

Town Board Minutes

March 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of French Creek Town Board was held at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Highway Building.

Present: David White, Supervisor
Norvel Willink, Councilman
Paul Carey, Councilman
Brynne Hinsdale, Councilwoman
Wayne Emory, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bemis, Town Clerk

Also Present: Steve Linton, Highway Supt.
Joseph Mendelson, Solar Rep.
Jeff Messenger, Code Officer
The Wroblewski Family

The meeting was called to order by Mr. White

Mr. White thanked those who were in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Willink, Seconded by Mr. Emory to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Carried: 5 Ayes

Mr. Messenger gave the Code Report for January and February.

Mr. Mendelson gave the Board more information on solar energy panels.

The Assessor's report stated that 13 deeds had been filed.

Mr. White reported that a CAP meeting was held. All towns equalization rates were dropped to 94% for 2021. A letter was received explaining valuation rates that were set for the Towns.

There was no Justice report due to COVID.

The Financial report was received, read, discussed and filed.

There has still been no response to a search for dog control officer.

Mr. Linton reported on status of the new truck.

Mr. White reported that the web-site was up and running for the Town of French Creek.

The Justice Court Study was presented to the Board.

The Annual Financial Report for the Town has been submitted to the State and is on file with the Supervisor.

A discussion was held on appointing a group (Planning Committee) to investigate steps to pass a local law concerning solar energy.

A motion by Mr. Emory, seconded by Mrs. Hinsdale to form a committee on solar energy.
Carried: 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Willink to hold a public hearing on combining the Justice Court with Clymer, Sherman, French Creek and Mina on April 12, 2021.
Carried: 5 Ayes.

A motion was made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Emory that the Town does not grant grandfather status to any solar energy company. Carried: 5 Ayes

An agreement was signed for Mr. Linton to spend Highway funds on 39.6 miles of Town Highways.

A motion was made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Carey to remove sand from the bidding process. Carried: 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Hinsdale to pay the bills listed on the Audited Abstracts of Vouchers on #3 in the amount of \$1,849.78 from the General Fund and in the amount of \$8,907.96 from the Highway Fund, both dated March 8, 2021. Carried: 5 Ayes

A motion was made by Mrs. Hinsdale, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by: Arlene Bemis, Town Clerk