

Town of Exeter

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

All board members present as was Clerk Christen.

Chair Fahey noted the meeting had been properly posted.

General: about 15 people

Minutes: December, **MOTION (MG/RZ)**, all in favor, approved.

Treasurer Report: December 2015 balance-\$1,610,403.34 with 1,171,899.80 being paid to the schools tonight as part of the January settlement. **MOTION (RZ/MG)**, all in favor, approved.

Announcements: Clerk Christen had on display the new election machine. Training has begun on it. It will be a few seconds slower and the voter will have to remain in front of the machine while their ballot is being scanned for acceptance.

Chair Fahey announced the Fire and EMS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, a few things being discussed - paid personal for both EMS and Fire as volunteers are slim and it is increasingly difficult to keep a crew on call, a new fire truck is being discussed which will be a large expense for Exeter, the new truck being considered \$750,000 of which 40% is Exeter's portion.

Citizen input- Anne Colville, resident of Hillcrest asked about getting some clarification regarding the hog operation remodel on Cty W she also asked of the history and size of the original operation.

Chair Fahey gave a brief history of the operation and who the current owner, Minitube of America is and that it is a quarantine and bio-secure facility for various animals. The current hog barns are outdated and have been removed with state of the art replacement barns being planned. The facility will be used to house up to 500 boars for collection and AI shipments.

Chair Fahey has spoken to the owner once. There are not any permits required of Exeter at this time, the purpose of the facility is Ag and the property is Zoned Ag Use. The owner needs to submit a 590 application to the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department with review involving Green County Zoning also. Chair Fahey mentioned that Exeter does not have authority over Green County, Exeter's Land Use Plan is strictly residential ordinances and that all houses in Green County are zoned Ag Use. Green County will issue all permits regarding the operation.

Points known:

86 x 180' building with 8 foot manure pit under the building that would be pumped once a year

Fahey property was used to haul manure in the past years of operation and an eternal agreement for manure disposal was put into effect years ago

Animal units that will be housed = 500 pigs which is equivalent to 150 animal units; 1000 animal units is a CAFO, Chair Fahey noted that neighboring cattle farms are over that 150 animal units with their family farms in regards to manure disposal. He noted that manure is beneficial, if the Fahey Farms cannot take the manure then it will be hauled it to another area farm.

A 590 application is being submitted, part of which soil sample will be taken every 5 acres to test the soils to check if the land can handle knifing the manure.

Exeter Design has been asked to do preliminary workup for the operation and Green County, he noted that the property consist of 1.5 acres of wet area, 3.5 acres is usable, 590 plan addresses all of the questions such as storage/disposal of a years' worth of manure, if the plan 590 meets the Green County code it meets the code. There is a secondary containment system for the manure storage planned for the facility. It was stated that the 590 plan has to be completed and then you the questions can be asked and answered.

It was noted that the owner is the type of person to meet the people that neighbor the operation; he wants to be a good neighbor.

The residents will not be able to have a say in where the building is located, again it has to meet the 590 code for Green County.

Chair Fahey closed that portion of the Citizen input and asked if there were any more questions.

Randy Gunther stepped forward with concerns regarding a curve on Argue Road as it is dangerous with drop off, he asked if a guard rail could be placed on the west side of the road. Chair Fahey stated that that portion or side of the road is New Glarus Town's and the request would have to be directed to Town of New Glarus.

Committee reports: none

Unfinished business: Non-use of liquor license, Chair asked that the approval of the updated ordinance be placed on the February agenda.

Bills: MOTION (MG/RZ), all in favor, approved.

Adjourn: MOTION (RZ/MG), all in favor, adjourned. 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Candee J. Christen, Clerk