

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, October 10, 2011. Members Present: Supervisors John McCue, Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky
Members Absent: Chairperson Justin Hall

Clerk Warshawsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and requested nominations for Chairperson given that Chairperson Justin Hall was absent.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to nominate John McCue as Chairperson. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve consent agenda items a – f minus g itemized below:

- a.) Approve Agenda
- b.) Review and Approve Vouchers for September, 2011
- c.) Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting
- d.) Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Closed Session Meeting
- e.) Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Special Meeting
- f.) Minutes of the August 1, 2011 Fire Department Meeting
- g.) Minutes of the September 1, 2011 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion Carried.

McCue presented correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning approving the variance application for Timothy Barnett

Nies presented the update on the Grindstone Shallows garage project. The roof is on and siding installation has started and should be finished this week.

Treasurer Aderman reported that we still have not received a bill from Mail Call for the Fire Department picnic. Aderman asked if we could send a letter to request an invoice from Mail Call. Nies suggested calling one more time.

Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell presented the highway report. The highway department has finished mowing, grading and shouldering roads. Projects were discussed.

Campbell gave the update on the problems with the new truck. There are problems with the hydraulics. The lawyer does not see a problem taking the truck to McKenzie to resolve the hydraulic problem.

The purchase of a wood chipper was discussed. It is approximately \$200.00/day to rent a wood chipper. We may want to look at purchasing a wood chipper and may want to budget for that. They run from \$20,000 – \$30,000. Meixner said we had a wood chipper at the transfer station and got rid of it because a town employee was afraid he was going to lose his hand.

Campbell presented the Xcel energy solution recommendations. We have twelve 8ft lights and one 4ft light. Justin spoke with energy person and it will cost approximately \$165.00 after rebates plus labor. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to proceed. Meixner said we need to get an estimate on installation and have a limit. If installation is more than \$750, the issue is to be brought back to the Board. Motion carried.

The Highline Road project was discussed and a TRID application will be submitted. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to move forward after Truit looks at the numbers. Motion carried

LCO Drive Culverts were discussed. Nies said that we cannot do road projects without Board approval. There are 2 separate culverts not doing their job. One on Mr. Packee's property and the other on a neighbor's property. McCue said that we need to get rid of 4 trees and need to dig up the culverts. Nies asked what the problem is. After a 6" rain there is water on the road. Campbell said that there is a sizable dip in the road. McCue said we could dig the culvert up and not put a culvert in. Nies said he is not sure what the problem is. McCue said the road is completely flooded before Mr. Packee's property, but not every time it rains. Nies said that we're spending money and he doesn't know why. Discussion followed. Aubart said if the culvert is rotten, we need to do something. We could remove the 4 trees and grade the road. 1 tree has to come down on our right of way. 4 trees would cost about \$700. Campbell said he also had a call on Landgraff Road and it would be about \$500 to take 2 trees down. Nies asked how much the culvert is. Campbell said \$700.00 plus blacktop (hot mix) \$1,000.00. Nies said about \$2,400 total. Under no circumstance should we direct the culvert onto Mr. Packee's property. McCue said we don't want to get off the right of way. Aubart said that if we move trees, we could move the culvert further down. McCue said we need to see what we get when we dig it up. McCue asked Campbell to get hard numbers and discuss. The trees need to be removed. Nies said before we get a basin, let's remove the trees and come back and get an estimate. Motion by Aubart, seconded Nies to remove trees for \$700 plus the 2 for \$500. Motion carried.

Campbell gave the update on the garage doors at the highway shop. Campbell said the garage doors were approved by the Board, but a door was mismeasured. Al will replace the door at his cost. The door on the front of the shop needs to be replaced and is the same size as the door that was mismeasured. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to install the third door for \$2,000. Motion carried.

There is property on Lake Drive that was once thought to be Town property, but is actually not Town property, but LCO Tribal property. Nies explained that the LCO Tribe traded with Lillian Corbine (she doesn't have the deed yet). She put in a driveway and needs a driveway permit. Lillian came in and Campbell told her it was \$5.00 instead of \$25.00. She refused to pay. Campbell taped off the driveway 3 times and it has been taken down 3 times. In the past, the LCO Tribe has complied. It's not a tribal property issue, it's a private property issue. Campbell filled out the form. Every tribal member has paid in the past. Aderman asked if that property is tax exempt since it's coming out of tribal property to an individual. Discussion followed. As long as she is a member of the Tribe, it should be tax exempt.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of September 30, 2011, the Town has a total of \$587,526.55 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that at the Wisconsin Town's Association Budget Seminar, it was learned that the budget notices have to be posted, but do not have to be published. Warshawsky asked the Board if they want to post or post and publish the budget notices. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to post and to decide publishing other notices one by one. Motion carried.

Leaf blowing in Northwoods Beach was discussed. Nies said he loves leaf blowing and it helps the roads. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to blow the leaves for \$1,200.00 and entertain the idea to purchase a leaf blower. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to set the public hearing date for the proposed 2012 budget for Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried.