

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on January 13, 2014. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, John McCue, Doug Mrotek, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Clerk Warshawsky affirmed agenda was posted in accordance with open meetings law.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Mrotek to approve the Consent Agenda listed below with the addition of "Operators License Application" under New Business, before Public Comment:

- Approve Agenda
- Review and Approve Vouchers for December, 2013
- Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Closed Session
- Minutes of the December 2, 2013 Fire Department Meeting
- Minutes of the December 5, 2013 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning approving the Conditional Use Application for Haywood Holsteins Inc. owner, Enbridge Energy Co. subject to the condition placed by the Town regarding road repair.

Review of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County Land Use and Zoning Guide was tabled to the next meeting.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that the fire inspections for the last half of 2013 are complete. Mullet reported that Andrew Bell is now 18 and no longer a cadet. Discussion followed regarding repairs and renewal of the DSC license for radios and the radio license. Mullet reported that water froze in the fire hall and the problem has been fixed. Jeff Peake attended training at Fort McCoy for structure fire fighting with reduced personnel.

Mullet presented Rupert Jayden Mullet and Caleb Waggoner and new members to the fire department and reported that there are now 5 cadets. Clerk Warshawsky stated that the current policy only allows 3 cadets. Discussion followed. McCue asked Mullet to review and present the cadet policy at the next meeting. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Aubart to approve the 2 new members pending policy review. Discussion followed.

Mullet reported that Ethan Peake moved and has resigned from the Fire Department. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by McCue to accept Ethan Peake's resignation. Motion carried.

The Procedure for Purchase Requests by the Fire Department was reviewed and approved.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Mrotek to approve the requested items on the 2 purchase requests presented. Motion carried.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that the Highway Department has been plowing, sanding and plowing some more. Campbell stated that the addition of a 3rd man has made a big difference. Campbell reported that there is an issue with a plow. The pins and bearings are shot. Campbell is working with the company that sold the plow and they are talking to the warranty

department. These issues are very premature for the age of the plow. Campbell said that he is not accepting the new plow until this issue is resolved.

Campbell reported that it took $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day trying to start the 410 in the cold. Campbell recalculated the numbers for a new highway shop building and included a letter in the Highway Report from Northwest Builders. Campbell said that the plans went from a shop with 6 doors to 4 doors. The original estimate was \$360,000.00 and it came in at \$338,000.00. Meixner noticed that the plans list a 50-gallon electric hot water heater. Meixner suggested going smaller and heating with gas. Aubart said that we could get by with an 8 gallon tank. McCue said that we could go tankless. Meixner mentioned that electric was not listed. Campbell said that electric is broken out in the square footage cost. Discussion followed. McCue asked what's next. Hall replied that it needs to be bid out. Hall said that he would like to see it done, but it's up to the board. Hall suggested bidding it out and having Aderman work on a loan packet. Aderman stated that the Town currently has 2 loans out and she would like to see those paid off before taking on another. Aubart asked Campbell if it is going to be possible to not replace equipment for 3-5 years. Campbell replied that it is very feasible. Mrotek said that Meixner brought up a good point – how urgent is this? Discussion followed. Hall said that he thinks we should go ahead and do it. Meixner said that the Annual meeting is in April and we should see what the taxpayers think. Hall said that it would not add to the budget. McCue said that he agrees with Mrotek. Campbell will put together a packet for the annual meeting and will wait to bid out until after the meeting.

Campbell presented the Trepania Road update. Campbell reported that January 15, 2014 is when the TRID money will be awarded. Discussion followed. Hall reported that he spoke to Rusty Barber about the road and the fact that his and Campbell's messages have not been returned. Hall told Barber that if we work on the road, it will be our way.

Campbell reported that the Highway Department has more than 40 hours of vacation time to roll over and requested additional time to use up the extra vacation time. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to roll over the extra time and use it before March 1, 2014 for all employees. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of December 31, 2013, the Town has a total of \$1,105,504.15 in all of their accounts and the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by McCue to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Hall asked about taxes. Aderman reported that collections are up from last year.

Clerk Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that the Spring Election will be held April 1, 2014 with 2 Town Board Supervisor seats and 4 candidates. Warshawsky reported that there will not be a primary election.

Warshawsky presented the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) options. Warshawsky reviewed the handouts in each Board member's packet. Warshawsky explained that the option closest to the HRA would be Option 2, which would make the HRA contribution a taxable benefit. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to accept option 2 with taxes added. Motion carried.

Beth Stone from Rural Mutual Insurance presented her proposal. Stone distributed and reviewed the proposal with the Board and took questions from the Board and Fire Chief Mullet. The premium page was reviewed. Warshawsky stated that there is a big difference between the Town's current carrier and Rural Mutual with Rural Mutual being much lower and questioned the proposal since the method of providing coverage differs greatly. Meixner suggested tabling to next month and make an apples to apples comparison. Discussion followed.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-13-2014 (A) To Amend the 2013 Budget. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-13-2014 (B) To Formally Terminate Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Motion by McCue, seconded by Mrotek to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-13-2014 (C) To Oppose SB 349 Relating to Regulation of Nonmetallic Mining. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-13-2014 (D) To Amend the 2014 Budget. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to appointment Kathleen O’Cull as an Election Inspector. Motion carried.

Warshawsky reported that the Wisconsin Town’s Association highly recommends appointing a Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to cover in the event of an emergency. Warshawsky announced that Dawn Henk has been appointed Deputy Clerk and Phil Nies has been appointed Deputy Treasurer.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve the Operator License Application for Aaron Fleming. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.