

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, April 12, 2010. 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 6:30 P.M.

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

Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the agenda with the change of moving New Business a.) Auditor Report to right after Correspondence and under New Business (a.) add "USDA Beaver Contract." Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 21257 to # 21315 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence received regarding Highway, Invasive Species and Forest Industry workshops. Chairperson Hall stated if Board members were interested in attending, he would leave the information with the Clerk.

Dan Thole, CPA for Larson Allen was present to review audit done for Town. Thole reviewed financial statements and supplementary information with Board. Thole reported the revenues for 2009 were \$784,453 and the expenses were \$693,583. Thole stated the Town is financially sound and healthy and has very little debt, owing a total of \$177,029 for the Fire Truck loan at the end of the year. Chairperson Hall clarified for audience that any surplus is kept in reserve and can be used for cash flow for emergencies or can be drawn on if needed for large purchases. Thole agreed and stated since the Town shares taxes with the State and does not get 85% of Town's portion of the taxes until November 15th each year, it is important to have cash on hand for cash flow purposes to pay bills. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to accept Auditor Report. Motion carried.

Proposed Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance prohibiting "Green" home burials on private property was presented to the Board. Nies explained "Green" burials are when no embalming is done and "Home" burials are when remains are buried on private property. Nies stated that if a home burial is abandoned, the Town is responsible for perpetual care of it, just as they would be for an abandoned cemetery. Nies reported the Town's Nuisance Ordinance covers burials, but suggested County regulate them. Hall stated no action is necessary since it is already covered in the Town's nuisance ordinance.

Short-term rental properties survey from Sawyer County Zoning presented to the Board. Nies reported the Planning Committee reviewed it and to his knowledge only one complaint regarding the old Chicago Club has been made. Nies stated the complaints are for noise and trespassing and local authorities handle those. Motion by Ralph, seconded by McCue to approve completed survey exactly as filled out by Nies. Motion carried. Copy on file.

Park use reservations on holiday weekends and rental fees for Town property was presented to the Board. Discussion followed regarding requiring a higher security deposit to motivate individuals to clean up sufficiently after rental use. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to allow reserving the Town Hall and

Town Park for a \$25.00 rental fee for each with an additional \$100.00 security deposit, but the Town Park's cannot be reserved on holiday weekends. All in favor: Meixner and Nies. All opposed: Hall, Aubart and McCue. Motion failed. Discussion followed regarding when individuals don't reserve the park, but use it and fail to clean up before they leave. Also discussed was the possibility of building a public restroom by the Town Hall Park Pavilion. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to set the Town Hall rental fee to at \$25.00 with an additional \$50.00 security deposit. Motion to include that Town Park's and the Town Hall Park Pavilion are to be used strictly on a "first come, first serve" basis and no reservations may be made at any time for them. Motion carried.

Proposal to turn Grindstone DNR/Town Boat Landing back over to DNR was presented to the Board. Discussion followed regarding maintenance costs, including mowing and repairing the blacktop parking lot. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve the 90-day notice of termination of the public access lease with the DNR. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Nies reported Highway Crew would remove old BBQ pit and a load of black dirt would be delivered to fill it in. No action necessary.

Fire Chief, Pete Sanders reported the Fire Department membership recommended a portable grill versus a new BBQ Pit be built. Sanders requested that the monies do not come out of the Fire Department budget. Mark Olson, Planning Committee Chairperson stated \$5,000.00 had been allocated in the Park budget to rebuild the BBQ Pit behind the Town Hall. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to purchase a portable grill on wheels as presented by Sanders, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried. Sanders inquired as to where it could be stored in the winter. Nies stated it could be stored in the garage at the Grindstone Shallows Park.

Chairperson Hall read Highway Report from Larry Froemel, Highway Crew Chief. Copy on file.

Highway Road Inspection Report presented to the Board. Copy on file. Chairperson Hall stated this is a draft from Froemel and the reality is that the money is not there to do it. Discussion followed regarding reconstructing Anderson Road this year for approximately \$185,500.00 and to start working on some of the worst roads in Northwoods Beach if monies are still available. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to bid out the reconstruction of Anderson Road and to publish a request for proposals for crack sealing on Rainbow Road and to authorize McCue to be in charge of the bidding out process. Both are to be opened at next monthly meeting. Hall reported last week he applied for the prevailing wages from the Department of Workforce Development for Anderson Road and estimated the cost for the crack sealing on Rainbow Road to be \$5,000.00. Hall stated Froemel inquired about clearing the road right-of-ways and Hall reported he has not received confirmation, but the State prisoners should be here in the fall to brush Colbroth and Anderson Road. Hall stated Froemel will start brushing Anderson Road tomorrow to get ready for reconstructing the road. Meixner stated the Board needs to prioritize it to get it done. Nies inquired

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about a section of the report stating commercial infringement on Mueller Avenue. Hall stated Froemel was okay with the slab at Earl's Marine, as long as it stays below the blade. Nies stated Froemel has no authority to approve anything. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the apron on Mueller at Earl's Marine that extends into the roadway. Motion carried.

Request for proposals for mowing Town property was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to publish request for proposals for lawn mowing to be opened at next month's meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding publishing a request for proposals for mowing the Town road right-of-way ditches, due to it not being completed by the Highway Department year after year. Discussion also included brush becoming an issue due to the mowing not being done. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to advertise for request of proposal for one round of mowing of all Town roads of approximately 85 miles to be opened at next month's meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor McCue reported he reviewed the Town's current Driveway Ordinance and recommends leaving it as is. No action taken.

Request to rescind personal property taxes for Herman Heinen was presented to the Board. Treasurer Aderman reported she has made four attempts to mail his \$59.00 personal property taxes on Thoroughfare Road. Aderman and Nies also drove out to try to find it and stopped two vehicles in an attempt to locate him on Wolf Point, but had no success. Aderman stated if Heinen did pass away, it would revert back to the LCO Tribe and requested the board to rescind the taxes and take off the tax roll. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to rescind personal property taxes of \$59.00 for Herman Heinen. Motion carried.

Aderman reported when she was searching for Heinen, she saw two headstones on the east side of Thoroughfare Road and stated it should be on the records that there is a burial ground on a plotted Town road.

Aderman stated the Town received a DNR severance tax check for \$3,008.43 for the removal of forest cropland by James Coors and the Town will retain 80% of it. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to allocate the Town's portion of \$2,406.74 to the Park Expenses budget to help offset the cost of the portable grill. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of March 31, 2010 the Town had a total of \$431,077.07 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.

Move to request to open Stone Hill Road for ATV trail. Robert Lester and Bill Hinkfuss present as representatives for ATV Club. Discussion followed regarding location of request. Nies stated the Board turned this down a year ago. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve approximately one (1) mile stretch from crossroads of Metcalf Road on the south end and ending at Edgewood Drive on the north end, as well as a small section at the bend in the road north of Moyer Road for ATV use. Motion to include this to be reviewed in one year to determine future approval. Motion carried. Lester stated the ATV Club will take care of all signage and reported they need an ordinance in place first. Hall stated it would go on next month's agenda.

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Hall reported the Town received another bill from LCO regarding Thoroughfare Road. Nies reported the work was supposedly done in August, but in the Town minutes, it was still an issue at that time as to what trees would even be cut. Nies reported he spoke with LCO Attorney Paul Shagen and Tribal Board Member, Brian Bisonette and they stated the bill for \$11,660 would not be pursued by LCO.

Hall reported the USDA Beaver Contract from the DNR was received today. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve contract. Motion carried.

Move back to Clerk report. Clerk Henk reported all the results from the April 6, 2010 election.

Move to operator license application for Tracey Gundersen was presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Move back to request from Roger Chudy to purchase small triangle of Town property along Hwy 27 just north of the Hwy K intersection was presented to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to offer it for sale for \$500.00, plus Chudy would be responsible for all expenses for the transfer. Motion carried.

Move to proposed dates for Open Book and Board of Review (BOR). The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 10, 2010 for the purpose of adjourning the BOR until June 5, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Open book for the Town's Assessor, Claude Ringlemon, will be held at the Town Hall on June 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Supervisors McCue and Meixner will be at the BOR and possibly Chairperson Hall as well. Supervisor Aubart will let Clerk know tomorrow. Nies will be the alternate. Clerk reminded Board they need a quorum present to conduct BOR.

Town policy regarding public reserve strip was presented to the Board. Chairperson Hall stated there is nothing on the books stating the Town policy for public reserve; therefore Nies composed a list stating the current policy. Nies read list and reported this is what has been done in the past. Discussion followed regarding Town liability coverage for private property such as stairs placed in public reserve strip. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve list as a Town policy and to put it into effect. Motion carried.

Hall reported he was going to draw something up for the employee policy regarding the smoking ban, but he will put something together for next month's agenda.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk