

**Town of Sampson
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 17th 2022**

The **regular board meeting** of the Town of Sampson was held on **Thursday, February 17th 2022**. The meeting was held at the Sampson Town Hall. Notices were posted at the Town Hall, the Town web site, and the Bloomer Advance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jerabek who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors King, Butterfield and Road Patrolman Richardson were present. Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield was present also. There were 5 guests in attendance.

Board members had received copies of the regular **Board meeting minutes** held on **Monday, January 10th**. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield gave the **Treasurer's report**. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to approve the report. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ralph and Carol Deluga expressed concern for the Town of Sampson paying for and purchasing lights on Hwy 40 near Max's on the Lake and PJ's campground. Kevin Haller also expressed concern for the Town of Sampson paying for and purchasing speed signs on Hwy 40.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Road work was discussed.

Bill stated that he had talked with and received permission from Steve Wall and Snapper LaGesse to make wind rows in fields on the west side of 100th street by Judy Skaws' farm. These serve to act as a snow fence to mitigate drifting onto the roadway. This had been done in the past but not allowed by the prior board in recent years.

Recently most days have required the plowing of snow drifts due to all the wind. Salt and sand have been used more due to quite a bit of ice and smaller quantities of snow.

Bill also stated that the new carbide blades recommended by the county highway department are doing a great job and are lasting a lot longer than the old softer blades. A blade change is needed on the grader yet.

All air hose reels and air pipe have been installed in the shop. This allows for easier use of air tools without having hose lying on the floor and also greatly extends the usable reach of the air source.

One of the springs on the center overhead door broke and was fixed by over-the-top garage doors. Luckily, we had purchased an extra spring set when the last spring broke about a year ago. The cost of replacements has doubled and availability of replacements is six months out. Bill was instructed to order another extra set of springs to have on hand.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delmore Consulting comprehensive road management presented their final fall road inspection, pavement rating, sign inventory, and culvert inventory report. They have entered our PASER road ratings in the state D.O.T. data site. There was discussion on continuing Delmore's contract for another year at a cost of \$4500. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to approve continuing the Delmore consulting contract for another year. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Jerabek discussed the road ditch program for 2022. The town has participated in this program for the past couple of years. It allows the town to dispose of tires, appliances, and electronics found along the town roads at no cost to the town. Additionally, \$500 is paid to the town by the county to offset labor costs involved in picking up and hauling the items. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to approve participation in the Road Ditch Program again this year. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Proposed road work for 2022 was tabled until the March meeting to give the town more time to go over the information presented by Delmore Consulting.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to table a decision on speed and warning signage on highway 40 to the March meeting. Chairperson Jerabek will discuss the legal ramifications, if any, to the town with our town attorney.

Supervisor King gave an update on the New Auburn Fire Department. The NAFD is in good shape overall and is currently in the process of upgrading some of their equipment.

Next the board discussed the possible replacement of the town hall heating system as well as adding central air conditioning and air filtration to the system. The present furnace is over 25 years old and quite noisy. There is no air conditioning or air filtration in the hall currently. There have been humidity and mold issues in the building. Also, an air filtration system would help control dust and disease issues spread through the air. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to replace the HVAC system. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried. Bids for a new HVAC will be posted in the Bloomer Advance.

Chairperson Jerabek gave a report on the WTA county meeting. A large amount of money is being made available to the state by the Federal Government for infrastructure improvements. It is not known at this time what will be required to qualify for this money. The Town will work with Delmore consulting to see what, if any, money we will be able to apply for.

March new business agenda items were discussed:

Speed signs for Highway 40 and Pedestrian warning beacons
Roadwork for the 2022 season

OTHER BUSINESS:

The **next regular Board meeting** will be on **Monday, March 14th** starting at 6:00 p.m.
Vouchers were then presented and audited. Supervisor King made a motion to approve vouchers 20550-20565 plus four electronic transfers, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to **adjourn the meeting**. Supervisor King seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Darla Butterfield
Clerk/Treasurer