

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, January 11, 2010. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Dawn Henk. Member absent: Supervisor Dave Aubart

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

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

There was a motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 21095 to # 21164 from the (R1) checking account and check vouchers # 1251 to # 1256 from the (R2) tax account, there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 28, 2009 special meeting of the Town Board were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall reported there was no Planning Committee meeting held in January due to no new business.

Minutes of the December 7, 2009 Fire Department meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall thanked Marv Mullet and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Town Board and the Town of Bass Lake, in appreciation for his hard work and dedication as the Fire Chief the past two years and the Board is looking forward to continuing having him on the Fire Department.

Hall reported the Fire Department members had their election and their recommendation for Pete Sanders as new Fire Chief was presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to appoint Pete Sanders as Fire Chief for a two-year term. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Sanders stated the Fire Department had approximately \$8,000 left in the 2009 Town budget and there were \$1,500 for purchases that have not been billed yet and requested the remaining fire department budget balance be put into the Fire Department Capital Outlay account for the future purchase of a fire truck. Clerk Henk reported there were outstanding invoices of approximately \$6,500 from 2009 backordered purchases. Clerk Henk will check and see how this is done.

Chairperson Hall read Highway Report from Larry Froemel, Highway Crew Chief. Copy on file. Hall reported Froemel will be getting out salt to get rid of some ice on main intersections and the new highway truck should be arriving in the middle of January. Nies inquired as to why Froemel had not yet submitted the plan for fixing roads in Northwoods Beach area that had been requested by the Board since November.

Hall stated Froemel will have it ready by the start of February and the Board could have a special meeting for that. Nies stated a special meeting should only be called if needed.

No driveway permit applications were presented.

Application for reconsideration of a road name that was originally presented to the Board at the December Town Board meeting from Ben Droessler was presented to the Board for a private access road traveling south off of Fun Valley Road in NW-SE & SWSE 4-40-9 to service five lots. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve "Pilots Ridge" instead of previously approved name. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of December 31, 2009 the Town had a total of \$886,816.60 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept Treasurer's report. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported she will be conducting drawing lots for ballot order for the two Town Supervisor positions at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2010 at the Town Hall. Henk also reported the auditor Dan Thole, CPA from LarsonAllen will be coming to do the Town audit on January 18, 2009.

Chairperson Hall reported on January 1, 2009 he signed the papers for the purchasing of the six lots adjoining the Town Hall Park area and the sellers, Jennifer Bauer & Robert Bauer, have until January 15, 2009 to reply, therefore he anticipates hearing their response later this week.

Chairperson Hall reported a bill for \$11,660 was received from LCO Development Corporation with an invoice date of 8/31/2004 regarding Thoroughfare Road. Hall stated he spoke to Alex LaSuier, the new LCO office manager and informed Mr. LaSuier that no where in the Town minutes did the Board contract or approve work to be done by them on Thoroughfare Road. Nies stated the bill indicates 160 trees were removed, but only 47 trees in total were removed by the Town after a dispute in October between residents and the Highway Crew Chief Froemel regarding tree removal. Hall stated Mr. LaSuier was very open and did say he found LCO payroll sheets for 2 or 3 sheets for work done for the Town of Bass Lake. Hall informed Mr. LaSuier that without proof of a signed contract, the Town will not pay. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to deny paying the bill to LCO Development Corporation for \$11,660.00. Motion to include having Chairperson Hall inform LaSuier of the Board motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 1-11-2010 (A) Regarding Chickens in Non-agricultural Zone Districts was presented to the Board. Supervisor Nies read resolution explaining that Sawyer County has approved the Chicken Ordinance and now Town's need to choose one of the available options. Nies

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reminded Board the Planning Committee recommended to not allow chickens. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue approve resolution and to choose "Option Two" to allow chickens in nonagricultural zone districts with restrictions as described in Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Section 4.46. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution 1-11-2010 (B) to oppose the Department of Revenue (DOR) Assessment Proposal was presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve resolution. Motion carried.

An addition to the Employee Personnel Policy: Reference political activities was presented to the Board. Hall stated he had Clerk Henk draw it up using Town of Hayward's as an example. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to include D.) Political Activities section under Responsibility and Conduct in Employee Policy with the addition of the following underlined changes,".. However, wearing a campaign

button or displaying any other campaigning item(s) while on duty would be prohibited since the public might construe the item(s) as indicative of a Departmental position on the election. Conversations on political matters occur occasionally, while a button or other campaign item(s) are always subject to public view.” Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk