

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, December 13, 2010. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, John McCue, Ralph Meixner, Phil Nies and Clerk Dawn Henk. Absent: Treasurer Kari Aderman.

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

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

Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 21687 to # 21742 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors were presented to the Board. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Special Meeting of the Town Board were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 closed session Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Nies reported there was correspondence from the Wisconsin Town's Association (WTA) regarding Native American Property Tax Exemptions that the Town did not receive. Nies stated it was the second request sent to notify us of these issues.

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

Minutes of the November 1, 2010 Fire Department meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to accept. Motion carried.

Board clarified Fire Chief Sanders is responsible for ordering diesel fuel for the tank at the Fire Hall.

Hall reported the Town Board cannot by law approve the Fire Department's request to rollover any 2010 unused budgeted amounts into the 2011 budget. He clarified any unused Town funds go into the general fund at the end of the year and the board may

choose to amend the 2011 budget if needed and put these extra monies toward fire protection as long as there are sufficient funds in the revenue budget to cover it.

Fire Chief Sanders requested the Board increase the Fire Department debit card to \$600.00 for the one-time purchase of GPS units. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to increase the debit card to \$600.00 for this one-time purchase. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the mandatory switching over of the Fire Department radios to narrow band. Nies stated the Town has spent a lot of money the last few years investing in good radios and suggested the current radios should be reprogrammed and given to the Highway Crew when they are obsolete for the Fire Department. Hall stated he would take care of having them reprogrammed for the Highway Department when the time comes.

Request from the Fire Department for payment prior to the next Board meeting for an equipment bill was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to approve payment of bill for \$646.86 from Chief Supply for orange cones. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Sanders reported their membership committee went to the Town of Hayward and the new tanker/tender fire truck may end up costing more than \$150,000.00. Nies stated even if it cost approximately \$150,000.00, the Town could pay \$50,000.00 down and Treasurer Aderman contacted Johnson Bank and the Town could get a 2-year loan for the remainder at 4% interest. Nies asked Sanders if the Fire Department would be willing to contribute the picnic fundraiser monies for the next two years to help pay off the truck. Sanders stated he would take it to the Fire Department membership for consideration.

Highway Crew Chief, Terry Walport was present to report that most of November was spent working on snow removal/sanding and putting equipment together for winter road maintenance. Walport also reported the new Highway 2010 International truck is still having pump problems due to the vibrations issue and it needs to go back to Meyers again on Wednesday for repairs.

Service doors at Highway shop were discussed. Board agreed that Walport will order two new service doors and install them.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a welder. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to authorize Walport to order a MIG welder for the highway shop at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a plow. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to authorize Walport to order a snowplow for the Highway service pickup truck and

to purchase the cheaper one for \$4,726.00 + \$440.00 for installation if needed from Rousar's in Rice Lake. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a chipper for the Highways Department to use for brush. Hall reported he received an estimate of \$32,000.00 for one, which is much higher than was previously thought. Highway Crew is instructed to pile all the brush in central locations and then rent a chipper for a month next summer instead of purchasing a chipper.

Hall reported there is a new 2012 state mandate regarding reflectivity of road signs and he suggested buying approximately \$5,000.00 worth of signs each year for the next for four or five years and spread out the cost that way and begin with the high liability signs. (i.e. stop and stop ahead signs) Walport suggested carrying them in the pickup truck and replacing them when out regularly checking roads and fix them as we go.

Discussion held regarding payment to Town of Hayward for road reconstruction for portion of Round Lake School Road. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to authorize payment of \$42,450.04 to the Town of Hayward. Motion carried.

Due to absence of Treasurer Aderman, Supervisor Nies reported that as of November 30, 2010 the Town had a total of \$489,229.49 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Meixner to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk asked Fire Chief Sanders if the Fire Inspections had been completed twice in 2010, because no bills had been received yet and they need to be done for the Town to receive the 2% Fire Dues money. Sanders reported Frank Leuschen did them in the first half of 2010 and he will be sending a bill and Marv Mullet is completing the second half now.

Clerk Henk also reported the town auditor, Dan Thole, will be coming on January 17 & 18, 2011 to do the audit.

Discussion followed regarding updated Personnel Policy. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve the 1/2010 updated revision with the change on page 8, VI. Employment Benefits, A. Vacation, line 3 to now read, "Employees earn, but may not take vacation time until after an employee completes his/her first six months of full-time employment." Motion carried.

Hall reported that the Town needs an Adopt-a-Highway policy that can be used for these requests. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve policy as presented. Motion carried.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding concerns about crime and law enforcement coverage in the area since the last incident at Countryside Bar and possible solutions. Discussion included requesting more law enforcement in area, Townspeople attending Sawyer County budgeting meetings in the fall to request more funding for Sawyer

County Sheriff's Department and for people to attend listening sessions for the new Sheriff, Mark Kelsey, to voice their concerns.

Discussion held regarding consent agenda. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to start using a consent agenda next month. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Nies at 7:28 p.m. to go into closed session after a 10-minute recess and may reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Reconvened into open session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to offer Truit Campbell the full-time Highway Crew position at 90% pay for 90 days, with a start date of January 1, 2011. Motion carried. Vote unanimous. Hall will contact Campbell to offer position and if accepted, he will schedule a D.O.T. physical for him including an eye, ear and drug test. Clerk Henk will send out letters to all applicants not chosen indicating that all applications will be held on file for one year.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to authorize McCue to look into cost and colors of uniforms for the Highway Crew. Motion carried. McCue will also look into the cost of fluorescent jackets that have a fleece liner.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner that all private driveways connected to a Town road will not be given preference and will be treated equally in regards to snowplowing. The Town does not snowplow nor maintain private driveways. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Town Clerk