

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
January 14, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:32pm.

Pledge was recited by all present.

Czech read the December, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

**Public Comment**

None

**Fire Department/EMR Report**

None

**Employment Applications**

Applications were received from the following for the Hamburg EMR:

- \*Michaela Bloch (Hamburg)
- \*Nicole Modrzejewski (Hamburg)
- \*Kari Moodie (Berlin)

Motion was made and seconded by Artus and Plisch to approve all applicants pending a clear background check. Motion carries.

Keith Tucker is interested in a Road Worker position. Vogel will issue the application paperwork.

**Road Equipment Use Policies**

Plisch recommended the creation of Standardized Policies and work flow chart for snow plowing, machinery maintenance, grading and general road work. This would be for use by the Town employees. Plisch will draft this chart for review and possible implementation for the February meeting.

**Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

-New resident on Lincoln Drive called about refuse containers. House has been vacant for the last year and no containers had been issued. Vogel will call Advanced Disposal or attempt to retrieve containers from syrup shack (mistakenly left last winter).

-Per Mar Security plans to upgrade the cellular communicator in their units in both the Town Hall and Town Garage. They have given the Town 3 options that represent various levels of technology 1. \$20.00/month for 4G service. 2. \$30.00/month for 6G service. 3. \$600.00 one-time fee for unlimited future upgrades. Vogel recommends option #1, but desires to table this discussion to research other security options. It will be placed on the February agenda.

-McCoy Equipment has another grader for Hamburg to look at. Supervisors discussed buying vs. renting/leasing the necessary equipment as needed. Plisch will touch base with McCoy on the grader.

-Merrill School Board will be discussing the possible closure of the Maple Grove school at a meeting tomorrow night (January 15<sup>th</sup>). The Governance Board at Maple Grove is exploring the idea of moving to the Athens School District (vs. Merrill) as an alternative to closure.

### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisors requested clarification of Road responsibilities we share with Halsey (Rd offshoot from Hwy H) and Corning (continuation West of Co Rd FF). Additional fire number needed at a syrup shack on West Lincoln Drive-past Co Rd S.

Supervisors report taking calls on Road grading and other road questions. Residents are appreciative of the work being done. The new truck box is currently being installed on the 1993 Ford Dump truck. Additional charges of \$970.00 for a new hinge will be added to the total. Estimated completion date is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Schultz's Recycling-Merrill has been bought by another company. They will continue to service the Metal Recycling dumpster at the Town Garage.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$80,917.53 Bank Checking

\$134,804.38 Machinery Fund

\$43,668.15 Fire Dept Engine Fund

### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports the next Township wide election will be February 18, 2020. She attended the IT Security/Communication seminar at the Marathon County Courthouse on January 10<sup>th</sup>. This seminar was paid for by the WI Elections Board grant funds we received in December, 2019.

### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

1-30-20 Western Towns Association meeting- Rib Mountain Town Hall

2-11-20 Board meeting-Town Hall 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 8:15 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
February 11, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder, Hamburg Fire Chief DeBroux, Hamburg Fire Assistant Chief Kevin Borchardt

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the January, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

Chief DeBroux explained Automatic Aid Agreements that the Town of Hamburg is signing in cooperation with the Hamburg Fire Department and the Fire Departments from Corning, Marathon City, and Maine. The benefits to Hamburg include: No direct cost to the Township and lower cost to the residents of the Town of Hamburg in the form of lower insurance costs. In the case of visually confirmed structure fires, the participating Departments will all be paged out simultaneously, saving valuable response time. Motion made by Artus, and seconded by Plisch to approve the 3 agreements. Motion carries.

DeBroux also discussed future Radio Replacement plans with the Board. Czech questioned if the Radio replacement costs could be funded by the 2% Fire Dues monies. DeBroux will research this and report back.

#### **Employment Applications**

Application was received from Michael Jankowski for the Fire Department. Motion made and seconded by Artus and Plisch to approve this application. Motion carries.

#### **Update on Maple Grove/MAPS Discussions**

Peter Wade updated the Town Board on the ongoing discussions between the Maple Grove Governance Board and the Merrill Area Public School District. Discussions include the possibility of Maple Grove Closing and/or detaching from the MAPS District and moving to the Athens District. Wade made clarification that he is the President of the Maple Grove Foundation and Angie Servi is President of the Maple Grove Governance Board. Wade will keep us informed of future happenings.

**Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

-Terry Voigt syrup shack still needs new address. Marathon County will be contacted to let them know it was missed in the readdressing process.

-Is still researching options to replace PerMar Security at the Town Hall and Town Garage.

**Supervisor Report**

Supervisors report the new Ford Truck box has been delivered and installed. They are looking for quotes to replace the Town Garage doors and generator to use in case of power failures. They have been unable to contact McCoy Equipment as to the quote for the new road equipment. No issues have been found in the last month with employee performance. Halsey is plowing Hwy H off-shoot as agreed upon.

**Treasurer Report**

\$120,033.09 Bank Checking

\$134,827.28 Machinery Fund

\$43,673.71 Fire Dept Engine Fund

**Clerk Report**

Czech requests Board approval for Mark Czech as a Chief Election Inspector. Artus made motion to approve Czech as an Election Inspector, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

3-10-20 Board meeting-Town Hall 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 8:10 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
March 10, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder, 3 Hamburg residents

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the February, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None. Mike Lange, Hamburg resident, later requested new recycling dumpster to replace one damaged by Advanced Disposal during pickup. He further stated the past dog issue with his neighbor has improved, and applauded the Township Road workers on their work this winter.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

Application was received from Keith Tucker for a road worker position. Motion made to approve by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **2020 Town Newsletter**

Supervisors discussed topics for the 2020 Hamburg newsletter. They include: Recycling tips, Elected Board members and contact info, Dust control, Note's from the Chair and Supervisors, Equipment usage rates, and plans to suspend pit run availability. They will discuss pit run problems and rates at the Annual meeting.

#### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

- Terry Voigt syrup shack address sign will be placed by Marathon County.
- No immediate plans to replace PerMar Security at the Town Hall and Town Garage.
- Various logging operations are going on in the township.
- Schulz's Recycling has closed in Merrill. The metal recycling dumpster is still being serviced out of an alternative location.

#### **Supervisor Report**

The Supervisors report older steel culverts will be recycled. Various culverts will need to be steamed open to allow water flow normally. Road workers will need to speak to either the Supervisors or Chairman before working on projects. Supervisors are waiting on McCoy

equipment on a Grader upgrade proposal. Artus suggests trading in both graders for a new grader, Plisch desires to keep both graders. Table discussion for now. They are also waiting on operational garage door (electrical) quotes.

#### **Treasurer Report**

\$270,640.20 Bank Checking

\$134,848.70 Machinery Fund

\$43,678.92 Fire Dept Engine Fund

#### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports on BOR and Open Book scheduled dates and 2020 Election dates. Harder and Czech attended the annual BOR training in Eau Claire at the end of February. Czech read the 2019 Granite bid and the Board adjusted the wording of the newspaper ad. Granite bids will be opened in April, 2020. The Recycling Report will be filed this Spring. The \$700.00+ grant will have to be paid back to the State of WI.

#### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

04-07-20 Spring Election

04-14-20 Board meeting-Town Hall 6:30pm.

04-21-20 Annual Meeting 7:00pm.

04-23-20 Open Book 4-6pm.

05-07-20 BOR 6:30-8:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 7:34 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
April 14, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the March, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

A representative of Athens Hard Rock states the Hard Rock quarry has been sold to Haas, Inc. There will be no changes in the organization or business practices at Athens Hard Rock.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

None.

#### **2020 Granite/Diabase Bids**

Two sealed bids were received:

Laddick Road Materials		Red Rock Granite	
Granite/cu yd	\$8.62	Granite/cu yd	\$8.48
Diabase/ton	\$8.86 3/4 "	3/4 " Road base	\$8.25
Diabase/ton	\$9.26 5/8"		

Motion made to purchase Diabase from Laddick Road Materials and granite from Red Rock Granite, Inc. by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Supervisors will shop for Dust Control prices. No bids were received.

#### **2020 Annual Meeting**

Supervisors recommended the postponement of the 2020 Hamburg Annual meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the "Safe at Home" order by Governor Evers. The Town Board will recommend rescheduling the meeting to the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Annual meeting will be called to order on April 21, 2020 (7pm) as scheduled, and then adjourned to a later date if the residents agree.

### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

-The 2020 Hamburg Newsletter has been forwarded to the print shop and will be mailed later this week.

-The Cruz Aire still has no engine or buyers interested in the machine. Vogel suggested that the Township could put a \$6-8000 used engine in the Cruz Aire and use it around the township, or try to sell it again. The Supervisors need to decide on a course of action for the Cruz Aire per Vogel.

-The Township Salt Shed will be inspected the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> by the State.

### **Supervisor Report**

The Supervisors report the recent road washout on Naugart Lane has been repaired. Brushing and ditching of Township roadways will start as soon as the temperatures allow. The North/South roadways have some snow drifting from a recent snow storm which the road workers have been working to keep clear. Select culverts will need work later in the year.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$263,512.15 Bank Checking

\$134,862.00 Machinery Fund

\$43,682.31 Fire Dept Engine Fund

### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports Town of Stettin paid their 2019 Stand-By fee twice. This was discovered when the year-end reports were compiled. \$7314.00 was paid on June 10<sup>th</sup> and again on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Vogel will call to check if Stettin wants these monies reimbursed or applied to future years fees. 2019 Annual Reports were handed out by Czech. **FYI:** The Special Assessment (garbage collection) income is more than the Township Garbage/Recycling disbursement due to the last payment for the year was made in January, 2020. This is outside the parameters of the report.

### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Plisch to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Artus seconds. Motion carries.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

04-21-20 Annual Meeting 7:00pm.

04-23-20 Open Book 4-6pm

05-04-20 Road meeting 8am

05-07-20 BOR 6:30-8:30pm

05-12-20 Special Election (7<sup>th</sup> Congressional)

05-12-20 May Town Board meeting 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 7:43 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk



Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
May 12, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the April, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

**Employment Applications**

None.

**Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

- He has not reached out to the Town of Stettin.
- He recently attended the Fire Department officers meeting.
- The 2020 Annual Meeting will be May 18, 2020 in the Large Meeting Room at the Town Hall. A mass mailing postcard was sent out to notify residents of the rescheduled date. No lunch or drinks will be served after the meeting due to Covid19 guidelines.

**Supervisor Report**

The Supervisors report recent calls about dust control issues. Dust control will be put down after new surface material is spread on applicable roads in May/June.

New culverts are planned for installation this summer.

The Cruz Aire situation was discussed. Plisch states it is an obsolete machine with unavailable new parts, and he recommends not spending additional money on it. The Cruz Aire tires will not fit any of our existing machinery. Discussion for disposal will be a topic at the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Artus, seconded by Plisch to pay \$100.00 to Lynne Harder for the used time clock purchased for the Town Garage. Motion carries.

**Dust Control Bid**

Bid was received from WI Salt Solutions for 2020 Dust Control application:

Calcium Chloride: \$1.07/gallon spread

Magnesium Chloride: \$1.03/gallon spread

Supervisors will schedule application ASAP.

**Treasurer Report**

\$242,501.30 Bank Checking

\$134,873.09 Machinery Fund

\$43,685.18 Fire Dept Engine Fund

**Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

A big thank you to Jordan Artus for constructing the plexiglass barrier to be used at the Elections. It is most appreciated!

Czech requested a concrete sidewalk be installed on the East side of the Municipal building. It will allow Voters to exit out the door by the kitchen, and will promote a better traffic flow in and out of the building on Election Day.

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

05-18-20 Annual Meeting 7:00pm.

06-01-20 Road meeting 8am

06-08-20 June Town Board meeting 6:30pm \* MONDAY\*

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 7:11 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
2020 Board of Review  
May 7, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Plisch, Artus, Czech, Harder  
Town Assessor Kurt Moeller

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Town Clerk Czech reported that there were no requests for appointments to address the Board of Review.

Assessor Moeller went through the Changes to Assessment 2020. He passed out Hamburg Plat Book maps for each of the Board members to refer to throughout the meeting.

Moeller states:

1. Three new homes were built in the Township in 2019, in addition to multiple sheds and garages.
2. The former Bletsoe Cheese Factory parcel was taken off the Manufacturing Roll and added to the Commercial Roll.
3. The Assessed Value of the Township is \$961,200, a 2% increase. The Residential Assessed value totals \$734,000.

Moeller continued with the Town of Hamburg 2019 Sales. Unimproved land sales averaged \$2000.00 per acre.

Motion to adjourn the 2020 BOR meeting at 8:30 pm by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk  
Town of Hamburg

Town of Hamburg  
Annual Town Meeting  
May 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Vogel at 7:00 PM. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifteen residents were in attendance.

Dawn Czech, Clerk, read the minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting. Jim Schara made a motion to accept the minutes as read. John Sturm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Czech read the 2019 Financial report. Motion was made by Jim Schara and seconded by Misty Vogel to accept the report as read. Motion carries.

2019 Supervisors Report.

Cliff Plisch reports that there have been recent expenses on road equipment, specifically the 1995 Dump truck box replacement and the John Deere Grader maintenance work consisting of new tires and hydraulic work.

Plisch also reviewed the road work that was done in 2019 on Rainbow and Naugart Drives, and on Fromm Fur Lane. Granite will be placed at the end of May, 2020 with dust control sprayed afterwards. Ditching and culvert replacements are ongoing throughout the township. The Town Shop roof will need to be recoated this summer as well.

Jordan Artus thanked the Road workers for all their work this past year. John Sturm questioned the contract ditching schedule. Supervisors state the Southern half of the Township has been done, and the Northern half will be worked on next year. Motion to approve the Supervisors report by John Sturm, seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carries.

Ryan DeBroux, Fire Chief, gave a Fire Department Report.

DeBroux highlighted the Fire Department 2019 Financial Report that was included in the back of the Annual Report, and thanks the community for their ongoing support. In 2019 the FD responded to 27 fire calls, and 50 EMR calls. The Department has on their active roster 26 Fire Department members, and 12 Emergency Medical Responders.

Additional Fire Department activities include:

- the Fire Up to Read program did continue in the Fall of 2019, but was cut short due to the abrupt closure of the Maple Grove School in March, 2020 due to the Covid19 virus. It is a very popular program with the students, and the Department hopes to close last years program when school starts in the Fall of 2020.

- The ISO rating, which is a way the Insurance industry rates all Fire Departments in regards to Home Owners insurance rates, has upgraded Hamburg Fire Department to a "6". Hopefully the insurance rates we all pay for our individual property insurance will reflect that change at the renewal.

- DeBroux reported the Fire Department responded to 10 Fire calls in Hamburg Township, 4 in Town of Berlin, 1 in Rib Falls, and 12 calls for Mutual Aid in 2019.

-The Fire Department Annual Tractor Pull fundraiser is scheduled for June 27, 2020 at the Hamburg Town Hall.

Paula Paulson presented the Emergency Medical Responder report.

Paulson reported that long-time EMR member Kathy Sturm has retired from the Department and is Thanked for her service to the community and the Department.

The Department's plan is to continue to do their annual fundraising by providing services at the Edgar Steam Engine Show and working at the Hamburg Tractor Pull this summer. Hopefully these events will be able to be held due to the Covid19 virus and the resulting large gathering restrictions.

The EMR Department currently has 11 members, with 4 more attending training classes. The Active members have been concentrating on Bleeding Emergency training this year. Equipment will have to be upgraded as needed, especially BP Cuffs and Defibrillators.

Motion was made by Jim Schara and seconded by John Sturm to accept the Fire Department and EMR reports. Motion carries.

Vogel presented the Chairman's Report.

1. Vogel thanks the Town Board for their work this year in maintaining the Townships roads and programs.
2. The Marathon County Re-addressing project was completed in the Summer of 2019. Various signs had been missed by the county and the Town ship has worked to erect those since then.
3. The Township wide garbage and recycling program is going well. Our recycling efforts have increased with the ease of those collections.
4. The Cruz Aire has been sold after months of bid advertising to a private party offer.

Motion was made by Jim Schara, seconded by Gary Paul to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion carries.

Misty Vogel reported on the current litigation between the Friends of Maple Grove, Inc and the Merrill Area Public School Board. There is one year left on the Contract between the two parties and MAPS is attempting to show the Friends of Maple Grove, Inc is in default of that contract. It is unknown at this time what the fate of the Maple Grove School is and if classes will resume in the fall of 2020.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

Chairman Eric Vogel questioned the gathered residents if the Board should consider upgrading the 1984 CAT Grader or replacing the Cruz Aire.

Supervisor Plisch recommends purchasing a backhoe (estimated cost \$30,000) to deal with washouts and various other projects and continuing to source out the Ditching work as we have done the last year.

Residents declined to speak to the issue. Vogel recommended tabling the issue for now and will call a Special Voters meeting when the Board can supply additional specifics for the voters to consider.

A motion was made by Jim Schara to hold the next Annual Meeting on April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Lyle Thurs. Motion carried.

John Sturm made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm, seconded by Misty Vogel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
June 8, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:37pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the May, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

**2020-2021 Alcohol/Tobacco Licenses**

Motion by Artus, seconded by Plisch to approve the following licenses:

1. Class B Combination Liquor License/Tobacco License to Jodi Bloch. DBA: Eddie's Bar
2. Winery License to Half Moon Hill, LLC

**Employment Applications**

None.

**Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

- The Cruz Aire has been sold as is to Rib Falls Transport for \$4000.00.
- The ISO Classification rating for the Hamburg Fire Department has improved and residents will see lower rates next renewal period on their Homeowners insurance. Congratulations to the Fire Department on a job well done.
- The Annual Meeting went well; residents seem to have no issues with the Town operations.
- Vogel has reached out to the Town of Stettin on their FD overpayment issue, and is waiting for a call back.

**Supervisor Report**

The Supervisors report granite has been placed on the East/West roads and Diabase was laid on both Fromm Fur Lane and Big Rib River Drive. Dust control, ditching and culvert replacements are upcoming.

A Preventive Maintenance program has been started on all Road machinery to extend the life of equipment.

The sidewalk on the Eastside of the Town Hall has been completed by Artus as requested, to aid in the pedestrian foot traffic flow on Election Days.

A permanent fuel barrel will be installed at the Town Hall for the Fire Department use.

**Treasurer Report (approximately as of May, 31<sup>st</sup>)**

\$212,712.14 Bank Checking

\$134,884.54 Machinery Fund +\$25,000

\$68,689.30 Fire Dept Engine Fund -\$25,000 Bank put monies in wrong fund.

Harder purchased a new Tax /Dog Licensing computer program for the Treasurer's office use.

**Clerk Report**

Discussion on Topsoil delivered to Jeanie Voigt residence and billed to the Town of Hamburg. Voigt won a load of pit run at the Fire Department Raffle last August. Voigt asked Vogel if she could get Topsoil instead of pit run. Vogel ok change. Vogel will pay Topsoil bill personally, possibly in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Czech thanks Artus for the new Town Hall sidewalk which will be utilized first at the August 18, 2020 Primary Election.

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

07-06-20 Road meeting 8am

07-15-20 July Town Board meeting 6:30pm \* Wednesday\*

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 7:29 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk



Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
July 15, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Artus, Plisch, Harder  
Peter Wade, President, Friends of Maple Grove  
4 Hamburg Residents

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the June, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Plisch, seconded by Artus. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

Kate Henrichs, Treasurer, Maple Grove Governance Board, informed the Town Board of the Maple Grove Governance Board's intent to start the process to possibly disengage the Hamburg Township from the Merrill Public School District and join to the Athens School District.

Peter Wade updated the Town Board on the *Maple Grove Governance Board vs. Merrill Area Public Schools* court case which concluded recently. The judge ruled in favor of keeping the Maple Grove Charter School open for the duration of the existing contract with the Governance Board. MAPS is appealing the decision and desires to close Maple Grove ASAP. The Friends of Maple Grove is currently working on crafting a petition to detach from MAPS. They desire signatures from Town residents, as well as Township property owners.

Motion by Plisch, seconded by Artus to hold a Special Town Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. for the discussion/planning of Maple Grove's Future. Motion carries.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

None.

#### **Little Chicago Cell Tower**

Vogel has received paperwork indicating a Cell Tower is planned to be built North of Little Chicago. It is planned to be 300 Ft tall and located on a 2-acre parcel on the West side of Hwy 107.

### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

-He has contacted the Town of Stettin on the FD Stand-by Contract overpayment. He is waiting on a reply.

-He has discussed the Jenni Voight topsoil payment question with the Fire Department. Chief DeBroux indicated the FD will pay that bill for her.

-A resident is having pigeon problems with her neighbor's birds. He advised her on a course of action.

-Another resident is requesting a HORSE CROSSING road sign be placed on Grass Creek Lane. Vogel will get more information on the specifics.

### **Supervisor Report**

The Supervisors report many necessary road repairs due to heavy rain washouts. Routine maintenance on the Road machinery is ongoing. Culvert installation has started to replace select aging culverts.

Vogel encouraged Supervisors to prioritize road projects and watch budget numbers to control costs.

A named road sign has been defaced in the Township. The Road workers will attempt to clean the paint off if possible.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$95,296.97 Bank Checking

\$159,895.97 Machinery Fund

\$43,693.54 Fire Dept Engine Fund

Harder questions a recent letter she received on a garbage collection situation at the Jeff Artus farm on Hwy 107. Vogel, Plisch and Czech all received a copy of this letter as well. This unsigned, anonymous letter states the residents have not been assessed for the Refuse/Recycling Collection and are taking advantage of the service. Supervisor Artus confirms Advanced Disposal dropped off two dumpsters in December, 2018, when they were preparing for the Township wide collection which started in January, 2019. Artus is unaware of the Tax/Assessment status of this property which is owned by his parents. Vogel and Plisch recommended the Artus's pay for the current year assessment (\$185.28) and communicate with the Board if they desire to continue to receive the collection service in future.

### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

The Fall Primary Election is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Absentee Ballots have gone out to the Voters who have requested them. The new sidewalk on the East side of the Town Hall needs to have the final touches applied before the election.

### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

08-03-20 Road meeting 8am

08-10-20 August Town Board meeting 6:30pm \* MONDAY\*

08-11-20 Primary Election

08-20-20 Special Town Electors meeting \*Maple Grove's Future\* 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 8:52 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
August 10, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Plisch, Harder  
1 Hamburg Resident

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the July, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Plisch, seconded by Vogel. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

None.

#### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

- A Resident placed his own dust control in front of his property in the Southern end of the Township. Vogel and Plisch spoke to him about using the approved dust control available exclusively through the Town.

- The Hwy 107 Cell Tower has reached final paperwork status. Vogel will sign off on approval from the Township.

- Supervisors checked wheeled excavators from Swiderski Implement in Mosinee. A Used, Gradall excavator is \$33,500/A New, Doosan unit is \$164,000. Table for now.

- Discussion on the need for a new Pressure Washer/Steamer for Road maintenance work. Anticipated cost would be \$10-15,000, to come from the Machinery fund. Plisch motions to replace existing pressure washer with a new model, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vogel, motion carries.

- MAPS has requested permission to put a temporary fuel tank at the Town Shed for fueling school buses locally vs. driving them into Merrill. Vogel granted permission to them.

#### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Plisch reports they are replacing select culverts (older PVC culverts are collapsing). A resident on Co Rd L needs a driveway culvert replaced. There is blacktop surface, but the Road Maintenance crew will try to do the repair with materials available to them. Keith Tucker has a

CDL test scheduled on 8/18/20, and is a valuable addition to the Road worker pool. Vogel will call the County on Culvert aid processes.

**Treasurer Report**

\$82,484.33 Bank Checking

\$159,909.55 Machinery Fund

\$43,695.61 Fire Dept Engine Fund

**Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

The Fall Primary Election is scheduled for tomorrow, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The sidewalk still needs finishing touches. There are Grants available to aid with Covid-19 costs to the Township from the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the State of WI. Czech will be submitting Election based expenses to both of these Grants.

Artus arrives 7:12pm.

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

08-20-20 Special Town Electors meeting \*Maple Grove's Future\* 7pm

09-08-20 Monthly Town Board Meeting 6:30pm

09-14-20 Monthly Road Meeting 8:00am (Due to Labor Day on 09-07-20)

Motion to adjourn by Plisch at 7:30 pm, seconded by Artus. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Special Town Board Meeting  
August 20, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 7pm. Twenty-seven residents were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Peter Fromm Wade, Friends of Maple Grove, spoke on the history of Maple Grove and the Merrill Area Public Schools attempt over the years to close the school. The current contract with MAPS will end July 1, 2021.

The Friends of Maple Grove are organizing a petition drive to keep Maple Grove open by leaving the MAPS district and attaching to the Athens School District. This would involve gathering the signatures of residents of the Town of Hamburg and property owners of parcels within the Township. Fifty percent of total possible signatures would be needed for the petition to go forward.

These petitions will then be presented to both Merrill and Athens school districts for their attention. If necessary, an additional petition may be necessary to be presented to a State Appeals Board in January, 2021. This board will make the final decision on the School District question and the future of Maple Grove.

Mr. Wade then took questions from the gathered residents as to the ownership of the Maple Grove buildings and the Fromm Scholarship status if the petition would be successful. More than likely both issues will be decided in Marathon County Court.

Attendees were then invited to sign the petition.

Motion by John Sturm to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, seconded by Misty Vogel. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
September 8, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Plisch, Harder, Artus

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the August, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

None to consider.

#### **Worker Salaries**

The following employees are to have their wages updated:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 9-01-2020</u>
K. Tucker	\$13.75	\$20.00/hr
G. Paul	\$16.50	\$17.00/hr
L. Thurs	\$16.50	\$17.00/hr
D. Grenwalt	\$15.10	\$16.00/hr
J. Artus	\$13.75	\$16.00/hr
L. Boehm	\$19.50	\$19.50/hr
M. Guralski	\$11.63	\$14.00/hr
Election Workers	\$11.63	\$12.00/hr

New employees-Wages to be set based on experience. Will be determined at hire with Board Approval.

#### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

-The Borchardt/Jaeger wedding (September, 2021) asked to have the reception in the Fire Barn section of the Town Hall. The Town Board has granted this request, and will not be charging any rental fee.

-Information has been received from DWD Enterprises on a Alkota trailer model pressure washer. Cost is \$13,599.00 + shipping. Supervisors will go forward with this purchase.

-The MAPS fuel barrel will be delivered on 9/9/20 to the town shed. Permission was granted last month to MAPS for them to fuel the local school buses here.

-Vogel will contact former Chair Jen Seliger as to the needed update to the Hamburg Comprehensive Plan.

-A reminder postcard will be going out this week to the Township residents on the 9-12-20 signing event for the Maple Grove School petition drive.

-The 2020 WISL pavement rating system paperwork is complete and will be submitted to the State of Wisconsin.

-Vogel is still waiting on the Culvert Aid paperwork from Marathon County.

-Vogel recommends withholding the Rental Security Deposit from the renter who left the South side hall tables unwashed, window open and electric heat register below the window on 80\*. He will contact the renter to let them

### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisors request that the residents still waiting for Dust Control should have their monies refunded. The Dust Control company was never able to return with the promised partial load and it is now too late in the season to apply it.

Plisch recommends placing a padlock on the gate to the pit run mine property. A large amount of material has been taken out this summer, unfortunately without prior permission.

Supervisors additionally report that culvert placement is ongoing, Hurtis Heating has checked the furnaces at the Town Shed, and Town worker Keith Tucker will be taking over the Road Machinery maintenance program.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$111,581.21 Bank Checking

\$159,923.13 Machinery Fund

\$43,697.47 Fire Dept Engine Fund

### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

Hamburg has applied for two available Covid-19 State/Federal Grants:

\*\$751.10 Wisconsin Election Commission CARES grant to pay for Election expenses related to the Coronavirus. This money has been received.

\*\$900.00 Routes to Recovery grant to also be used towards associated Pandemic related expenses.

Absentee Ballots are anticipated to be mailed next week to those residents who have submitted their paperwork requesting it.

### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

09-14-20 September Road Meeting 8:00am (Due to Labor Day on 09-07-20)

10-05-20 October Road Meeting 8:00am

10-13-20 October Town Board meeting 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Plisch at 8:13 pm, seconded by Artus. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk



Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
October 13, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Vogel, Czech, Plisch, Harder, Artus  
Peter Wade-Maple Grove Foundation  
Residents (4)

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Harder read the September, 2020 meeting minutes at Czech's request. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

None to consider.

#### **Maple Grove Update**

Peter Wade updated the Board on the Petition drive/Separation Plan (from MAPS). Currently, there are 78 students attending Maple Grove. The deadline for ultimate paperwork submission is February 1, 2021.

#### **Chairman Report**

Vogel reports:

- The Fire Department has reported a Department vehicle has a leaking valve. They are currently getting quotes to replace.
- The Routes to Recovery Grant is available to pay part of the 2020 FD wages. Currently, we have \$14,000+ remaining to put towards the payments.
- Last week there was an EMR employee injury during a training exercise. Bills will be sent directly to the Workers Compensation Insurance company.
- Coleton Bloch complained to Vogel on last year's field damage when wind rows were created by the Township.
- Vogel gave Maple Grove permission to use the Hamburg Town Hall for a fund raiser in October.
- Vogel has not spoken to Jen Seliger on the Hamburg Comprehensive plan 10 Year review.
- The Usage rate for Equipment rates will be placed on the November, 2020 agenda.

### **Supervisor Report**

Supervisors have received a \$1200 quote from Brian Plisch to put rain gutter on the East side of the Town Shop building. This will allow the roof runoff to be redirected from in front of the garage doors. Ice buildup has been a problem during past winter seasons. Additional quotes will be requested.

The new pressure washer has been delivered and is working well.

Supervisors plan on painting the Town Shop roof next spring (2021).

Tucker and Thurs have been out grading roads as conditions permit and will be working on remaining culvert installations.

We have received complaints on Large (local) trucks making excessive noise and residents doing donuts in local intersections. Plisch has discussed issue with individuals responsible. There also are unknown individuals damaging road signs/posts in the township.

### **Treasurer Report**

\$87,176.27 Bank Checking

\$159,936.28 Machinery Fund

\$43,699.26 Fire Dept Engine Fund

### **Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

-Hamburg has applied for a third Covid-19 Grant: \$5000.00 has been awarded to be used for Election related technology use. The plan is to replace the aging Automark (a handicap accessible ballot marking machine) with an updated model (approx. \$3600.00) and to update a computer and printer to use for election related work. This brings the 2020 grant monies awarded to the Township to more than \$21,000.00.

-Absentee Ballot work for the 2020 Fall election is ongoing. Approx. 45% of ballots have been returned as of today.

-A Hamburg resident went to Advanced Disposal (on his own) and requested pick up service at his property. The \$15.42 monthly charge was added to the Hamburg bill. Czech requested Advanced Disposal not allow individuals to do this, but have the resident go through the Township to initiate service. Harder will bill this individual to reimburse the Town for 2020, and we will put the Special Assessment for garbage/recycling on his 2021 property tax bill.

### **Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

11-02-20 November Road Meeting 8:00am

11-02-20 Working Budget Meeting 6:30pm

11-03-20 Fall Election

11-10-20 November Town Board meeting 6:30pm

11-10-20 Public Budget Meeting/Electors Meeting to Approve Levy 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Plisch at 7:55 pm, seconded by Artus. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
November 10, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Czech, Plisch, Harder, Artus  
EMR Paulson and Jahnke, FD Deputy Chief Kevin Borchardt  
Chairman Vogel was excused, quorum present.

Meeting was called to order by Plisch at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the October, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

Deputy Chief Borchardt addresses questions about Air tank rentals and replacing aging air packs. The Fire Department will be hiring a grant writer to apply for a grant to replace the Department's standard issue Air Packs. There will be the standard 5% Township match and the Awarded grant could be up to \$80,000.00. More information will be forthcoming from the Department as time goes on.

Emergency Medical Responders Paulson and Jahnke requested the Town pay for 2 new Defibrillators at the cost of \$900.00 each. They will be asking the other associated Townships to do the same for the Department. Motion was made by Artus and seconded by Plisch to purchase 2 new Defibrillators for the Hamburg EMR department. Motion carries.

#### **Employment Applications**

Fire Department application Madison Strand as a FD member. Due to Vogel's absence, this application discussion will be tabled until the December, 2020 meeting.

#### **Equipment Usage Rate**

Tabled until December, 2020.

#### **Chairman Report**

None.

**Supervisor Report**

Supervisors report the Road crew's work is going well, and the Winter equipment is ready to use when required. Grading township roads is ongoing as the weather and time permits.

**Treasurer Report**

\$95,097.13 Bank Checking  
\$159,949.86 Machinery Fund  
\$43,701.12 Fire Dept Engine Fund

Harder reports \$90.00 was received from Alter Recycling from the Metal recycling bin at the Town Shop.

**Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

- The recent General Election on November 3, 2020 saw an 88% participation of registered voters in the Town of Hamburg.
- Final paperwork will be submitted next week on the R2R grant received from the State of WI.

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

12-08-20 November Town Board meeting 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Plisch at 7:36 pm, seconded by Artus. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk

Town of Hamburg  
Monthly Board Meeting  
December 8, 2020  
Hamburg Municipal Building

Present: Czech, Plisch, Artus, Vogel. Treasurer Harder is delayed.

Peter Wade, Maple Grove Foundation President  
Two residents.

Meeting was called to order by Vogel at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Czech read the November, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes as read by Artus, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

#### **Public Comment**

Peter Wade brought us up to date on the petition process to Detach from the Merrill Area Public School district. Two completed petitions have been presented to the MAPS School Board clerk Nubs Ashbeck. Approximately 50% of the Town Voters signed the petition to Detach, and roughly 70% of the total land owners also signed. MAPS is now required to send a certified copy of the petition to the Athens School District. Mueller Communications (a firm hired by the Maple Grove Foundation) will present the Detachment Case to both District's School Boards sometime in late December or January, 2021. If no action is taken by MAPS or they deny the petition, the Case can go to a State Appeals hearing in February, 2021. Wade will continue to update us as events unfold

#### **Fire Department/EMR Report**

None.

#### **Employment Applications**

Fire Department application (Madison Strand) tabled. Vogel will confer with the Fire Department on her application.

#### **Equipment Usage Rate**

Effective immediately:

- Discontinue snow plowing of resident driveways.
- Grading \$100.00 minimum, \$125.00/hr.
- End loader \$100.00/hr.
- Dump Truck \$80.00/hr. \$100.00 minimum.
- Sanding \$20.00
- Culvert Installation: Cost of culvert/materials, plus equipment rate usage listed above.
- Steaming \$50.00/hr.
- Mowing grass \$100.00/hr.

**Chairman Report**

Vogel will send out informational postcard on the new Usage rates. There were 2 rentals in November: Maple Grove School (which was allowed at no charge) and a private resident. Stand-by Fire Contracts run through January, 2022, and need to be updated in the coming year.

**Supervisor Report**

Supervisor Plisch reports the old steamer machine will be scavenged for parts and the rest is garbage. Road signs in the Township have been removed/stolen by individual(s) unknown. It is recommended that law enforcement be notified.

Additionally, individuals are doing donuts in selected intersections. Plisch recommends enacting Resolutions/ordinances to allow fines to be handed out. Draeger Farms hauled manure this fall using Deer Creek Lane. Town employees graded the road post haul to remove manure and mud and to level the road. Draeger will haul granite and diabase in Spring to restore the condition of the road to Town standards.

Supervisor Artus reports the North entrance door in the Fire Department will need repair or overhaul in the Spring due to frost heave.

**Clerk Report**

Czech reports:

-The 2021 Property Taxes paperwork has been submitted to the County Treasurer's office. Taxes will be in the mail later this month.

- Final paperwork was submitted on the R2R grant and monies have been spent on election related computer hardware paid for by the Tech and Civic Life Grant. The reporting section for that Grant is due in January, 2021.

Harder arrives at 7:30pm.

**Treasurer Report**

\$89,217.75 Bank Checking

\$159,963.01 Machinery Fund

\$43,702.91 Fire Dept Engine Fund

**Accounts Payable and Receivable**

Motion by Artus to accept Accounts Payable/Receivable, Plisch seconds. Motion carries.

**Upcoming Meetings**

1-12-21 January Town Board meeting 6:30pm

1-12-21 Town Caucus 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Artus at 7:58 pm, seconded by Plisch. Motion carries.

Dawn Czech, Clerk