

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on Monday, September 14, 2015. Members Present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Doug Mrotek, Ralph Meixner, Brian Bisonette, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Supervisor Joel Valentin.

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

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

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the consent agenda listed below minus the August 3, 2015 Fire Department Meeting Minutes and with the addition of "Citation – Goss Rd. Garbage" under new business:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for August, 2015
- c. Minutes of the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the August 3, 2015 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the May 7, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting
- f. Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Public Hearing

Motion carried.

Hall reported that email correspondence was received from Steve Butchart thanking Truit Campbell and Bob Krause for an "OUTSTANDING" job addressing the garbage dumping on Goss Road (to be discussed under new business). Hall reported that two letters were received from Edmond Packee and Kathleen Fitzgerald regarding the recent seal coating in Northwoods Beach (to be discussed under Highway Issues – Seal Coating Update). Letters were received from Phil Nies, Anton Pfenndt, Norbert Deleiden, Margaret and Douglas Lindner, Edmond Packee and Charles and Sarah Newton regarding the proposed public access strip ordinance (to be discussed under new business). Correspondence was also received from Jim Spencer asking for permission to plant red or white pines on the hillside where a set of old stairs had recently been removed. Hall will call Spencer and let them know that white pines can be planted.

Hall presented the Rezone Application for the Sawyer County Housing Authority c/o Sheila Young to change the zoning from District Commercial One to District Residential One for the construction of duplexes. Sheila Young was present and presented the application. Young reported that the property was surveyed and there is enough area for 4 duplexes. Young reported that the Planning Committee suggested 3 duplexes. Young stated that the units will have 2 bedrooms and be designed to be more handicap accessible. Meixner stated that the Board has been through this before. Meixner explained that Mr. Summer put in 5 duplexes in a small area with a large green space. Meixner stated that he is against any new construction because it is not good for the environment to shoehorn more duplexes in that space. Bisonette stated that the Planning Committee did due diligence. Warshawsky presented the Planning Committee's decision. Warshawsky reported that the Planning Committee voted to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. Maximum of 3 duplexes and two bedrooms per unit with garages. Duplexes to be comparable in size to existing units in the development
2. Tree line along Highway 27 to remain
3. No direct access to Highway 27, utilize current existing entrance to existing duplexes.
4. Maximum of 3 cars per unit
5. Town approval contingent on County approval with all Town conditions

Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Mrotek to approve with the Planning Committee's conditions. Hall, Mrotek and Bisonette in favor, Meixner opposed. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Variance Application for Edward Doherty for the construction of a 28' x 64' dwelling (31' x 67') with eaves. The proposed structure would be 52' at the closest point to the ordinary high water mark of Durphee Lake. Variance is requested as Section 14.1 Setbacks from Navigable Water, Wetlands, and Bluffs, of the Sawyer County Zoning Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance, would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure located closer than 75' to the ordinary high water mark. Edward Doherty was present and presented the application. Doherty explained that he is taking an existing mobile home and other structures that are non-conforming and replacing them with a 28 x 64 home. Doherty explained that the mobile home trailer is over 50 years old and he would like to upgrade with a new well and septic. All non-conforming structures will be removed and the well and septic issues resolved. Doherty worked with Jay at Sawyer County Zoning and the site chosen is in compliance. Meixner clarified that the mobile home will be removed and replaced with a modular home (American Homes). Planning Committee Chairman Mark Olson reported that 2 variances have been granted on that strip. Olson explained that there is a very limited ridgeline to build on. Warshawsky presented the Planning Committee decision. The Planning Committee approved the application with the following conditions:

1. The Structure, as shown on application is no closer than 52' & 57.5' from the Ordinary High Water mark (OWHM).
2. The structure, as shown of application is no closer than 30' from the centerline of easement road.
3. Approval/filing of easement road
4. Removal of current mobile home from lot.
5. Combine two (2) lots
6. Minimum ingress/egress deck, per Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance allow on lake side of house.
7. Installation of gutters and rain gardens to impede run-off directly to lake.
8. Mitigation of Buffer Zone back 25' from OHWM (if allowed under current law).
9. Removal of four (4) out building as listed and show on application before Town Building Permit is issued.

Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by M to approve the application with the Planning Committee's conditions. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that there were no structure fires last month. The Fire Department responded to a live wire call and some medical assists. Members of the Fire Department participated in a HMAT refresher course. Mullet reported that the Fire Department will be participating in joint training with LCO next week. Discussion followed regarding the repair of the fire hall ceiling. Mullet reported that the Fire Department has the paperwork for e-page. Discussion followed.

Mullet presented the quotes for the fire hall heater. The quotes are as follows:

Northern Lakes Cooperative	\$2,450.00	75,000 BTU with 62,250 output propane heater
Northern Lakes Cooperative	\$2,575.00	105,000 BUT with 87,150 output propane heater
Visocky Plumbing & Heating, LLC	\$2,899.00	Per Spec (Mullet asked for 80,000 BTUs)
Stone Lake Heating - Scott Moran	\$1,599.00	No BTUs given

Discussion followed. Meixner asked Mullet to write up a more detailed spec sheet. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Bisonette to accept the quotes and award next month. Motion carried.

Marv asked if we should bid and insulate. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to get quotes for spray foam insulation and ceiling replacement for the fire hall meeting room. Motion carried.

Fire Department Fund Raising Letter – no letter

Mullet presented a quote dated January 16, 2014 from FireCatt for hose testing. Mullet spoke to a representative at FireCatt and was told that prices have not changed. Mullet recommended Option 1 – FireCatt provides all labor. Discussion followed. Hall reviewed the quote and stated that the quote is within the Fire Department budget.

Mullet reported that he has not heard back on the grants. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent mowing, brushing, grading and shouldering. Campbell reported that there were problems with garbage being dumped on Goss Road and garbage in the pavilion. Campbell reported that the interior framing, insulation and lining of the new highway shop is complete.

Hall presented the bids for New Highway Shop HVAC and Electrical work. The bids are as follows:

HVAC

Firm	Bid Amount
Advanced Mechanical of Hayward	\$5,850.00

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Bisonette to approve. Meixner asked Campbell if we have state approved plans. Campbell answered yes. Meixner asked where equipment/parts are coming from. Campbell answered that the equipment/parts are coming from JH Larson in Hayward. Motion Carried.

Electrical Work

Firm	Bid Amount
Jim St. Catherine	\$18,400.00 price does not include underground digging

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Hall asked Campbell for the amount to be drawn on the line of credit to finish the new highway shop. Discussion followed. Campbell suggested borrowing \$75,000.00. Aderman reported that the Board has until the end of December to draw up to \$150,000.00. Meixner asked if the note can be paid off early. Aderman answered yes and added that it is a 3 year note. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Bisonette to authorize Aderman to borrow \$75,000.00. Motion carried. Warshawsky will draw up the resolution for next month.

Campbell presented the seal coating update. Campbell reported that the seal coating that was done in Northwoods Beach produced a lot of dust and was not what Campbell expected. Campbell explained that the boiler slag that was used was a lot finer than has been used in the past. Campbell reported that he has received numerous complaints. Campbell presented 2 samples of boiler slag to the Board; one sample of what has been used in the past and a sample of what was just used in Northwoods Beach. Campbell explained that as far as process goes, everything was done correctly. It is the material that is very dirty. Campbell has contacted Scott Construction. Discussion followed. Mrotek asked if boiler slag is technically considered inert. Campbell answered yes. Campbell stated that he is not happy. Campbell reported that the Highway Department has already swept a lot off to the side of the road and is considering renting a vacuum truck. Mrotek asked if dust is left. Campbell answered yes and added that residents are concerned with snow plowing.

Campbell reviewed future paving projects. Campbell reported that he would like bids for paving the end of Scipio and Ojibwa Court. Discussion followed. Meixner asked if the proposed projects are for this year. Campbell answered yes, if there is money in the budget. Discussion followed.

Campbell reported that there are a number of trees that need to be removed on Anderson Road. Meixner asked how much it would take to drop and drag the trees. Campbell replied that there are 5 trees and it would cost

around \$500.00. Meixner reported that he looked at the trees. They are 50 year old jack pines and it is the Town's responsibility.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of August 31, 2015, the Town has a total of \$655,315.17 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Erica Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that the Government Accountability Board (GAB) just announced that they will be replacing the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) with a new system in early 2016.

Hall presented the nuisance complaint update. Hall reported that Mrotek spoke to Eileen Simak and we are waiting to hear back from Mullet if the building on Atkins could be used for a training exercise. Hall reported that there have been complaints regarding the property by the Highway Shop. Hall stated that the Town's hands are tied until the owner of the property settles with the insurance company.

Hall reported that Public Hearing held on August 25, 2015 reviewing the Ordinance Regarding the Public Reserve Strips Located in the Northwoods Beach Subdivision No. 2015-XX-XX-2 was well attended and there was a lot of input. Hall asked Warshawsky to make sure the Board has all the current correspondence and the information they need. Hall announced that he will be away in October. The proposed ordinance will be on the November agenda. Discussion followed. Hall asked Warshawsky to post the most recent correspondence regarding categories on the Town website. Discussion followed. Hall stated that he would like to see 3 or 4 categories. There was a request from an audience member to delay any further discussion until the spring so that seasonal owners can be present. Edmond Packee expressed concern about having the meeting in November. Packee stated that people are very upset. Packee stated that the minutes are general and suggested taping the meetings. Meixner stated we are arguing about something that was decide in 1925 or 1926. It is community property. Meixner continued by saying that we have people violating the Town policy and the Town has to have something on paper and the Board is trying to be decent about it. Discussion followed. Meixner said that the bottom line is that the Town is trying to work with everyone. Discussion followed. Meixner stated that this has gone on for years and now people are cutting trees and screwing up the environment and kicking people off community property. Discussion followed. Hall asked Anton Pfendt to read his letter (on file). Hall asked for input for the November meeting. Discussion followed.

Hall announced that the budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Hall presented the LP quotes. Como submitted the lowest quote. Hall suggested staying with Como.

Campbell reported that he received a complaint about garbage in bags being dumped on Goss Road. Campbell stated that approximately 40 bags of garbage were collected and turned over to the Sheriff's Department. Campbell stated that he would the Board to fine the individual(s) responsible. Hall and Meixner replied that the Sheriff's Department will handle it.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Motion carried