

Town of Little Black

March 1, 2020

Present for the March town meeting was Dan Hoffman, Bryan Jochimsen, Chad Smith, JoAnn Smith, and Marian Nernberger. Also present were three town residents. Dan called the meeting to order at 1 PM and asked JoAnn to read the February minutes. Chad made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Roads: Norbert reported that all the roads are in pretty good shape but there are many dips developing. Some of the worst ones are on Stetson where the new culverts were put in and also on Sunset between Apple and Co. O. It was also noted that snowmobilers are tearing up Sunset at their crossing. The board asked Norbert to put up some bump signs or flashers where needed. The board also discussed the need for any employee that drives the truck must have CDL's. Chad will check about the requirements of getting CDL's. The 90/10 program was discussed and is doubtful that the town will qualify for funds. Dan reported that Lonnie Roth will again do the mowing of road ditches for the same price as last year. The board unanimously agreed that it would be cheaper to hire Lonnie rather than do it ourselves.

Centennial Community Center property: Marian reported that the 1 ½ acre piece of land east of the hall owned by Centennial community center has not been taxed in prior years up until now. The assessor stated that he could go back those prior years but will not. The land is valued at between \$6600-7200 and will be assessed and tax for 2020. The Centennial board voted at the February meeting to go back to the municipality's and offer them to buy the land at a minimal cost. Marian reported that the paperwork for selling the land to the municipalities would cost about \$250 and the taxes for next year would be around \$152. After discussion Dan made a motion that the land should be sold for \$600 with each municipality paying \$200 which will cover the costs for the hall and have the hall do all the paperwork and pay the taxes. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Marian went on to report that the hall is doing very well and is busy the next few months. JoAnn reported that on Thursday, April 2, 7 PM Jeff Kersten will be given a presentation on identity theft and scams, along with how to protect and prevent.

Railroad Stop Signs: It was brought to the attention of the board that the stop sign on Gravel Rd. by the railroad tracks is to choose to the tracks. Dan will check as to who's stop sign it is, the railroads or the township.

Treasurer's report: the starting balance is 194,776.47. The income including taxes \$408,972.38. Expenses paying out \$39,048.93. Leaving a balance of \$564,699.92. Chad made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: April 5, 2020 at five PM

JoAnn Smith Sec.