

These are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on April 14, 2008. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner and Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Henk. Member absent: Supervisor McCue. There were also twenty (20) towns persons in attendance.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in accordance with 60.11 (2)(a) Wis. Stat.

Chairperson Sanders read the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. There was a motion by Shirley Suhsen, seconded by Russ Iverson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders read the 2007 Financial Statement provided by auditor, Dan Thole. Shirley Suhsen inquired as to the high cost of Land Use Plan/Smart Growth. Treasurer Aderman clarified the original income was a pass through from the State and we were obligated to pay the other municipalities who also participated in our Smart Growth Planning process with us. Edward Packee inquired as to legal expenses incurred. Treasurer Aderman reported itemized breakdown of legal expenses. Motion by Bruce Paulsen, seconded by Shirley Suhsen to approve the Financial Statement as read. Motion carried.

Russ Iverson expressed interest in having each member of the Board responsible for different departments, such as one person responsible for the Park, one for the Fire Department, etc.

Edward Packee expressed concern for the Fire Department. Sanders reported the Board is committed to improving the Fire Department and the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee was formed for this purpose and is using some of the issues presented in the petition as guidance.

Mary Gustafson expressed concerns including plowing being done on only one side of the road, resulting in no mail delivery for two days, as well as the Highway Crew traveling too fast when they were mowing, resulting in a 3 to 4 foot high cable box being chopped off.

Joe Mullally also expressed concern as to the plowing being done on only one side of the road and suggested if this must be done, to plow the side the mail carrier uses.

Sanders stated he has received a number of complaints regarding the speed of the highway crew and explained that if they were going too fast, that would need to be addressed, but that they need momentum to move the snow. He also stated they should not just be plowing one side of the road and that many times temporary people are helping plow and they don't know which roads to do. Jane Shobel thanked the Board for responding to plowing concerns from last year with more salt being used at intersections and suggested the Board develop written procedures so part-time highway crew employees know what to do. Edward Packee expressed concern as to best methods to

keep plowing costs down in the future. Sanders stated the Town is currently experimenting using slag (crushed leftover blacktop) instead of salt, thereby reducing the cost of maintaining the roads in the winter.

Jane Schobel expressed concern regarding the litter and debris on the side of the roads, how to legally address abandoned and inhabitable properties and to encourage the Board to set the example and “go green”. Sanders reported the Board had just authorized the purchase of biodegradable bags for sale at the Transfer Station and encouraged everyone to sort out their recycling. Sanders stated the Town is always interested in looking into ideas for energy efficiency. Sanders further reported that if property is considered a health hazard, the health inspector and zoning office would need to be contacted to address those types of concerns. He stated there is no ordinance that allows the municipality to remove buildings or take control of personal property due to abandonment or negligent, but he would confer with legal council on any other possible solutions. Discussion followed regarding nuisance ordinance definitions and what action the Board can take.

Helen Chevrier inquired as to why only #1 and #2 plastics are able to be recycled and the possible recycling of motor oil at the Transfer Station. Sanders stated Waste Management sets the parameters of what can be recycled and DNR permits are required to allow the Town to be a drop off site for used oil.

Several town residents stated the Landfill Attendant was not coming out the shed to help people unload and to inspect what is being thrown in. Sanders will speak to Landfill Attendant, Larry Tosland.

Joe Mullally inquired as to whom he should call at night, regarding nuisance dogs. Sanders directed him to call Sherry Sheldon, the Sawyer County Animal Control officer.

Discussion followed regarding use of Grindstone Shallows Park and future plans for the Environmental Impact Aid money received from the ATC Power line.

Helen Chevrier inquired as to the impact of the property tax exemption for Native Americans on Fee Lands. Sanders reported the town received the alpha list from LCO Governing Board and many of them are already listed as Tribal Trust ownership. The list will be forwarded on to our assessor, Claude Ringlemon. Treasurer Aderman reported that after her initial review, there were not as many eligible for exemption as she originally thought.

Shirley Suhsen thanked the Board for their hard work.

Motion by Edward Packee, seconded by Helen Chevrier to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk