

Belle Plaine Town Board

January 13, 2020, 7 p.m.

Belle Plaine Community Center

Alvin Bartz, town chairman, called the meeting to order. Present for roll call were Harold Polzin and Dennis Thornton. Kristine Vomastic, clerk, and Kay Kristof, treasurer, had excused absences. Six citizens present

Public comments:

None

Clerk's report:

Chairman Alvin Bartz read the minutes from the December 28, 2019, meeting. Dennis Thornton moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Harold Polzin. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Guard rail:

Alvin Bartz said a guard rail on Pioneer Road was destroyed in an accident, the third time it has been struck. He has asked the county highway department whether it should be replaced or another alternative considered.

ATV/UTV referendum:

The board considered a draft ordinance that would allow ATV/UTV traffic on town roads with restrictions. The town's attorney sent a letter with some items to consider before making a decision, including the fact that any ordinance cannot be more restrictive than state laws. Dennis Thornton moved, Harold Polzin seconded, a motion to have citizens vote on an advisory referendum on ATV/UTV usage at the Feb. 18 election. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Operator's licenses:

Harold Polzin moved, Dennis Thornton seconded, a motion to approve tavern operator's licenses to Sarah Boldig, Brianne De Wolf and Martin Hesse. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Building inspector contract:

Harold Polzin moved, Dennis Thornton seconded, a motion to renew the contract with building inspector Paul Hahn for another year. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Chairman's report:

Alvin Bartz reported the addition to the town building that will allow the town to have a second fire truck is nearly complete. Some plumbing and wiring will finish the building. The fire department will move in this spring. Bartz said the Shawano Rural Fire Department had signed papers updating its agreement with Shawano and Wescott on the sharing of costs with Belle Plaine, Richmond and Waukechon.

Supervisor's report:

Dennis Thornton said the winter issue of the town newsletter was nearly complete and would be sent to the printer this week. It includes more information on the ATV/UTV issue among other articles.

Treasurer's report:

Harold Polzin moved, Dennis Thornton seconded, a motion to pay the January bills. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Harold Polzin moved, Dennis Thornton seconded, a motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Dennis Thornton, for Kristine Vomastic