

RANDOLPH TOWN BOARD MEETING

Randolph Town Office

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7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Weston
Lana Peart, Clerk
Melanie Limb
Sim Bell
Brian Weyers

ABSENT: Larry Kennedy

GUESTS: Jesse Weyers, Laurel Telford, Tyler Stuart, Mike Hanson, Dakota Pray, Jim Christensen, Kelly Thomson, Scott Ferguson, Becky Peart, Dan Peart, Don Dalke, Russell Thomson, Steve Kennedy, Norm Weston, Linda Willis, Mitch Poulsen.

Mr. Mike Hansen from Jones & DeMille Engineering was given the floor first for his presentation concerning Urban Planning. He was here to do rural community training in ordinance and general plan training. We specifically asked for his expertise in subdivision ordinance planning since we had none.

He talked about keeping ordinances simple, with minimal regulations on sewer, water, and road construction. He also recommended that the application form be constructed along with the ordinance so that the two would agree on purpose and information.

He was familiar with our Chapter 5 on development standards in our development code and our master plan. He said that our planning wasn't considered to be that outdated, so an overhaul should not be too difficult along with adding the subdivision ordinance. He said we needed to be careful and have multiple parties' input on the document.

He cautioned us that when we add codes that we also add enforcement for those who violate the new codes. He told us the policies of the State for recording of plats and that recorders are not expected to enforce codes when they record legal transactions.

We talked briefly about VRBO and overnight rentals in communities and ordinances governing those. This is a hot button topic across the area and we were encouraged to get something in place for those instances.

We thanked him for his presentation, and he left materials to reach him if we decide to use his services.

Laurel Telford was then given the floor to express his opinions on the deer issue in our community. He wanted to convey that he believed that wildlife in general were part of the rural atmosphere in our community, and that it was something that we must deal with

if we live in the country. He was sorry for the dog loss that had occurred this winter, but that we needed to be proactive in protecting our lawns, plants, and pets with fences, planting different types of plants, etc. and not depend on eradication of the deer as the only solution.

The wildlife officers in attendance at our meeting encouraged the agricultural owners in nearby fields to obtain depredation tags for wildlife and try to keep the deer away from the town as much as possible. There were also some other tools that they could use if the wildlife became a big problem. Several communities had tried an extended archery hunt with varying results. Our county neighbor Laketown had not been happy with the process there and the number of hunters and arrows scattered around the town. We could not schedule such a hunt in our area until next August at the earliest.

Our community was considered too small for several urban plans. Dogs that attack deer should be confined, because the wildlife is considered the property of the State. We agreed to keep our eyes and ears open to the wishes of our community members and possibly address the issue next summer if it appears that the deer population continues to grow.

We continued our meeting with Lana reading the bills. There were no questions and Sim made a motion to accept the bills, seconded by Brian, approved unanimously. Lana presented the board with the financial statements and accountant's compilation report for FY 2018. We were able to stay within our budget in all departments and everyone was encouraged to take their copy home and review it at length.

The minutes from our November 14, 2018, meeting was read and moved to be approved by Brian with Melanie seconding, approved unanimously.

The Mayor informed the board that we had been having quite a bit of mechanical trouble with our old maintenance truck this winter and that we should probably start looking for a replacement for this summer. Scott, our maintenance supervisor had mentioned that he would like to get some pallet forks and a sweeper attachment for our little tractor. We will have him get us some bids on these purchases.

Our source protection plan has been started by Mike Osborn of rural water and should be completed soon. It is due the end of January.

Sub for Santa was discussed and considered a success this year. The final amount it cost the town is still outstanding, but considered to be minimal due to the large number of contributions collected.

Melanie made the motion to dismiss at 9:15 and Brian seconded, agreed upon unanimously.

Mayor _____ Clerk _____
Date of Approval _____

