

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, November 10, 2008. 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 Hall, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 20287 to # 20368 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 6, 2008 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 6, 2008 closed session meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 6, 2008 budget workshop meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

The proposed Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 17.8 (F-1 Forestry District) was presented to the board. Supervisor McCue stated the Planning Committee recommended approval. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to recommend approval as written. Motion carried.

The proposed Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 18.5 (Residence-Minimum Floor Area) was presented to the board. Supervisor McCue stated the Planning Committee recommended approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to recommend approval as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to move up New Business (a.) and (b.) Liquor License Application and Agent for Angler's Haven on agenda. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve new Liquor License Application for J&K Gensmer, dba. Angler's Haven from November 10, 2008 until June 30, 2009. Motion carried. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve Kelsey Gensmer as agent for Angler's Haven. Motion carried.

Move back to Planning Committee on agenda.

The minutes of the October 2, 2008 Planning Committee were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to accept. Motion carried.

Supervisor McCue reported Windigo Boat Landing is complete and has been paved.

Discussion followed regarding snowshoe/walking trail. Supervisor Nies reported extra funding is not available for a snowshoe trail, but there may be some available if it is a walking/nature/biking trail. Nies presented maps of the proposed property to the Board and stated he spoke with Joan Jacobowski and she

would not be willing to sell part of her property, but may be interested in allowing the town to have a trail going through the west half of her 40 acres. Nies informed her that if she was interested, the Town would have legal documents drawn up so that even if the town used it for many years, the town would never be able to claim adverse possession. Nies reported he also met with Brian Bisonette from the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board and he was receptive to the Town using some of their property for a trail as well, but Bisonette needed to do further investigation to find out how many individuals the tribal land is currently allocated to in that area and determine if it would be feasible. Nies walked the area with Dale Olson from Land and Water Conservation and was told the Town and County has mature trees that are ready to be selective cut and that the trail could be cut in while doing the harvest. Olson estimated the Town's proceeds from the timber harvest could be approximately \$4,000 and it could be used to help offset the cost of creating the trail. Nies inquired if the 200 acres by the gravel pit and the land by the sewer plant property are ready to be harvested. Chairperson Sanders stated the property by the gravel pit was harvested 12 to 14 years ago and is already in a management plan. Shirley Suhsen stated the property by the sewer plant was harvested approximately 20 years ago. No action taken.

The minutes of the September 2, 2008 Fire Department business meeting were presented to the board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 7, 2008 Fire Department business meeting were presented to the board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders opened the bid received for the LP gas furnace at the Fire Hall. One bid was received from RAM Service Company, 9601N Horseshoe Drive, Hayward, WI. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept bid from RAM Service Company for \$2,200.00 for a 150,000 BTU furnace including installation. Motion carried. Meixner stated the unit can be shipped next week and he will coordinate with Fire Chief Mullet and the Highway Crew for installation.

Supervisor Nies reported Monty Kreyer has completed the electrical upgrade at the Fire Hall. The Fire Hall now has a 200-amp meter socket and service and the main panel has a separate amp and breakers for a generator. Kreyer also redid the wiring for the electrical heater in the meeting room and relamped everything as well. Meixner stated there are three light fixtures that can be used as night lights and are currently on a separate switch and Kreyer will provide an estimated cost for two motion sensors next to the door, but warned that motion lights only stay on for fifteen minutes.

Chairperson Sanders reported a letter was received from Bill's Locksmith Service outlining features and cost estimates for keyless entry system for Fire Hall and Town Hall. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to put notice in paper requesting bids for a keyless entry system with an auditing system with proximity cards and one bid without proximity cards.

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Discussion followed regarding former Fire Department members not returning their equipment when they are no longer on the department. Motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to request Clerk Henk send letters to Chad Headley, Kelly Sunderland and Josh Weirich on behalf of the Town Board requesting they return their equipment. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders requested to discuss the approved policy of limiting Fire Department membership to a single department and the request from a member to allow dual membership for the individual. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to leave the policy as written. Discussion followed including the possible confusion as to which department an individual is representing when they respond to fire calls and as the employer,

Bass Lake is responsible for those people. Also discussed was that the option to “grandfather in” individuals who were currently serving on two departments failed to be approved through the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee, the Fire Department membership and finally officially by the Town Board based on the recommendations from the FD Ad Hoc Committee and Fire Department membership by a majority vote at each one, and that the Town cannot make an exception for one individual without making that exception for all, so as not to show favoritism. Fire Chief Mullet expressed concern regarding current number of membership. Chairperson Sanders acknowledged his concern as a separate issue, but stated there was already the opportunity to change this before the policy was adopted and the majority voted not in favor of “grandfathering” in people so that they may be on two departments. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding driveway access for George VanTatenhove on Indian Drive. Letter and map received from Highway Crew Chief Froemel regarding Beaudette Avenue at location in question stating a survey would be needed and the road would need to be constructed. Motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to table until Town Board can determine affordability. Supervisor Nies suggested providing VanTatenhove with a copy of the Town policy adopted in 2006 regarding road construction. Chairperson Sanders stated this is different because it is a road. Nies stated if there is not a subdivision, no road is needed because he already has access to his property using LCO Drive. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders reported he contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the available grant and stated that it includes signage as well as striping. He also reported that the Town needs to notify the DOT by November 14, 2008 if they would like to accept the grant. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept grant and use the bid received from McKenzie Supply to purchase the signs and posts. Motion carried. Clerk Henk will notify DOT of acceptance.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of October 31, 2008 the Town had a total of \$349,186.64 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Treasurer Aderman stated the bank erroneously charged the Town a fee this month and it will be adjusted back off. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported 1,257 residents voted at the Presidential election and that it had gone very smoothly.

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Supervisor Nies reported Thoroughfare Road Bridge is complete except for painting faux rocks in the spring for approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000. Nies reported a couple of bushes need to be planted in the spring for Ken and Grace Stelzer as well. Sanders stated the Wolfe family is concerned about snowmobiles and they will stake it so the Highway Crew can put extra rocks there.

Chairperson Sanders reported he spoke to Attorney Ward Winton several times regarding the public nuisance violations on Williams Resort Property and if the Town continues, it will go to litigation. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to have Attorney Winton mail a letter requesting owner clean up property voluntarily and if that is not done, an ownership search would be done and all owners would be included in a legal filing. Motion carried. Supervisor Nies reported the yard area at the nuisance property on Poplar Avenue has been sufficiently cleaned up.

A maintenance contract from Claude Riglemon, Town Assessor for the amount of \$17,000 was presented to the Board. This contract does not include the \$18,000 credit balance the Town has with Riglemon. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported Ed Jaekal, CPA from JJA Administrators has still not submitted his recommendations for the HRA yet. Table until next month.

Liquor License Application and agent for Angler's Haven already done previously in meeting.

Operator license applications for Patricia Pearson and Muriel Sherriff were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to adjourn until 7:45 p.m. for the Public Hearing for the 2009 Proposed Budget and to go into closed session immediately following and may reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to currently not replace the second person in the Highway Department until a job description has been clarified and to use part time help as needed. Motion carried. Chairperson Sanders instructed Clerk Henk to send a letter to the six applicants stating that due to economic times there will be no one hired for the Highway Department at this time, but their applications will be retained on file for future reference.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk