

**TOWN OF NEW DENMARK
MINUTES FROM MONTHLY MEETING
March 6, 2018**

1. The regular monthly meeting for the Town of New Denmark was called to order on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bill Krueger.
2. After the Pledge of Allegiance;
3. The Minutes from February's regular monthly meeting are reviewed. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Olsen to approve. MC
4. **MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETINGS:** None.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of February 28, 2018, the money market account has a balance on hand of \$919,128.32 and \$31,257.87 in checking. Clerk submits BMO Harris bank statement with report for review. Motion by Sup. Olsen and seconded by Sup. Goetsch to accept report. MC
6. **COMMENTS and CONCERNS FOR THE PUBLIC:** Kathy Janssen states meeting of the Brown County Planning Commission canceled for the month. Mike Calewarts inquires about renting out Town Hall for events similar to Neshota Park Shelter House. Town liability policy would need to be reviewed. Discussion of fee and a deposit required to cover cleaning costs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **APPROVE INFORMATIONAL BUILDING & CULVERT PERMITS:** None.
8. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Gary Taicher states the books are in good shape. Working with Northern Concrete on transfer of personal property tax roll. Town will lose approximately 3 million, but costs to be supplemented through the State. Board of Review set for May 1, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Will provide open book dates shortly to Clerk for publication and notice.
9. **ASSESSOR POSITION: ELECTED OR APPOINTED:** Discussion whether Assessor's position can be appointed versus elected. Concern raised by resident regarding salary and how tax dollars are being utilized. Tax dollars would still be spent for an appointed Assessor as the Town cannot solicit competitive bids for the position. Board need to review applicants based on qualifications and a contract entered for specific dollar amount. Discussion what the going rate is for an Assessor and this can be dependent upon municipal location and population/home numbers. Board would have the option to look at current salary and discuss if that is the ultimate concern. Attorney Sickel states the Board could only take action to move to an appointed position upon a directive from the electors at an Annual Meeting. Discussion that an elected Assessor provides the residents with the choice as to who is selected and is ultimately up to the voters versus an appointed Assessor who selected by three board members.
10. **ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT:** Chairman Krueger states Pfeifer Brothers awarded bridge contract for Cooperstown and Wanek Bridge project. Town of Cooperstown contacted to fix multiple potholes on Rosecrans Road. Town of Cooperstown is placing concrete barriers on one of their bridges as the guardrail is unsafe. Wedging needed on Cooperstown Rd. Supervisor Olsen states well to be shocked and capped at Bruce property this week. Jaeger Repair working on tractor and indicates it should be good for another year of grass cutting. Town of Franklin disconnecting street lights to cut costs. Discussion if LED lighting could be put in WPS street lamps. Town pays \$385 per month for various street lights. Bd to review and take inventory when they conduct annual road tour in Spring.
11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS BY THE BOARD:** Big Ox Energy is moving forward with 8" low pressure line piping from New Denmark facility to the Village of Denmark. Needing additional permits from the DNR to bore under the recreational trail and will create some additional delays.
12. **UPDATE AS TO LEGAL ACTIONS:** None

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

A) Rezoning request & CSM for C. Kane – Parcel (ND-695) Rosecrans Road / Indian

Creek Trial: Review of Minutes from Plan Commission. Supervisor Goetsch inquires if their decision has any impact as to whether or not the applicant could construct a home. Technically not, as the parcel has the required acreage and road frontage grandfathered in due to existing home on property. Motion by Sup. Olsen to deny rezoning request and CSM as presented. Seconded by Sup. Goetsch. MC Administrator Witte states with the setback of the house, a substantial driveway would need to be constructed and the Plan Commission indicated it could be constructed to road specifications should the applicant wish to come back to the Town with a Developer's Agreement and proposal to pursue a future subdivision or development on this property. Check from Big Ox received for CUP application, so a plan commission will be needed. Meeting set for March 20, 2018 at 7 pm.

13. CORRESPONDENCE: DNR 2018 Forest Crop master list available online. Brown County Farm Bureau pamphlet. Rural Mutual work comp liability policy overview. IOH forms from Rio Creek Feed Mill for ag equipment on Town roadways. Ltr from DOR manufacturing taking over personal property tax.

14. PAYMENT OF BILLS : Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Olsen to pay bills. MC Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Olsen to adjourn at 7:45 pm MC

Prepared by: Michelle Wallerius, Clerk

Approved: April 9, 2018