

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 8, 2007. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner, McCue and Nies and Clerk Henk. Member Absent: Treasurer Aderman

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

Clerk Henk affirmed agenda's were posted in compliance with open meetings law.

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

After a review of the check vouchers #19543 to #19583 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to pay them. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 10, 2007 regular monthly board meeting and closed session meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

A variance application from Robert Marienfeld Trust for the installation of a driveway access onto County Highway KK at a setback distance of 142' to the closest driveway was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Nies had contacted Gary Gedart from Sawyer County Highway Department and he clarified the County cannot grant a permit without getting town approval first if driveways are to be within 300 feet of each other, even though it is located on a County Highway. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried. The Planning Committee recommendation for approval is on file with finding of fact.

A variance application from Scott and Jolynn Gamble for the construction of a 10' x 12' bedroom addition onto the landward side of an existing dwelling at a setback distance of 2' from a wetland area was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to deny. Motion carried. The Planning Committee recommendation for denial is on file with finding of fact.

Chairperson Sanders read updates from Sawyer County Zoning-Cranberry Ridge, LLC rezone and conditional use tabled and Gary Bartz rezone approved.

Planning Committee Minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding Lac Courte Oreilles and Windigo Boat Landings. Nies reported there is wetland in the center of the lots the Town was interested in for parking at Lac Courte Oreilles, therefore it is not worthy of going any further. He also reported that Dale Olson of Land & Water Conservation is going forward with the grant for a slab at Windigo for next spring.

Discussion followed regarding proposed donation of a 2.32 acre outlot on Kadlec and Highline Road from Gary and Suzanne Bartz. The Planning Committee recommended to accept. Supervisor McCue stated he has spoken to Suzanne Bartz and they are willing to incur costs to transfer over. Motion by Hall, seconded by McCue to accept donation of outlot contingent upon the Bartz's incurring the cost of transferring over to Town. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nies stated October was his last time as the representative from the Town Board on the Planning Committee and requested it be placed on next month's agenda for a new board member to be appointed as representative.

Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Fire Department Business Meeting was presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders reported a petition has been submitted to the Board regarding Fire Safety. He also stated that he and Supervisor Hall must reclude themselves as they currently hold offices within the Fire Department. Supervisor Nies recommended a committee be formed to determine how to best serve the people of Bass Lake.

Supervisor Hall reported repairs are needed on the tanker truck and will be addressed at the budget meeting.

Supervisor Hall reported the Fire Department currently is at full staff, with the addition of two new members, Marv Mullet's son and Lance Graber, at the last fire department meeting. Hall stated the fire department has the same number of volunteers as they did ninety (90) days ago.

Discussion followed regarding response to freedom of information request received from Sawyer County Record concerning discipline of Chris Headley, Fire Chief. An opinion from Attorney, Ward Winton was given regarding matter. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to release the information to the Sawyer County Record including all documents and closed session minutes. Motion carried. Chris Headley was in audience and was served FOI request by Clerk Henk allowing him five days to amend and return to Clerk.

A request for a reduced speed limit from Highland to Winters Point Road was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to reduce posted speed limit to 20 MPH. Motion carried.

The highway crew submitted to the Board a list of roads that need to be cut back for mowing. Supervisor McCue will review list and contact the Highway Crew.

Clerk Henk gave the Treasurer's report that as of September 30, 2007 the town had a total of \$423,561.76 in all of their accounts and that she and Treasurer Aderman balance for the month. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to accept the report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk presented to the Board an estimate from Walport's Excavating to correct septic pipe problem at Town Hall. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to accept Walport's estimate on the condition it does not exceed \$850. Motion carried. Clerk Henk also reported Auditor, Dan Thole estimated it would cost approximately \$3,500 for the audit required in 2008 for 2007 financial fiscal records due to the grant and loan received from USDA Rural Development for the new fire truck.

Supervisor Nies reported that everything is filed and in process for the Thoroughfare Road Project.

An agreement from Claude Riglemon, Town Assessor in the amount of \$34,600 was presented to the Board. Board requested clarification from Riglemon at next month's meeting regarding if agreement is for a walk through.

Proposed resolution to amend town budget was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve Resolution No. 10-08-2007. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding mandatory uniform requirement for Highway Crew. Clerk Henk reported that the IRS has strict uniform requirements mandating that if the uniforms provided are considered as able to be "street clothes"; they are considered a taxable wage benefit to the employee. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to rescind mandatory uniform requirement for Highway Crew. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding bidding out for the reconstruction of Stone Hill Road. Nies reported it would cost approximately \$57,000 for Stone Hill Road. Board stated it should be bid out early next spring.

Operator License Applications were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve Richard Maryonovich and Janelle Nelson. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding Personnel Policy. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to change a portion of the language in Section E. Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) to now read as, "The yearly contribution amount shall be set at the time wages and benefits are set." Motion carried.

Public Comment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk