

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 8, 2008. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner, McCue, Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Henk.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

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

There was a motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to approve the agenda, with the addition of allowing Doug Mrotek to present a topic immediately following approval of minutes. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 20369 to # 20412 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 closed session meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 Special Meeting of the Town Board were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Doug Mrotek addressed the Board regarding the Fire Department. He stated he would like to be part of the solution to establish and maintain the fire department and he would be willing to help solicit and promote new membership, but wants to make sure they have camaraderie and support when they do.

The Sawyer County Zoning Administration's request for Town opinion on possibly allowing small storage buildings on vacant camping properties was presented to the Board. Supervisor McCue reported the Planning Committee reviewed and by a majority vote of 4 to 2, recommended it to be amended as proposed. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Nies to recommend it remain as currently written. No second. Motion failed. Further discussion followed regarding definition of "camping", conforming versus non-conforming lots and who would be enforcing it. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to recommend it remain as currently written. Motion carried.

The Sawyer County Zoning Administration's request for Town opinion on allowing for the raising of chickens on properties in Residential Zone Districts was presented to the Board. Supervisor McCue reported the Planning Committee recommended the raising of chickens should be prohibited in all residential zone districts. Discussion followed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to recommend the following; the ordinance should be amended to allow chickens in residential zone

districts with the following restrictions: There should be a minimum size requirement of 20,000 square feet of a conforming lot before chickens should be allowed to be raised on the property, it is not necessary to notify adjacent property owners, the number of chickens should be restricted by the size of the parcel-the

larger the parcel the greater the number of chickens that would be allowed (An approximate number of chickens per 20,000 square feet/half an acre would be 6.), a permit should not be required, chickens must be in an enclosed area (i.e., fenced, chicken coop, etc.) at all times, if an enclosure is required, that enclosure should meet the same setbacks required for a dwelling (NOTE: Depending on the zone district, the enclosure could be as close as 10 feet to a side lot line and 40 feet to a rear lot line.) and the Board disagrees that if chickens are allowed, enforcement should be similar to that for “camping” in that Towns would be responsible to initially address complaints. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 6, 2008 Planning Committee were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Supervisor McCue reported the Planning Committee is still looking into options and discussing select cutting the trees and creating a trail at the same time for the proposed snowshoe/walking trail, as well as using timber proceeds to offset cost of trail.

Resolution # 12-08-08 for Proposed 5 year update to Recreation Plan (2009-2013) was presented to the Board. Supervisor McCue stated the Planning Committee changed “little boat landing at Lac Courte Oreilles” to “small boat landing” and recommended approval. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to approve Resolution # 12-08-08. Motion carried.

Town Hall Park proposal to Sawyer County requesting matching ATC funds was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Planning Committee Chairperson, Mark Olson stated if Town is turned down by Sawyer County, the Town could modify the letter for Federal and State Funds. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue for the letter that was prepared and approved by the Planning Committee be forwarded to the County Clerk, so Mayberry can forward it to the Economic Development Committee for consideration. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 3, 2008 Fire Department business meeting were presented to the board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried.

Supervisor Meixner reported the furnace is installed at the Fire Hall and gas should be hooked up to it the next day. The Board thanked Meixner for all his hard work.

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

Chairperson Sanders reported Fire Chief Mullet was unable to attend meeting due to training. Sanders stated Fire Chief Mullet is looking into having an auxiliary membership policy for consideration to address issue of people that would be considered non-eligible as general members. Supervisor Hall stated he has collected all of the equipment from past membership, except one that

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he will be picking up the following day and he will return all equipment to Mullet. Chairperson Sanders commended the Fire Department for a job well done at a recent fire on Wightman Road and welcomed any suggestions or ways to encourage new membership.

Clerk Henk reported she notified the D.O.T. of acceptance of the Striping/Signage Grant. McCue stated he would contact Highway Crew Chief Froemel to remind him to order the signs and supplies needed.

Supervisor Nies stated he would like to put on next month's agenda to address issue of Garbage Trucks during road bans. Chairperson Sanders stated last year the Town offered to allow Allied Waste to put dumpsters at the Highway Shop like Waste Management does, but the offer was ignored.

Chairperson Sanders reported he has a letter from Highway Crew Chief Froemel regarding the Wolf Point area of Thoroughfare Road and the request from the Wolf family to have rocks placed to obstruct snowmobiles. In his letter, Froemel had concerns regarding the liability of placing rocks on the edge of the right-of-way and recommended a snow fence instead. Discussion followed. Chairperson Sanders will instruct Highway Crew to plant pine trees at location instead of rocks and to install snow fence in the meantime.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of November 30, 2008 the Town had a total of \$273,091.22 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Treasurer Aderman stated she transferred all but \$1,000 out of the Tax Account to prepare for tax collection. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk thanked Leonard and Grace Anderson on behalf of the Town Board and Fire Department for the two flags they donated to the Town. Henk also reported the IRS rules for the Fire Department wages has changed again for 2008 through 2010. The first \$30.00 earned per month is no longer considered taxable wages until 2011. Henk stated she will be working with Rose Webb, CPA to make sure the Town is in compliance with the new law.

Letter from Ed Jaekal, CPA from JJA Benefit Administrators including recommendation of changes to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to change the annual contribution to quarterly. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Chairperson Sanders opened bids for Keyless Entry System for the Town Hall and Fire Hall. Bids were as follows;

Bill's Locksmithing Service
W1598 Lee Rd.
Hayward, WI 54843

{ Keyless Entry System without proximity cards
Alarm Lock DL2800 model lock
\$1,360.00

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{ Keyless Entry System with proximity cards
Alarm Lock PDL3000 model lock
\$2,400.00

Charlie's Locksmith Service
10244 Towne View Rd.
Hayward, WI 54843

{ Keyless Entry System without proximity cards
Alarm Lock DL2800
\$1,400.00

{ Keyless Entry System without proximity cards
Kaba Ilco E-Plex 5031
\$1,473.00

{ Keyless Entry System with proximity cards

Alarm Lock T3 Trilogy
\$2,270.00

Keyless Entry System with proximity cards
Kaba Ilco E-Plex 5731
\$1,983.00

Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Hall, seconded by Sanders to approve bid from Bill's Locksmithing Service for the Keyless Entry System without proximity cards, Alarm Lock DL2800 model for \$1,360.00. Motion carried. Sanders stated Town Clerk would be responsible for Administration of the system.

Resolution #12-08-2008 to amend budget was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to approve Resolution #12-08-2008. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to go into closed session after a five minute recess and may reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Reconvene into open session at 8:31 p.m.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to increase Highway Department and Landfill Attendant wages by 3% effective as of January 1, 2009. Motion carried. Chairperson Sanders will inform them.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk