

The regular monthly meeting of the Town board of the Town of French Creek was held Monday September 12, 2022, in the town highway building.

Those present were: David White, Town supervisor, Debbra Albright, Town Clerk, Brian Malecki, Highway supervisor. Board members, Paul Carey, Wayne Emory and Norvel Willink. Brynn Hinsdale was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm. Mr. White opened with the assessor's report. The new assessment project has begun. All the homes in the area need to be reassessed due to the high amounts that homes are selling for over the assessed value.

Mr. Messenger then gave his report. There were 3 new permits issued last month and he gave updates on the progress of others. There was a discussion on raising the rates for basic permits and charging more for larger project permits, or basic permits that involve high-cost items like phone towers.

Mr. White attended a meeting with surrounding supervisors that share the Town Justice with us. They have been getting some things ironed out and it's starting to run more smoothly between all the townships. All the towns included are: Sherman, Clymer, Mina, Findley Lake and French Creek.

Mr. White also had a zoom meeting today for a hazard plan for the township. The State wants all Towns to have a plan in place in the event of floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc. They will be sending more information at another time.

Mr. White asked Brian Malecki about equipment prices that he got. Last month they had discussed whether they would have to run a bid in the newspaper. It was determined because the prices were from Source Well, that is a State contractor that the prices could be accepted for the equipment. He received a purchase price for a loader at \$149,548.63 and a new wing for truck #4 at \$5,497.00. A motion was made by Mr. White to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Willink, followed by 4 Ayes.

There hasn't been much progress on the salt shed. They did a core sample but there are no results yet. Just waiting?

There was a discussion on a pay raise for highway employees for next year. It was agreed they would settle on a 5% increase which would bring them to \$21.50 an hour. Next month begins the budget process and there will be a lot to consider with inflation being so high.

The bills were presented for payment in the amount of \$1,622.51 in the General fund, \$532.12 Special districts and \$28,293.92 in the Highway fund. Mr. White made a motion to accept, it was 2nd by Mr. Willink and 3rd by Mr. Emory, followed by 4 ayes.

Mr. White motioned to adjourn at 8:29pm. It was 2nd by Mr. Carey, 3rd by Mr. Emory.