

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 12, 2009. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner, McCue, Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Henk.

Chairperson Sanders 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 Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda with the addition of Northwoods Mennonite Cemetery under New Business. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 20413 to # 20500 from the (R1) checking account and check vouchers # 1190 to # 1212 from the (R2) tax account, there was a motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 closed session meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders reported there was no Planning Committee meeting in January, 2009 due to no new business.

Planning Committee Chairperson, Mark Olson, reported there will be no new progress for the snowshoe/walking trail until spring when the loggers can get in.

Supervisor Nies commended Mark Olson on a job well done and reported the Sawyer County Economic Development Committee approved \$16,000 for the Town Hall Park and that it will then be passed on to the Finance Committee and County Board for final approval.

The minutes of the December 1, 2008 Fire Department business meeting were presented to the board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders stated a member of the Town of Hayward Fire Department responded on the scene at the December 9, 2008 EMS call and without EMS qualifications, he made a personal decision to cancel the call for an ambulance. Subsequently, when a police officer arrived, the ambulance had to be called back to scene to respond to an injury. Audio was played of December 9, 2008 EMS call, regarding a vehicular accident near The Waterfront on County Hwy K. Discussion followed. Chairperson Sanders stated he has serious concerns regarding anyone canceling an ambulance call, who does not have EMS training. He also stated that it puts a lot of risk on individuals, and that fortunately there were no serious injuries that day. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to authorize Chairperson Sanders to prepare a letter to the Fire Chief of the Town of Hayward Fire

Department and the Chairperson of the Town of Hayward explaining the incident and indicating the Board's displeasure so that it does not reoccur. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Mullet stated the Fire Department is having their Christmas Party at the Fireside on February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and extended an invitation to the Town Board and spouses to thank them for all their hard work. RSVP's may be directed to Jerry Brueggen. Mullet reported he was supposed to meet with Chad Headley tonight to get the Fire Department equipment back, but he did not show up. Mullet also stated Josh Weirich still has an EMS bag, Kelly Sunderland has an EMS bag, and Julie Martin has a radio. Clerk Henk stated she is still holding checks for these individuals until the Fire Department Equipment is returned. Henk strongly advised the Board as to the importance of having the Fire Department use the Equipment Issued and Equipment Returned Forms that individuals must sign, so the Fire Department can have an accurate inventory as to who has what equipment and to be held accountable for it, thereby eliminating questions and discrepancies in the future.

Supervisor Nies inquired as to if the old 90' Pipe pole at the Fire Department could be given to the Town of Hunter if it is not currently being used, so they can clean out culverts with it. No objections from the Board or Fire Chief Mullet.

Supervisor McCue stated everything has been ordered for the Signage/Striping Grant and now we are just waiting for Highway Crew to install signs. McCue stated he will instruct the Highway Crew to specify the labor for this project on their time sheets so that it can be included with the grant.

Supervisor Nies recommended having Chairperson Sanders remind the Highway Crew to shovel at the Town Hall and Fire Hall since it wasn't getting done again.

Supervisor Nies stated he has spoken to Allied Waste again and would like to look into the possibility of allowing garbage pickup on Town roads during road bans since they come early in the morning when they are empty and there are not many pickups in our area. Chairperson Sanders stated they would still have to travel on County roads to get here and they would need special permission from Sawyer County Highway Department, which they are very unlikely to get. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to not allow garbage pickup on Town roads during road bans. Allied Waste and Waste Management are invited to put bins at the Town Highway Shop during that time if they would like. Motion carried.

Driveway permits for Mike Persson and Jean-Paul Dujardin were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve both. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman stated the Backhoe loan was paid off this month as per the Board's instruction and the only remaining Town debt is for the Fire Truck.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of December 31, 2008 the Town had a total of \$823,630.35 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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Clerk Henk reported the Town Board and the Town Treasurer are welcome to attend a meeting to be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room with Attorney Andrew Phillips to address issues surrounding the taxation of lands held by LCO members within the boundaries of the LCO reservation. Henk reported lots were drawn at 10:00 a.m. for ballot position for the April, 2009 Town election. She also stated on January 8, 2009, Claude Riglemon submitted a signed statement confirming the Town has a credit balance of \$18,000.00 with him to go toward the next revaluation. Henk additionally reported Dan Thole, CPA of LarsenAllen will be coming next week to do the Town's audit.

Chairperson Sanders stated letters have already been mailed out to persons eligible to receive an access code for the new keyless entry system for the Fire Hall and Town Hall and installation of the system will be on February 24, 2009.

An operator's license application for Rachael Kirkland was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nies stated the Town has been contacted requesting a cemetery for Northwoods Mennonite Church, but the initial request needs modification. Discussion followed regarding definition of what constitutes perpetual care, who will pay for the Town's attorney fees for this, there being no starter money being put into it, having only a nominal amount of \$25.00 per person interred there and the Town's responsibility to pay for the perpetual care of it if they left. Place item on next month's agenda.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk