

Town of Little Black
September 9, 2018

The board was in closed session starting at 6:30 with a motion by Chad. Seconded by Bryan.

Bryan made a motion to go out of closed session at 7:05 PM. Chad seconded. Motion carried.

Present for the September monthly board meeting were Dan Hoffman, Bryan Jochimsen, Chad Smith, JoAnn Smith, and Marian Nernberger. Dan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. and had JoAnn read the August minutes. Chad made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Bills: The bills were reviewed and discussed. Bryan made a motion to accept and pay all bills as presented. Chad seconded. Motion carried.

Road report: Sunset has been graded in preparation for seal coating, but in the meantime some four wheelers decided to have some fun and tore it up pretty good. It will need to be regraded and be prepped before seal coat is put on. Paul Bugar was present at the meeting and there was a discussion on installing the culverts by the big hill on Gibson. The new John Deere grader has been ordered for a purchase price of 95,000 this comes with a seven year guarantee or 4000 hours. The board also discussed a one-way plow for the grader for a purchase price of \$9483. Chad made a motion to purchase the one-way plow for the grader at the quoted price Bryan seconded. Motion carried. Chris will be doing patching tomorrow. There are two test spots being performed on Apple Avenue. One is on the west end of Apple Avenue. The one on the West End is gravel laid down and seal coat on it. On the East end they want to try and overlay of blacktop shoulder to shoulder. Bryan made a motion to do the east end test if the cost isn't too great. Chad seconded. Motion carried. The Della and Cardinal ditching is done, soft spots dugout, and culverts are in.

Sanitary District: With the passing of Linda Cypher the present members are, Kenny Nernberger and David Heier. They met and reviewed the paperwork that was available to them. They came to the meeting to recommend to the board, Brenda Nernberger to replace Linda for her remaining term. The terms are for six years, with Kenny's expiring in 2019, Brenda 2021, and David 2023. Chad made a motion to appoint Brenda for Linda Cyphers remaining term. Bryan seconded. Motion carried. David and Kenny went on to recommend officers for the sanitary board as, Kenny, Pres., Brenda secretary-treasurer, and David a member. Chad made a motion to approve their recommendations for officers. Bryan seconded. Motion carried. They are required to have a meeting at least once a year, and they will be paid \$50 each for that meeting as a sideboard of the Town of Little Black.

Assessor: Robert Prokop said at board of review that he would do a one-year extensions of his contract as assessor. Chad made a motion to give Robert a one-year extension for 2019 assessment. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Building permits: JoAnn asked the board if maybe she could issue building permits for all projects, even those that are under \$15,000 and may be charge five dollars for a permit. She feels that the \$15,000 limit is letting things fall through the cracks. Dan doesn't like charging everyone for everything they do, and also feels that the zoning commission should be giving their recommendation.

Large dairy: Discussed

Chuck Zenner: Chuck didn't have very much to report, other than the study on broadband will be brought back to them next week.

Centennial community center: Marian reported that the first polka Sunday had a very small turnout. She also reported that there will be a Sunday brunch coming up this Sunday.

Chris Banks Job Review: Chris reported that he enjoys the job and realizes that he doesn't know everything yet. The board feel that the problem is communication and listening. Also that he shouldn't be telling resident what the town will or will not do that is up to Dan and the rest of the board. He also needs to work better with the contractors, not stand around and let them do all the work, it's his job make sure things keep moving at the project and get his feet in the hole also. When he grades, he should not be spot grading and run around just looking for holes, grade the whole road when he's out there. Chris stated that when the new grader comes he wants to go to their training. The board agreed that would be wonderful, and will also work with him on communications.

Next board Meeting: The next board meeting will be October 14, 2018 at 7 PM

Treasurer's report: Marian reported a starting balance of \$302,695.21. Income for the month was \$127,185.53. Expenses for this month are \$64,573.08, leaving us a balance of \$344,234.46.

Bryan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chad seconded. Motion carried.

Chad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

JoAnn Smith, Sec.