

**Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County
Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.**

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

1. Call to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson Hall. Due to absence of Clerk Henk, Treasurer Aderman will record minutes.
2. Agenda was posted in the official locations per Treasurer.
Motion to approve the agenda with the change to remove item (i) under New Business by Nies; seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.
3. Motion to review & approve vouchers for Sept. 2010 by Meixner; seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 2010 Regular Meeting by Nies; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried. Chairperson Hall stated that there is no contract to sign under salt. The salt is there, we own it from last year. We just have to pay the trucking to transport it down here from Superior, WI.
5. Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2010 closed session by Aubart; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence- none
7. Zoning-
 - a. Planning Committee: No meeting in September. No business to discuss.
8. Fire Department
 - b. Motion to accept minutes of Sept 6, 2010 meeting by Nies; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.
9. Highway Issues
Motion to not renew dumpster for highway shop by Nies; seconded by Aubart. Nies stated that the Clerk will call and have the dumpster picked up before Nov 1st. Motion carried. Hall stated that he will check on prices for grader blade and a bearing rebuild price.
10. Highway report
Two separate driveway permits for Joe Mahoney were submitted to the Board. Nies made the motion to approve; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried. Board discussed the Town's driveway permit policy – Nies stated that all driveways require a permit and that it has been in the Town's Ordinance book since 2006.
11. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Aderman stated that she and the Clerk balanced for October and that the Town has \$418,384.26 in all accounts. Receipts #892842 – 892845 & 892850 were issued. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Aubart; seconded by Nies.
12. Clerk report -no report
13. Old Business
A driveway access for George Van Tatenhove on Indian Drive was discussed. A letter from the Town's Attorney, Ward Winton stated that "Mr. Tatenhove has an alternative access and it may cause problems if the Town allows it. Furthermore, it is not the policy of the Board". Motion by Nies to have the Clerk send a letter to inform Mr. Van Tatenhove that the Board denied request. Seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.
14. New business:
 - a. Motion by Nies to approve the HRA- Section 3 and Notice of Opportunity to Enroll, seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.

- b.** Motion to accept the signed letter of retirement dated 10/11/10 from Highway Dept Crew Chief Larry Froemel stating that Dec 1, 2010 will be his last day of employment with the Town by Aubart; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.
- c.** The Board discussed the retirement agreement for Larry Froemel. First, Mr. Froemel thought he wanted this money spread out in 2011, but then decided to have it all paid on Dec 1, 2010. Mr. Froemel will review the agreement with his attorney tomorrow morning. Motion by Aubart to authorize Chairman Hall to sign the exact agreement as presented to the Board after Mr. Froemel's attorney reviews it and Froemel signs it; seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.
- d.** Driveway permit applications were done earlier in meeting.
- e.** Motion by Nies to set public hearing date for 2011 Budget for Nov 8, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. right before the regular board meeting. Seconded by Aubart. Motion carried
- f.** The Board reviewed the Town's Assessor contract with Claude Ringlemon. Mr. Ringlemon received a warning letter from the State. Nies stated "that gives us 4 years. He should go to Dept of Revenue and stand in for us. He needs to present that these property values have dropped". Meixner said that the Dept of Revenue needs to come to the realization that values have dropped. Meixner made the motion to accept contract of \$17,000. Seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.
- g.** Leaf blowing in Northwoods Beach was discussed. Chairperson Hall did discuss with Highway Crew Chief Froemel. "It is worth some value, but grader will take them off in spring, but it is up to board. Maybe a bigger blower to get them farther off the road". Nies looked at it this last year, and it was good. Yes, spend \$1,200 to do it this fall. Motion by Nies to have Jerry Brueggen to do the leaf blowing for Northwoods Beach, same as last year. Seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.
- h.** Adopt a highway was requested by the Hayward X Country Team (logo from Coach Matt Ostrander) for part of Highline Road. Discussion followed. Motion to approve by Aubart. Seconded by Meixner. Motion carried. Chairperson Hall will contact Crew Chief Froemel to order sign. Verbage will be proofed by the Clerk.
- i.** Advertise for hiring road supervisor-removed per request of Chairperson Hall.
- j.** Public comment

There being no other discussion, Chairperson Hall stated that the Board will go into closed session pursuant §19.85 (1)(c)(f) and §19.85 (2) for the purpose of employee evaluation, employment, promotion or compensation. The Board may reconvene into open session. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies at 7:00 p.m. to go into closed session after a 10 minutes recess. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session. Motion by Chairperson Hall that Terry Walport will be offered the lead man position and Mike Neibert will be offered the 2nd man. The offer is full time employment at 90% of full time wage (\$18 and \$17) to start and after 90 days go to 100% with benefits that are in our handbook". Aubart and Hall will meet with both to offer employment. Seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.

Board will discuss hire at November board meeting – they both need physicals for work before November 1st, 2010. McCue stated that they need sheet to fill out/hearing test/drug test/test them to cover us. Chairperson Hall will make some calls to see what exact tests need to be done and the costs. In spring we can do the county test.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. by Meixner. Seconded by McCue. Motion carried.

/s/ Kari Aderman, Treasurer