

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

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

- Approve Agenda

- Review and Approve Vouchers for March, 2011

- Minutes of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve amended agenda that included Planning Committee appointments and mowing. Motion Carried

Nies reported correspondence was received from Sawyer County Clerk, Kris Mayberry regarding redistricting. Nies explained that it looks like we will keep 15 supervisory districts and things will basically remain the same. We will still have 2 supervisors and we may gain an extra ward with 164 people.

Nies also reported correspondence regarding WTA taxation on tribal land and whether or not we want to enter into legal negotiation. Nies said DOR should handle this matter.

Nies presented the variance application for Mark and Nancy Ramsland. Nies reported that the owner and the contractor were not present but were aware the Planning Committee approved the application with conditions. Nies read the committee decision. Applicants were not present Hall asked for any question. Meixner asked about condo impervious surfaces and discussion followed. Motion by Nies to approve application, seconded by Aubart to approve with recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Nies, Seconded by McCue to renew the appointment of the following Planning Committee members: Mark Olson, Martha Delong, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe and Dorothy "Doc" Brueggen (alternate) for a 3 year term. Motion carried.

#### Fire Department

The new fire truck has been ordered. Treasurer Aderman reported that we can borrow up to 5 million at 3.5%. A 5-year loan is recommended. We need a motion and a copy of the minutes with details. The loan payment would be due annually on March 15. Kari checked with Johnson Bank and they offered a loan for 2 yrs at 4%. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to apply for a \$100,000 loan from the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. Mark Olson verified that the new truck was on a previous agenda and recorded in previous minutes.

Hall presented the highway report for Terry. Hall gave the update on the problems with the new truck. Hall reported that the testing was done. We tried to negotiate. Terry spent a day with International regarding harmonic vibration at 55 mph. They suggested modifications. We tentatively agreed with a testing period. Only 5 days were given. A letter was sent back with what we want to see done. We have not received

anything back. Aubart asked Terry his opinion. Terry said basically they wanted to make a highway truck out a work truck and it seems like they're not fixing a problem – just putting a Band-Aid on it. Hall said in talking to Fred Meyers and Tim, he has had four mechanics look at it and all have agreed there is a problem. Meyer is on our side, it's International. Aubart said we need this truck and to fix it is only \$2,000.00, we should go ahead with it. Terry said he was considering it, but it wouldn't be what we ordered. Nies stated we have bent over backwards. McCue asked if we can talk to Ward to ask for reimbursement. Hall said Ward didn't address that and we may not be able to recover the cost for renting another truck. Discussion followed.

Hall said we need to work on road longevity. Upcoming projects will be shouldering and seal coating. Terry had Scotts Construction and Farner look at the roads to compare prices. Discussion followed. Nies asked it the Scotts estimate and the Farner estimate compared apples to apples. Terry said yes. Trepania road was discussed extensively. Hall said Rusty Barber is looking into Federal funding. Nies suggested offering the road to the tribe. Further discussion followed. Aubart asked about parking at Winndego boat landing. Hall asked Terry to look at the area and present to the board. McCue suggested that Terry get a summer under his belt looking at traffic patterns. Hall suggested Terry talk to Mark Olson about it. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to bid out pea gravel, crack sealing and seal coating. Motion carried.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to award mowing to Mike if his price is similar to last year's price. Motion carried.

Hall reported there is an amount in Terry's budget for a mower and he would like to get a boom instead. Terry said that a mower is limited and with the shouldering and seal coating projects, a boom would be more useful and similar in price. Nies clarified that we are not buying the mower and buying the broom for the front of the dump truck but trading money for the mower with a boom. Budgeted amount is \$8,000. McCue asked which bid. Nies recommend McKenzie in Rice Lake. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue for Terry to buy the boom. Friendly amendment to not exceed \$9,500. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of March 31, 2011, the Town has a total of \$503,510.69 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk Warshawsky balance for the month. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky presented the dates proposed by Claude Riglemon of Friday June 17 and Saturday June 18, 2011 for the Board of Review. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept the proposed Board of Review dates. Motion carried

Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to accept the Town Board Meeting's Procedures of March 2011. Motion Carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve the Courte Oreilles Sailing Club application for Water Exhibition and Races. Motion Carried.

Hall submitted a sample evaluation form for review.

Hall reviewed the personnel policy. Highway overtime allocation was questioned and Clerk Warshawsky explained that currently any hours worked over 8 hours in a day are considered overtime for category allocation. The personnel policy states that overtime is anything over 40 hours in a week. Discussion followed. Terry will allocate overtime. If overtime is not allocated by Terry than any hours over 40 will be allocated as overtime. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue that overtime is any hours over 40 hours and to remove the first line in the personnel policy regarding overtime. Motion carried. Length of service is correct. Overtime/holiday pay is double time per page nine. Part time employees only get overtime for hours worked on a holiday, not weekends. Hall asked for any other changes. Policy was approved

Nies said that for the 2012 Budget we all need to think of ways to save. The best estimate is that we will lose \$65,000 and we can't raise taxes. The 2010 budget has a 0 cap.

Aderman reported on transfer station bags. Larry Tosland said people have been asking when we're going to \$3.00/bag. Hall said that we were going to lose 20%. Nies said he rather be proactive. Hall asked if we should hold at \$2.00 or go up. Aderman asked if we should wait until we get bags. Nies said that bags will go up considerably. Nies said that you can bring your own bags at other places. Meixner said that the main issue with that is collection. McCue said he likes the bags. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to offer 10 bags for \$20.00 (10% increase). Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Motion carried.