

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 9, 2009. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Dawn Henk.

Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

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

There was a motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda with the removal of (b) Driveway Permit Application under Highway Issues and (a) Request to open Stone Lake Road for ATV Trail under New Business. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 20993 to # 21037 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 6, 2009 Budget Workshop were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 12, 2009 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall reported memo was received from Wisconsin Towns Association regarding seminars that will be held in December and instructed members of the Board to contact Clerk Henk if they are interested in attending.

Chairperson Hall reported there was no Planning Committee meeting held in November due to no new business.

Minutes of the October 5, 2009 Fire Department meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept. Motion carried.

Annual Joint Powers Agreement with Sawyer County 911 Emergency System was presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall read Highway Report from Larry Froemel, Highway Crew Chief. Copy on file. Discussion followed regarding roadways in Northwoods Beach area that have gotten lower over time and gravel from grading as well as excess leaves in the fall are creating a curb, thus hindering snowplowing in the winter. Motion by Phil, seconded by McCue to hire a person to blow leaves off Northwoods Beach roads this fall for \$1,200 if Froemel feels it would be advantageous for ease of snowplowing. Motion to also include Froemel presenting the Town Board with a plan for fixing roads in Northwoods Beach area. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding gate missing for old gravel pit off of Henk's Road. Hall will instruct Froemel to install a new gate there. Hall reported that he will be applying for TRIP monies for Anderson Road.

Application for a road name from Steven Longtine and Thomas Thompson was presented to the Board for a private access road traveling south off of Fun Valley Road approximately 1,800 feet east of the intersection

of STH 27 and Fun Valley Road. Access road travels through NE-SW and SE-SW of S 4, T 40N, R 9W and will service approximately 16 lots. Discussion followed regarding public policy and possible future repercussions of naming roads after individuals. Motion by Nies to approve "Toboggan Alley". Due to no second, motion failed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve "Brodi Lane". All in favor; Aubart, Hall, McCue and Meixner. All opposed; Nies. Motion carried. Clerk will ask Froemel what fee is normally imposed for Highway Crew to purchase and correctly install sign and she will mail out a bill.

Discussion followed regarding possibility of turning over certain roads to LCO that are within the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation Boundaries that no longer have taxpayers living on them due to Native American Tax Exemptions. The Town continues to incur the high cost of maintaining these roads even with current levy freezes, but the cost is no longer being offset by the collection of property taxes by individuals on those roads. Meixner stated the LCO Tribe approached the Town approximately ten years ago because they wanted to take over all roads within the reservation but no municipalities agreed because it was not a good thing. Roads discussed included Gurno Lake Road, Trepania Road, Indian Lake Road and Grindstone Springs Road. No action taken.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of October 31, 2009 the Town had a total of \$416,370.04 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Nothing to report from Clerk Henk.

Discussion followed regarding Animal Control Officer position at Sawyer County possibly being cut from the County budget for next year. The position is currently being held by Sherrie Shelton. Hall clarified that the Sheriff's Department has stated they will not take over this responsibility if the position is cut, therefore animal control would fall to each municipality, not only requiring a person to fill the position, but a facility would be needed as well in each municipality. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to authorize Clerk Henk to compose a letter of support to maintain the position at the County level. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding changing pay period dates and recommendation from Clerk Henk. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept Clerk's recommendation to change the payday to be semi-monthly on the first and third Thursday of each month, with the Highway Department pay period to end on the Sunday immediately prior, as it currently does now. Motion included change in payday to be effective as of January 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding possible increase of Town Fee's. Motion by Nies to increase driveway permit fee from \$10.00 to \$35.00. Motion failed due to no second. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to increase driveway permit fee to \$25.00, effective January 1, 2010. All in favor; Aubart, McCue and Nies. All opposed; Hall and Meixner. Motion carried. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to increase liquor license publication fee from \$7.50 to \$10.00, effective January

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1, 2010. All in favor; Aubart, Hall, McCue and Nies. All opposed; Meixner. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding possible increase in transfer station garbage bag fees. Clerk Henk will determine cost to be discussed at a later meeting.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk