

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, February 14, 2011. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky

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

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

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve consent agenda that included the following items:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for January, 2011
- c. Minutes of the January 4, 2011 Special Meeting
- d. Minutes of the January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting
- e. Minutes of the January 17, 2011 Fire Department Meeting

Motion Carried

Nies reported there was correspondence from Regina Petty that included an article on Round Lake and their request to Jump River Electric Cooperative to not use herbicides. Nies presented the letter and article and asked if the Board would want to write a letter requesting no herbicides. Hall asked Nies to draft a letter for the next Board meeting for a vote.

Hall reported there was no Planning Committee meeting held in February due to no new business

Pete Sanders presented estimates for purchase of a new tender/tanker fire truck to replace current water tender, which is a converted highway truck. A committee was set up and suggested expanding volume to 3,000 gallons. Stainless and Repair in Marshfield submitted a proposal the committee reviewed and recommended forwarding a request to purchase. The chassis would be from River States Truck and Trailer. After reviewing the options, it was recommended the existing tank on truck be used. Nies said the existing baffles are a problem and Sanders answered that they could modify tank, extend the baffles and give us a \$7,000 credit. Nies questioned using an existing tank when \$167,320 is being spent using a rebuilt tank and installing an existing pump. The portable tank would be a freightliner truck with an additional cab compartment for extraction equipment and we could dispatch the truck to a car accident. Sanders reported that Membership feels uncomfortable using their fund towards the truck and suggested to the Board to use \$10,000 from savings and the \$7,000 unspent in 2010. Aderman said the \$7,000 is gone and Nies said it's gone and that the \$7,000 is the people's money. Sanders suggested putting \$27,000 toward the truck and the Fire Department would continue to contribute half of what they raised toward the truck for the life of the loan on the truck. Hall asked about a used Truck. Sanders said the proposal presented it the best deal in terms of this tender. McCue asked what would happen to the old truck. Sanders said this would be a bid format. Hall said that we are better off selling it. Sanders said we may be able to get \$2,000 for it. Hall asked if the Board had any questions. Nies asked how long the donation would be.

Sanders replied that it would be for the life of the loan and said the committee is uncomfortable giving away all their money because something may come up. McCue motioned to purchase the truck and proposed financing the truck, seconded by Aubart to accept proposal and we would finance. Motion carried. Nies motioned that the Fire Department has committed to \$20,000 half of their earnings for the life of the loan. Aubart seconded and amended \$10,000 last year plus \$10,000 this year and half of future earnings for the life of the loan. Motion Carried.

Hall called on Sanders regarding Fire Department maintenance issues. Sanders reported that at last night's meeting there was a reluctance to help with light maintenance and oil changes. Hall said Walport does not have time and the Fire Department has mechanics. Sanders said no one has been paid. Hall said that Lance's Dad does oil changes. Sanders said one member offered to do it for \$50 per week. Nies said it can be looked at down the road and he does not want to mesh the two departments. McCue and Walport agreed.

Highway Crew Chief, Terry Walport, was present to report there was an ice storm on the first day of January and sanding was done to mid January. He also reported that the office in the Highway Shop is almost complete and new shirts and high visibility jackets have arrived. Terry said there is ongoing truck maintenance and minor breakdowns. The equipment is being used hard because we do not have the dump truck.

Hall reported that the new truck was returned to Meyer International. Hall received a call saying the problem would be rectified and we will receive reports in case we have to pursue anything. Nies asked if the cost of running back and forth will be covered. Hall reported that four people at International will put a new axle on the truck. Hall asked for Board support. Motion by Nies to have Hall and McCue negotiate a settlement with Meyer International, seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.

Terry Walport presented quotes from Farm & Fleet and Johnson Colfax for the purchase of a trailer and water tank for the steamer unit. Walport reported the steam cleaner is good, but does not have it's own water tank. A trailer is needed to put steam cleaner unit and tank on to be legal. Terry also said that a trailer would simplify the process. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to purchase trailer and supplies to fit steamer unit. Motion carried.

Nies said that an inventory of items in the Highway Shop needs to be done. Hall said Terry has and inventory started and Kari will help.

Hall requested internet access for the Highway Department stating that it is good for ordering parts. Motion by Hall for the Highway Department to have internet access. Nies asked for discussion. Nies said that we would be spending about \$700 per year for a slight convenience. Parts can only be ordered if we have an account. Walport said that he goes home to look for parts almost every day. Nies suggested that he go to the office. Walport said the office is locked. Meixner asked McCue if there are any abuses. McCue said no. Motion by Hall to grant access. Nies asked to wait as a compromise. Motion seconded by Aubart to approve. Nies opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman reported that tax collections went well. As of January 31, 2011, the Town has a total of \$3,192,344.68 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Warshawsky balance for the month. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that the two new voting machines have arrived.

Hall reported that he received a letter from Winton Law Offices 4:00 pm regarding the J.P. Dujardin fence dispute. Mr. Warder and Ward met. Hall will talk to Ward to see our next step should be.

Hall said that Nies brought it to his attention that Bass Lake has 40 duplicate street names. Hall said we can do McLeod tonight and wait for the county to resolve the 309 duplicates for Sawyer County. 290 should be changed for emergency purposes Motion by Hall to change McLeod Road to Metcalf, seconded by McCue to authorize the change. Clerk will mail a copy of the minutes to residents. Motion carried.

Hall reported that two hearings have been held regarding the Excel Energy power line and asked if the Board wants to write a letter requesting 5-10%. Nies said it would better if we consolidate with the county who has to go to the power commission. Hall should work to send one letter. Motion by Nies seconded by McCue to authorize Hall to address Excel Energy for compensation for lines going through the properties and for combining county and townships in request all in favor aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to approve the Temporary Liquor License Application for the Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club. Motion carried.

Hall reported that he met with Rusty Barber a couple of weeks ago regarding an LCO speed limit reduction on Trepania Road. There have been discrepancies on enforcement. They want 25 mph, but it is not a legitimately enforceable limit. He liked the idea of a safety zone. Need a formal request. Aubart said he has seen lots of foot traffic. The tribe may want to put in a sidewalk. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve 100 ft of Middle School entrance to 100ft South of college entrance on and beyond Trepania Road. Motion carried.

Public Comment.

Hall introduced Sheriff Mark Kelsey. Discussion followed.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

/s/ Erica Warshawsky, Town Clerk