

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

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

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

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

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for February, 2011
- c. Minutes of the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the January 3, 2011 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the January 17, 2011 Fire Department Meeting

Motion Carried

Hall reported that there was correspondence from the DNR asking Governor Walker for recycling money (close to \$15,000.00) Hall asked if the Board would want to make a request to the Governor to restore funding. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to send a letter to Governor Walker. Motion carried.

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

Pete Sanders distributed a quote for purchase of a new tender/tanker fire truck. The committee reviewed with both the tank and chassis vendors. Changes were made and the revised quote is \$168,558.00. The committee is requesting authorization to sign with the apparatus provider and the truck provider. Nies asked if we need to put half down (\$46,000.00) and then pay Stainless the balance. Sanders replied that we pay the truck provider after the truck is received. The truck chassis is \$83,000.00 with half down at order. Nies asked if it was the whole amount. Sanders said no. Nies reported that Treasurer Aderman checked on financing and received a quote of 3.25% with Trust Fund and that we will want to lock in on that rate. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to authorize Hall to purchase fire truck tanker for \$168,558.00. Motion Carried.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to authorize Aderman to proceed with firm bids and to go ahead with financing with Trust Fund for the next Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Terry Walport presented the Highway Report. Most of February was spent on equipment maintenance. A lot of time was also spent on drifts. The International truck was dropped off the second week of February. The boom mower was in bad shape and is now ready for spring.

Hall gave the update on problems with new truck. In pursuing the lemon law, there was correspondence between the lawyers permission was granted to International to test the Truck. Terry will meet with International people. Nies asked how Hall feels about this. Hall said he met with Fred Meyer and Doug from International and it seems optimistic. Ward wants everything to proceed and Terry has gathered everything. Nies said we want the truck fixed. Hall would like it settled without going to court. Terry said that we need the truck for spring.

There was discussion regarding accidents and drug testing and the need for something in writing. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Nies to reaffirm drug testing for all accidents. Motion Carried.

Nies presented the Treasurer's Report. Nies reported that as of February 28, 2011, the Town has a total of \$564,673.90 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk Warshawsky balance for the month. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that a check was written to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to renew the contract for wildlife services for beaver damage for 2011.

Hall gave the update on the fence dispute between J.P. Dujardin and Robert Warder. Hall received a letter from Winton Law Offices. Hall met with J.P. and gave Hall the information that he gave to Warder. Meixner said he looked into this fence dispute. The fence was replaced. The Statute very clearly states that the fence committee needs to examine the fence to determine what needs to be done. Warder did not complain when the fence was taken down. Hall said that not once did Warder dispute the fence until he got the bill. Nies said that Wisconsin Statute 90.01 clearly states that Town supervisors cannot settle boundary disputes. \$500.00 has already been spent. Meixner said that it is a civil matter between Warder and Dujardin. Hall said there are pictures showing that the boundary did not change. Nies said it is a boundary dispute that we aren't a part of. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to take the fence dispute off of the agenda and to not look at this matter any further unless told otherwise by a lawyer. Motion Carried, opposed by Hall.

Nies presented the letter to Jump River Electric regarding the use of herbicides. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to send the letter as written. Motion Carried.

Dan Thole, CPA for Larson Allen was present to review the audit done for the Town. Thole reviewed the financial statement and supplementary information with the Board. Thole reported the revenues for 2010 were \$756,423.00 and the expenses were \$678,734.00. Thole said it was good to see positive numbers at the end of the report and that the procedures used to record transactions and Boards actions follow GAP and does not reflect on just this year but on prior years and congratulated the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to accept the Auditor's Report. Motion Carried.

Eileen Simak from the Health Department made a presentation on underage drinking and safe environments. Discussion followed and Eileen offered handouts for further reading.

Hall reported that a petition was received to open up Northwoods Beach for ATV traffic. Hall said he would like to see at least one road go down to the lake and would like a long-range plan and submit it to the Planning Committee. Hall suggested one trail in winter and permission to drive from the house to the trail. Nies said that half the roads in Northwoods Beach are gravel and ATVs would ruin them and added that we do not have the ability to police them. It is a public concern and there is nowhere to go in the summer. Roads are for cars. Nies is not in favor opening a box we can't close later. Hall said in the winter it wouldn't wreck the roads. We need a controlled road and to design a space for them to go. We need an overall plan and we are losing tourism. We need to look at overall plans and do it on a controlled basis. Nies said that the WTA said to be careful about ATV plans. Hall there has to be a happy medium. Dorothy Brueggen said that she has seen ATVs going down Scipio at 80 mph. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner

to deny petition. Motion Carried. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to send to planning commission for review. Motion Carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mc Cue to approve Operator License Application for Jason Beck. Motion Carried.

Nies reported that Waldo, Chairman for the Town of Edgewater was at our last meeting. He told Nies he likes our procedures and asked if we had them written down. Nies put it in writing. Hall said that the Board would read it and vote on it at the next meeting.

Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm and to reschedule the Board meeting to immediately follow the Annual Town Meeting. Motion Carried.

Board of Review Certification – The Board is certified.

Public Comment.

There being no other discussion Chairperson Hall stated that the Board will go into closed session pursuant § 19.85 (1)(c)(f)(e)(g) and § 19.85 (2) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee, to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data to specific persons and for consideration of review of MOU with Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. The Town Board may reconvene into open session. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue at 7:50 pm to go into closed session after a 5 minute recess. Motion Carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to adjourn 8:27 pm. Motion Carried.

/s/ Erica Warshawsky, Clerk