

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 14, 2011. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

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

Motion by Nies, Seconded by Meixner to approve consent agenda items minus item e. Motion carried.

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for October, 2011
- c. Minutes of the October 10, 2011 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the October 19, 2011 Special Meeting and Budget Workshop
- e. Minutes of the September 5, 2011 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the September 1, 2011 Planning Committee Meeting

Hall reported receiving an email correspondence regarding a nuisance complaint and will look at it. Hall also received an email from DSC Communications regarding radios and a request to present. Hall wanted to talk to Pete about the radios first.

Hall presented the special use permit for Thomas and Mary Henehan. Applicants were present. Hall asked Tom Henehan to present. Henehan said he was present for questions. Nies presented the Planning Committee decision. The Planning Committee approved with conditions. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to approve with conditions. Motion carried

Hall presented the conditional use application for Kip Coffman. Applicant's wife was present. Hall asked Mrs. Coffman to present application. Nies presented the Planning Committee decision. The Planning Committee approved with conditions. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve with conditions. Motion carried.

Hall presented variance application for Steven Friendshuh. Applicant was present and presented application. Nies presented Planning Committee decision. The Planning Committee approved with conditions. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Nies to approve with conditions. Motion carried.

Pete Sanders stated that Fire Department response time is difficult when everyone is out of town working. There was a recent incident and both LCO and Stone Lake Fire Departments responded.

Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Gravel has been added to Atkins Road and Woodland Road. Shoulder work was performed on Highline Road, Thoroughfare Road and Woodland Road. Campbell reported that the State Inspector came out to Thoroughfare Bridge and said the damage was more cosmetic than structural. Campbell said that he didn't agree, it's more of a surface issue and we need to keep an eye on it.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the driveway permit contingent on receipt of the \$25.00 permit fee. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the Winter Maintenance Policy update. Meixner asked where the 46" height for mailboxes came from. Campbell said from a class he recently attended and the post office. Hall said we put

in the maximum the post office allows. Aubart suggested going by postal recommendations. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve with postal recommendations. Motion carried.

Campbell asked about highway weight permits for road bans and suggested \$25 - \$50 for propane trucks. Campbell reported that the Highway Department received 100 permits last year. Discussion followed. Meixner suggested sending a letter to the propane company first and if they don't take care of it, then we will charge a permit fee. Pete Sanders asked Hall to clarify policy. Hall said that when propane tanks are 10% and under, it is an emergency, but the trucks cause wear and tear on our roads. Sanders asked if the permit was per season or incident. Hall said per incident. Aubart said something should be mentioned in the newsletter. Hall said he would draft a letter to the propane companies this year.

Hall presented the update on the problems with the new truck. International has 30 days to reply for a buy back. If we do not receive a response, then we will proceed with a lemon law case.

McCue reported that the City of Hayward has a rebuilt concrete blacktop saw for sale for \$1,000.00 with a cart and water tank. Hayward upgraded to new lighter saw. The saw needs a new blade. New blades cost around \$350.00. Meixner asked if it is something that we use. Campbell said yes and went on to say that it will save the Town from ripping up more blacktop that necessary. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to purchase the saw from the City of Hayward. Motion carried with McCue abstaining.

Campbell presented options for the purchase of a wood chipper. Wood chippers run around \$30,000.00. Campbell distributed pictures and information on some used wood chippers for \$10,000 - \$17,500.00. Hall asked about renting. Campbell said M&M Rentals are \$250/day. Hall said that there is a lot of brush that needs to be clean up and the Town of Hayward uses theirs a lot. Mc Cue said he didn't want a wood chipper for the City of Hayward and they purchased a brush bandit. McCue said it's a great tool and he doesn't know what he'd do it without it. Topic was tabled for now.

Aubart reported that there are roads to be renamed. Aubart reported that the County Board has not made a motion to do this and has not decided how to do it. Two townships have done it. Aubart said that picking names will be difficult and we will need several names in case a name is already being used. 911 is the reason. Some roads have the same fire numbers. Campbell asked if there's a way to specify town. Dave said it's also a phone company issue. Hall suggested asking for names on the website. Nies suggested waiting for the County because things may change.

Hall reported that the LCO Drive culvert project, which was held over from last month would have to wait until spring because the trees can't be dug up. Nies said that if we're going to do something, we need to do it right. Discussion followed. Campbell said that the water is draining now – slowly. Nies said that we can have Statewide look at it and come up with a plan.

Campbell requested the purchase of a laser level and metal detector. Campbell reported the we currently have 1970's technology that takes 2 people. Nies asked if the laser level is less than \$1,000.00. Truit said there is a range and a basic level runs no more than \$1,000.00. A metal detector costs around \$500.00 and would be use for road surveys. Meixner asked how often do we look for stakes. Campbell said that is something that is going to get used. Meixner said he approved as long as it's in the 2011 budget. Motion by Meixner to approve both purchases not exceed \$1,612.00, seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of October 31, 2011, the Town has a total of \$640,190.98 in all of their account and that the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Warshawsky confirmed that the Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Old Business: None

Hall presented the liquor license application for Stark Inc. (dba Moocher Sports Bar and Grill). Stark Inc. received clearance by the State and vendors. The restrictions currently in place will remain in effect. Discussion regarding noise and solutions to reduce noise were discussed. Hall read restrictions. A noise complaint regarding the batting cages was presented and discussed. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to approve with conditions listed. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve the three operator license applications presented. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the invoice from the Town of Bass Lake to the Town of Hayward for their share of the crack sealing.

Public Comment

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Motion carried.