

## TOWN OF SMELSER MONTHLY MINUTES

July 9, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Town of Smelser was called to order by acting chairman Ken Runde on July 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Georgetown Hall. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Mary Brandt was acting clerk. Roll Call - members present: Ken Runde and Greg Brandt. Pat Klar was absent. Quorum noted. Proper posting at 3 sites, town hall and release to Tri County Press noted. Minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes as read by Greg Brandt and seconded by Ken Runde. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Nodorft stated the trees along Airport Road need to be trimmed back. The trees are too close to the road.

Dave Spink asked when Prairie Road was going to be patched, also when the dirt laying along the road from the ditching will be removed. It was explained to Mr. Spink it has been too wet to work the dirt down, but will be done when possible.

### RICHARD RATH

Richard Rath asked if the house he is having moved from County H to Georgetown could be moved via Hill Road and St Rose Road. He requested the house be moved as soon as possible. The board stated the house should be moved in the winter when there is frost in the ground. This would cause less damage to the road, especially since the board did not know the exact location of the dollies on the road under the house. The board also stated we would need a written agreement for road damage and if signage is removed, it would need to be put back immediately. No decision was made, tabled till next month. The board will check on width of beams under house and Mr. Rath is to check on alternate route across field.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK

Mary Brandt updated the board on the Farm/Fleet credit card. The Town has finally received a new credit card, which before has always been kept in the town dump truck. Mrs. Brandt stated the card needs a signature on the back side. Board asked to check with Kim if she could sign.

### REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Brandt stated patching of roads is never ending project. There has been a lot done, but more to do. Jerry Richard is continuing with ditching of roads. Weather permitting should be done by end of August. He thanked Ben Kieler, Kim Kieler and anyone else who helped remove the trees after the storm a few weeks ago. Bridge signs and fire number signs have been

ordered from county, they should be delivered in a couple of weeks. Greg has replaced broken hoses on the town grader and truck. Any board member who wants to attend the Elk Grove monthly meeting can do so, it has been posted. The purpose of attending the meeting is to clarify the agreement with Elk Grove on maintenance of roads bordering Town of Smelser. The board discussed the hiring of a patrolman and his wages. Kim prepared an add for the paper for hiring a patrolman. The board requested a 40 hour work week and a Benefit Package which will be negotiable. The Planning Commission along with the board will meet on July 16, 2015 at 7:00pm to discuss benefit package and job description. John Anderson asked Greg any money paid for lawn mowing would go in account for cemetery repair. He would not charge for mowing of the grass.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON MAKE UP OF CUBA CITY FIRE COMMITTEE.**

Mary Brandt updated board on committee make up. The committee consist of 4 members, concerns were there was a tie vote. Going forward the Fire Chief will abstain from voting. This would result in the City of Cuba City, Town of Elk Grove and Town of Smelser voting. Mary said she talked to Cathy Schultz and she does not have the agreement complete. We will have the agreement by next month.

**REVIEW WITH POSSIBLE ACTION STATE VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICE AGREEMENT**

The Board reviewed the Voter Registration Service Agreement. Moved by Greg Brandt and seconded by Ken Runde to approve the Voter Registration Service Agreement. Motion Carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF SMELSER**

Mary Brandt presented information on Attorney Fees. Eileen Brownlee charges \$160.00 per hour and is pay as needed. Michael Olds charges \$200.00 per hour(associate fee \$165.00 per hour). Moved by Greg Brandt and seconded by Ken Runde to hire Eileen Brownlee as Town Attorney as needed at \$160.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

Next meeting set for August 13, 2015 7:00 pm.

Bills were reviewed and paid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning balance	\$57,216.48
Outstanding checks	6,117.22
Bills	<u>7,622.85</u>
Ending balance	\$43,476.11

Motion to adjourn by Greg Brandt at 8:01 pm and seconded by Ken Runde. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Brandt, acting clerk