

July 10, 2017 the regular Town Board Meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Coun. Raymond absent. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** The financials were given to the board and are on file in the town clerk's office. As of this meeting things are looking good and on course. Vertical Wire, formerly known as Independent Tower, wants to erect two towers instead of one and we have been contacted by the town attorney. It is suggested to charge more money in leasing fees but there hasn't been a response yet.

**New Business:** It is the time of year when budget sessions need to be set up setting up date and time. The first one will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 for whoever can make it. Coun. Greenough talked to the company that made the veteran's sign about placing a Plexiglas covering over the top to protect it from weather. The weed program hasn't begun yet and Mr. Hobus will call the state to see what the status of the boat and transporter will be arriving. We have been contacted by Alternative Sentencing about painting the town hall for next year. We will need to supply a lift and pressure washer when the time comes. We are too busy this year to schedule it. George Ferguson brought up a call that he received about a rattlesnake located in Hulett's Landing. The state law says they are protected but wondered if we can overturn and repeal it at the town's discretion. County business includes the mortgage tax law. No laws have been passes while the representatives have been on break. When they came back into session they passes the sales tax law. Washington County is requesting a quarter of a percent increase to cover the construction being done at ACC and the assembly passed it and the senate did not. Sup. Gang handed the board a print out of full value tax rates using 2016 final assessment roll and according to the numbers Dresden is still low overall on property taxes, and third lowest in school tax.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Since the last meeting time has been spent on Pike Brook Road preparing the shoulders and ditching for this year's paving project. All the town roads except the ones in Hulett's Landing have been mowed. The crew spread about 300 tons of scalpings on Bluff Head Road and has been graded and rolled to compact it. The crew attended Safety Day at the Washington County Fairgrounds on June 20<sup>th</sup>. They also have started on mowing the county roads and working towards the Landing. Concrete was mixed up to do culvert repair on Goldey Road, as well as work being done to the dirt roads damaged by all of the recent heavy rains. Mr. Hobus has met with Randy Rath from the LGPC about a grant monies to do a culvert replacement on Goldey Road but we were turned down for the sewer line being placed under the bridge. Another attempt will be made coming up soon. We are still waiting on the drainage easement being done by John Grady. It may cost as much as \$40,000-50,000 to replace the sewer line under the bridge. In November the sewer district will put a grant in and hope to hear something by January. We are still waiting on the delivery of equipment for the weed program. Employees have been put in place and hopefully it will take off.

**Public Comment:** There are some loose pieces of slate roofing on the town hall and a question if anyone knows someone who does slate roof repairs. A motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur at 7:31. No further discussions. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Scott Brown George Ferguson