

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 8, 2007. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Meixner and Nies, and Clerk Henk. Treasurer Aderman absent.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

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

After a review of the vouchers for December, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to pay them. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk read the minutes of the December 11, 2006 regular board meeting. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders read updates received from Sawyer County Zoning Administration: Conditional Use Application-B. Bramhall was approved with conditions and Rezone Application-J. Jones was approved.

A variance application from Thomas Antell was presented to the Board for the construction of four small additions varying in size onto an existing dwelling with a new roof over the entire structure. The dwelling is located 27' to the centerline of Lincoln Street and 22' to the rear lot line; all exceeding 50% of the current estimated fair market value of the dwelling. Applicant and builder R. Rooney present. Seven letters were returned with no objections. Two calls received, no objections. Discussion followed. The Planning Committee recommended approval. Motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to approve variance request. All in favor: Sanders and Meixner, All against: Nies. Motion carried. The Planning Committee recommendation to approve is on file with finding of fact.

Planning Committee Minutes from December 7, 2006 were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to approve. Motion carried.

The Planning Committee Chairmanship was addressed by the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Sanders to appoint Russ Iverson as Chairperson for a 3-year term to expire in 2010, and to appoint Dave Aubart as Vice Chairperson for the remainder of his term.

Sawyer County Zoning has contacted the Town regarding the Commercial Area in Northwoods Beach. At some point, some lots North of Hwy K got shifted on zoning maps and currently the lots are bisected with one half being zoned residential and the

other half commercial. Zoning is requesting a letter from the Town Board on the desired zoning. Discussion followed. A letter will be sent indicating the Board's desire of the correct boundary delineation for the commercial zone district to be; Maple Street to the North, County Highway "K" to the South, Grindstone Avenue to the West and John Morton Avenue to the East.

The Board had already approved the December 5, 2006 Fire Department Business Meeting minutes at the last meeting.

Chairperson Sanders reported that a few past fire department members are not returning their W-4's to the Clerk, but it is being dealt with. Fire Chief Headley not present.

Highway Crew Chief Larry Froemel reported the front end of the highway truck was redone at Gillis Motors and the salt is in. Chairperson Sanders stated if the mild weather continues, the highway crew should be brushing.

Chairperson Sanders gave the Treasurer's report that as of December 31, 2006 the Town had \$593,787.21 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. There was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported that the town has received the voting equipment reimbursement from the state of \$5,999.25. Also, Clerk Henk received a letter from Helen Chevrier stating she will be resigning from her position as Secretary of the Planning Committee effective at the end of her term in April of 2007. She does not wish to be reappointed to the Planning Committee.

Enbridge Energy representative Robert Turner has still not contacted the Board since the November 13, 2006 Board meeting. Chairperson Sanders recommended removing from agenda until further notice.

The Board reviewed the current employee personnel policy. Discussion followed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to delete residency requirement for employment (under Responsibility and Conduct Heading, Section D., Residency). Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to include under Job Announcements, "All other job qualifications being equal, the Town reserves the right to give preference to Town residents." (under Recruitment, Selection, Appointment and Orientation Heading, Section A, 2, Job Announcement) as well as increasing travel pay from \$.25 per mile to the current federal mileage rate (under Employment Policies Heading, Section B, Travel Pay).

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A Water Exhibition Permit from Tom Burgess, representing the Lac Courte Orielles Sailing Club was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to approve with the exclusion of the September 1, 2007 race. Motion carried.

Crime Prevention in the area was discussed in an open forum with residents, due to a number of recent burglaries. Chairperson Sanders and Clerk Henk will compose a letter to Sheriff James Meier inviting him to the next town meeting to discuss ideas on how to help reduce future problems and for clarification of current response policy of their department.

Chairperson Sanders has been in communication with Chris Loken from Johnson Insurance Services regarding a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for town employee's to replace

the current Health Insurance Policy. The Town would reimburse employees for qualified health expenses using a third party administrator to determine “qualified expenses”. Chairperson Sanders reported an HRA gives the flexibility for the money to be rolled over year after year for the employee, at the Board’s discretion and also allows health insurance premiums to be an allowable expense. The plan document fee costs \$450.00 and is a one-time fee. There is also an initial set up fee of \$10 per participant. In subsequent years, there is a \$50/month administration fee only, unless changes are made to the plan. Discussion followed. Motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to establish an HRA with Johnson Insurance Services and contract through a Third-Party Administrator. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. and go into closed session in accordance with § 19.85 (c) (e) (f) and § 19.85 (2) for the purpose of employee evaluation, employment, promotion, or compensation and may reconvene into open session.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk