

## TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2020

**The April meeting of the Willard Town Board was called to order immediately following the 2020 town annual meeting at 6:15 P.M.** by Chairman Bob Nelson. Those in attendance were Chairman Nelson, Supervisors Taft and Bentley, Treasurer Engelking, Deputy Treasurer Barrois, Clerk Nelson, Deputy Clerk Simpson, Vern Denzer, and Hector and Loreta Lareau .

**AGENDA:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report showed March receipts of \$404.99; disbursements of \$32,194.51 resulting in an ending balance of \$121,463.68. The balance in the Contingency fund is \$15,031.81, and the Equipment fund balance is \$12,789.18 for a final balance of \$149,290.67. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve as presented.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID:** Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to pay the bills as presented.

**CLERK'S REPORT/APPROVE PERMITS ISSUED:** The Clerk asked the board about the upcoming liquor license renewals for the bars/restaurants in our town that have been closed since March 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Their licenses must be paid for upfront and they run from \$275.00 to \$300.00 per year. The Broken Arrow and Jimmy's World have had no income because of the pandemic; the Loony Bin has food sales but no liquor sales. She suggested that we offer the bars the option of paying a quarter of their annual renewal and issue the license for July, August and September. Then in September they pay the remaining balance due and we re-issue their licenses for the remainder of the term.

The Board instructed the clerk to send out the renewals and give them the option of paying only the quarterly fee and the remainder in September.

**BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS:** Roger & Diane Peterson requested a permit to build a garage behind their home at W9500 County Road D. There was concern that the garage as drawn on the permit application would be too close to their septic system. The Chairman was instructed to check on that before we issue the license.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Mr. Lareau addressed the issue of the liquor license renewals saying that he heard on the news today that the federal government may be putting more money into the SBA for these businesses to tap into.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gravel bids were opened. Russ Thompson bid \$9.80 a cubic yard; Haas Trucking bid \$9.50 a cubic yard. Board discussion included keeping the business in Rusk County with Thompson whereas if we give the bid to Haas, they are in Chippewa County. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bentley and carried to accept the bid from Russ Thompson.

**Homestead Road:** The board asked the Clerk to put out bids for the black topping of Homestead Road to be opened at the May meeting. The board also discussed if we should do the remainder of Broken Arrow West but decided should wait until next year because of the

heavy traffic we will have with the closing of County Road D to replace the bridge over Deertail Creek this summer.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS:** Ms. Bentley suggested that the board members do individual road surveys rather than as a whole board because of social distancing. The board was in agreement and will have their reports ready for the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SET NEXT AGENDA:** Black top bids, road survey, follow up on liquor license renewals. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk