

TOWN OF DEWHURST REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Bill Kolve called the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Town of Dewhurst Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. (following the Annual Meeting).

Board members present were: Bill Kolve and Ted Janicki. Wayne Lubke was excused. Also present were Pat Anderson, Treasurer and Steve Kunes, Clerk.

Citizen's present were: Tammy Kolve, Eric Wiley, Ralph Johnson, Bruce Delaney, Flo Chaulkin, Ed Claulkin, Barb Kunes, Duane Gjerseth, Richard Johnson, Nate Vandenberg, Barb Ehlen, Heather Sullivan, Paul Sullivan, Don Subke, Caroline O'Brien and Gene O'Brien. (note: if you failed to sign the sign-in sheet, your name does not appear in the minutes)

**Approve March 8, 2022 Town of Dewhurst Regular and Closed Session Board Minutes:**

Ted Janicki made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 Board meeting en bloc, Motion seconded by Bill Kolve. Motion carried 2/0.

**Guest Presenter - Mike Parrot, General Engineering Company (GEC):**

Mike Parrot presented to the Board and citizen's how GEC issues building permits and handles building inspections. Bill Kolve asked for clarification on how the reporting back to the Township works. After explaining the process Bill commented the reporting was insufficient for the Township leaders to follow up making sure all the regulations were being followed. He said there was no way of telling what kind of structure was being built with only the name and permitting dollars now being reported. Steve Kunes said that he was aware that there was one building project that he knew that only had a land use permit and no building permit. Bill asked if the building inspections would then be doubled as that is what is stated in the contract with GEC. He further said that GEC needs to adhere to the contract and not make judgment calls when violations occur. Steve said if any judgment calls are made it could lead to a very "slippery slope." It was agreed that Dewhurst wants to treat each property owner honestly and equally. Mike said he would inform Adam Pillard. Mike also said he would contact Adam and ask him to connect with Steve on a building permit process that would better engage the Town of Dewhurst officials.

Virgil Bohac made the comment that the Board needs to get their "act together" on the building permits. He stated his wife, Helen, has continued to issue building permits. Steve Kunes asked Virgil...how many has she issued? He replied "a few and maybe the Board should reimburse her for her time." Bill Kolve said that since she was no longer the Clerk, she cannot issue permits. The Board will follow up with this information.

The Board thanked Mike Parrot for the information.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Pat Anderson reported on the year-to-date budget and general balances as of March 31, 2022.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Checking</u>		
<u>CSB of Loyal</u>	\$63,659.52	\$96,479.52
<u>Money Market</u>		
<u>CSB of Loyal</u>	\$205,189.47	\$205,241.75
<u>Equipment Fund</u>		
BR Country Bank	\$25,856.43	\$25,864.12
<u>Total Cash on Hand</u>		<u>\$327,585.39</u>

**Citizen Input:**

Barb Kunes had a question on 911 calls for the fire department. She wanted to know the sequence of events in case of fires and/or emergency calls and which fire department responds to the residents of Dewhurst? Eric Wiley answered that Hatfield Fire and Rescue would be the first responder to any call in Dewhurst. When a call is made and identified through address, the dispatcher will contact Hatfield first and Merrilan Fire Department as a back up (on the west side of the Black River. On the east side Neillsville Fire Department is the backup). Barb Ehlen said that was correct. Barb said that her homeowners reflected Merrilan as primary and, in her case, identifying Hatfield reduced the premium substantially. She thanked Eric and Barb Ehlen for this information.

**Patric Kranz Proposal:**

Jeanette Harley, TruMark Survey, on behalf of Patric Kranz, presented a proposed easement through the Kranz property off County Trunk J. Although this is an access easement through the owner's property it requires township approval. Bill Kolve made a motion to approve the request, Ted Janicki seconded. Motion carried 2/0. Preliminary Clark County Certified Survey Map was signed.

**ATV/UTV Signage**

Bruce Delaney reported there were many new signs ready to be placed in the township. With leftover funds from the now defunct ATV/UTV Club, there's no cost. Bill Kolve stated there were some signs in the Dewhurst shop that could also be used. Bruce will check with Don Subke and

will coordinate the signage. Signs will be up prior to opening of the trails on May 15. Bill thanked Bruce for all his work on this issue.

**Reports:**

**Roads**

Don Subke reported he and Nate Vandenberg were patching along Riviera. Ralph Johnson reported some of the roads need gravel on the side to prevent cracking and breaking of the blacktop. Don submitted an estimate from Opelt Gravel for gravel from on Bush Road west from County J past the dump. 306 yards are needed at a cost of \$3,672.00. Ted Janicki made a motion to approve the estimate, Bill Kolve seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

**Dump:**

Steve Kunes reported the dump is now open on Wednesday's from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. He asked Don if he could grade the dump parking lot as there are quite a few ruts from the winter and the rain.

Bill Kolve commented on the e-recycling day, April 30 at the Town Hall from 8:00 - 12:00 noon.

**Class B Temporary Beer/Wine License:**

Steve Kunes asked for approval to issue a temporary beer/wine license to Clover Schofield for a wedding on September 10 - September 11, 2022. Ted Janicki made a motion to approve the temporary license, Bill Kolve seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

**Chairman's Report:**

Bill Kolve announced that he, Don Subke and Ted Janicki would be surveying the township road and analyze needs for repair.

**Approve and Sign Checks:**

Ted Janicki made a motion to approve and sign checks. Bill Kolve seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

**Adjourn:**

Ted Janicki made a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2022 Town of Dewhurst Board Meeting, Bill Kolve seconded. Motion carried, 2/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by,

Steve Kunes, Town of Dewhurst Clerk

