to Arnell. Tom also stated that this money going to Arnell is only for smaller animals not larger ones, so how do we handle the larger ones when the county and Arnell get our tax $. Bill stated that we have hired an animal control officer to do this for us and it is at no charge to the town it is at the animal owners expense. Bill pointed out to the board the current bill that was presented by the clerk for this month for animal control services, also stating that Arnell contacts the owner, the owner pays Arnell when they pick up the animal and then we send the owner the animal control bill to pay, so the town doesn’t have cost related to this. Tom feels that Arnell should be paying the animal control officer costs per occurrence as they have already been paid the tax $ associated with this service, it’s like we are paying it twice. A resident asked, then why don’t they bill the county instead of us, because we are paying our money to the county for this? Bill stated at this time we don’t have any other options outside what we are currently doing, and we need to keep informed on what if anything happens at the county level with this. Tom asked if we have any motions in place currently for animal control? Tracy stated just our agreement with Darel for animal control.

**CEMETERY/HALL MOWING-** Bill asked the board if they wanted to put an ad out for services or if they wanted to purchase a mower and have a part-time person do this? Tracy let the board know that Kevin Stream is interested in mowing this year. Bill mentioned that Stacy Dosch is also interested. Roger suggested putting an ad in the paper. Board agreed to place an ad in the paper for lawn care services needed. Tracy will get that placed in the next paper.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN Report-** Jamie has been removing snow & ice when needed. When he hasn’t been doing that he has been removing brush piles from the ditches and disposing of them. Jamie mentioned that the county needs to know by the end of the month if the board is going to do any spray patching or chip sealing this year, so we can get on the list for this and also any other big projects that the board might want the county to do they need to let them know soon as the list for them is filling up. Tom stated he had talked to Moe today and Moe told him we have until the end of March to let them know. Bill stated that currently they are looking at spray patching 35th, 90th & 85th and chip seal would be 90th and 120th. Scott asked if we need to commit to $10,000 for spray patching or what? Bill explained that spray patch is done by the day at $1600-$1700 for 2 county guys or $1300 a day for 1 county guy plus Jamie’s help to drive the truck. Bill would like to see some commitment for spray patching. Board agreed to sign up with the county to do 1 weeks worth of spray patching. Scott asked how much we have used Corey? Bill stated he has been in 2 days. Scott & Tom stated the plan was that we could use him as much as we need to, to get the jobs done. Jake stated we also need to stay within the budget to. Scott asked where things were at with 10th St? Bill stated there is an issue with where the road currently stops, and what the maps show, so this might need to be surveyed to stake it and then potentially update easements and have all 4 parties come in and go over this. Roger stated that before we do anything, we need to know where the road issues fall, and feels a survey is needed. Tom asked what the length was of the total road? Bill/Jamie stated that the county is saying 1108’ and that’s what we are currently getting state aid on from the center of 60th. Tom asked if that was a ¼ mile? Jamie stated no a ¼ mile is 1320’. Bill stated and that is what we need to be, so we are about 200’+ short. Scott asked if we were just being paid for what was being maintained now. Jamie stated that was correct, as it ends at Lee’s driveway. Scott then stated so there could possibly be more road than what has been maintained all these years. Bill/Jamie stated that is a possibility. Scott moved with a second by Tom to get 10th St. surveyed and be done with it. Bill mentioned Kenny Kunkel called him and explained he will be doing the driveway work for Gehrman/Severson and he would like to put a bid in, to complete that end of the road to tie into what’s there and what’s needed to get to the residents part of it. Board agreed as long as he’s there already, he might as well put in a bid. Tom asked what the board wants to have Jamie doing this next month? Bill stated snow/ice removal is #1 and he has also been clearing brush/trees.

**CLERK’S Report-** Tracy had nothing to report at this time.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**- Bill stated him & Tom attended the WTA mtg. at the county the end of January. Bill stated some research will need to be done on Act 211- regarding building permits online which started in January 2015-16 and will need to be compliant by January 2018. So Bill will consult with Jim the building inspector to see how we will handle this.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-Carol McKay asked how the new person the board hired is contracted? Bill stated he is contracted as part-time help. Carol asked what that means? Bill stated less than 40 hrs./wk. Carol asked if he was hired by the hour or ? Bill stated he is hired by the hour. Carol asked if by on call. Bill stated yes on call. Carol then asked what he makes an hour? Tracy stated this is an employee/personnel issue and can’t be discussed. Tom told Carol it was $15/hr. Pam VanHeuklom asked about the Act 211- asking if the town just needs to have the availability to go online and complete the building permit or do you need to provide people with the computer to go online and complete it? Bill is unsure of all the details at this time. Gordon Weber likes Tom’s idea about animal control, many years ago the town board had the same issue as today, and nobody had guts enough to say let’s do something on our own. Gordon stated we know the county isn’t going to do anything about this, so why wait for them. Bill stated that is probably true, but currently we have a program that is working. Gordon told Bill not to say that. Bill stated that currently the animals are being picked up when the call comes in and being taken to Arnell. Gordon stated he was talking about the silly thing with Odell, that needs to be addressed somewhere along the line. Gordon stated when he hires someone to do something for him along the line he pays them, people are paying taxes in Clayton township, they hire someone else to do something instead of the township being billed for the work they do for the township, that should be work that you guys are doing but you’re not, so I feel I’m being billed twice too. Pam VanHeuklom stated that people clearly need to be responsible for their animals and fences and if you take that responsibility away from the people, then no one will care they will let their fence lines go and you will have animals all over the place, and why would they care because someone else is dealing with it. Gordon stated except if the person that’s complaining is the one at fault, because they aren’t keeping up their end of the fence. Gordon stated everyone loves to be in the country, well there are animals of all kinds in the country so both parties need to maintain the fence lines not just the party with the animals. Tom addressed Pam stating that we currently have no ordinance of any kind and we need to start doing something, now we are relying on the higher levels and all they are doing is taking the money and not doing anything for it and that’s the problem. Pam stated this is an issue that needs close attention paid to it, so it is good thing to bring up and to stay on top of, but the bottom line is people need to take responsibility for their animals and if damages occur they need to have their homeowners insurance cover that as well as the town isn’t liable.

**Closed Session per Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) personnel issues-**  Bill moved, with a second by Tom to adjourn from the regular board meeting at 8:00p.m. and go into closed session per Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(c)- for personnel issues.

Roll call going into closed session was Bill-Yes, Roger-Yes, Jake-Yes, Scott-Yes, Tom-Yes.

Tom moved with a second by Jake to adjourn from closed session and go back into regular session. Roll call coming out of closed session was Bill-Yes, Roger-Yes, Jake-Yes, Scott-Yes, Tom-Yes. Back in open session Tom Moved with a second by Jake to appoint Roger to chair the March meeting in Bill’s absence, then Adjournwith no other action taken. Motion carried.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting & other meeting dates

March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. -Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

February 21, 2017- Spring Primary Election

March 22, 2017 at 7pm- Planning Committee Meeting

Scott moved, with a second by Roger to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk