

HOWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Howard Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by deputy supervisor Lowell Smith. Councilmen present were Richard Stewart, Gary Rice, and Eric Hosmer. Absent was Supervisor Donald Evia. Also present were, Ed Frey, Keith Brewster, Bob Cleeves, Bob Riekofski, Brad Laverty (Codes Officer), Mike Adams, Ronda Burdin, Bill Holevinski, Jim Wall, Chris Conklin, Steven Conklin, Pam Koch, Jack Koch, karen Dgien, David Hogan, Daniel Cornish, Jack Bossard, Andrew Burdin, and Ed Obrochta Jr.

Deputy Smith led the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by the board. There were a couple of changes to the fire department report. A motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by councilman Rice to approve the minutes with those changes. Carried: Smith aye, Stewart aye, Hosmer aye, and Rice aye.

Public Comment: There was a larger than usual representation of residents present. Ed Frey was looking for answers why an unauthorized ad was placed for a Town Clerk with discussion following. There were other questions about filling the Clerks position and about the taxes. There were several positive comments about the good condition of the Town Highways. There was a complaint about a misspelled road sign on Burleson Road. It turns out to be the Counties error.

At this time Deputy supervisor Smith commenced to present reports for review.

There was no Planning board meeting in December.

Bob Cleeves presented the Fire Department report.

Justice report (\$1042.00)

Clerk's report (\$212.00)

Animal Control had nothing to report for December.

Highway matters: Councilman Rice read the activities report from Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer.

Truck #17 needs a fuel filter housing replace. The crew made a work around repair so the truck is available for the snow tonight.

Gravel is being crushed at Pfitzenmaier pit now. When they are done there they will move to Helms pit.

A Resolution was made by Councilman Rice to purchase a new loader for \$24,000 on the "buy back" program. There was some discussion and councilman Hosmer seconded the resolution. ADOPTED: Councilman Rice aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Councilman Stewart aye, and Councilman Smith aye.

The following bills were presented for audit:

General \$28,086.20

Highway \$11,068.74

Street lighting \$289.13

A motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Stewart to pay these bills. Carried: Councilman Smith aye, councilman Stewart aye, councilman Hosmer aye, Councilman Rice aye.

At 8:50p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Rice aye, Hosmer aye, Stewart aye, Smith aye.