

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 14, 2008. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner, McCue, Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Henk.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

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

There was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of the check vouchers #19900 to 19977 from the (R1) checking account, and check vouchers # 1174 to 1176 from the (R2) tax account, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to pay them. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 10, 2008 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

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

A rezone application from Patrick Trepanier c/o Simone Tremblay was presented to the Board to change Lot 1 from F1 to C1 and to change Lots 2 & 3 from F1 to R/R2 to create one commercial lot and one residential lot at the present time and to conform with the adjacent residential zone district. Applicant was present. LCO Tribal Office contacted Clerk Henk with no objections. Discussion followed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to approve with conditions. Motion carried. Applicant has agreed to conditions. This is not a plat approval. The Planning Committee recommendation to approve with conditions is on file with finding of fact.

Chairperson Sanders read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- Cranberry Ridge LLC, c/o Sletner approved with conditions for rezone and conditional use, Johnson denied for variance and Ursprung approved with conditions.

The minutes of the February 5, 2008 Fire Department business meeting was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to accept. Motion carried. No minutes are available from the March 4, 2008 Fire Department business meeting. No business was conducted, due to no quorum.

Chairperson Sander read his proposal for the Reorganization of the Fire Department by merging with the Lac Courte Orielles Fire Department. Copy of proposal on file. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to authorize Chairperson Sanders to begin discussions with the Tribal Governing Board regarding a potential merger. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 3, 2008 Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried. The minutes from the

January 7, 2008 Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee were still not available. Sanders will provide them next month.

Discussion followed regarding mowing on Town properties. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to issue public bids for mowing as usual, but to do a cost analysis to determine how much it would cost to buy all needed equipment and have current transfer station employee, Larry Tosland, do the mowing instead. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding possible road abandonment of certain roads, such as Gurno Lake Road and Froemel Road that are within tribal boundaries that the Town currently maintains, but due to the enactment of the MOU with the LCO Tribal Governing Board regarding Property Tax Exemptions, the Town will no longer be receiving property taxes from qualified tribal members.

Supervisor Meixner reported that some of the road signs in Northwoods Beach are faded and not legible. The Highway Crew will take an inventory and see which ones need to be replaced.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of March 30, 2008 the Town had a total of \$448,804.57 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Aderman reported the CD from the American Transmission Line (ATC) to repair Stone Hill Road had matured in March, so she put it those funds into the money market account to continue to earn interest while waiting to repair the road. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported that Town Supervisors Nies and McCue had been re-elected at the April 1, 2008 Spring Election for two year terms to expire in April, 2010. Henk also reported the Town of Bass Lake was going to receive the DNR Recycling Grant for 2008 in the amount of \$14,420.39. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to accept Clerk's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported the new heater at the Transfer Station has been installed.

Chairperson Sanders reported on the timber trespass on LCO Drive in which six to eight trees were cut on Town property by a resident. The resident, Richard Laumer, contracted with a local forester to cut the trees due to his belief that they were potentially going to fall on his property. Sanders informed the property owner that he should have contacted the Town first for permission. He stated the Town has filed a complaint with law enforcement and it has since been turned over to the DNR.

Supervisor Nies reported that the grant has been approved by Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation for a slab to be placed at the Windigo Boat and the Town's

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share would be \$3,500.00. The grant does not include funds to expand the parking area.

A liquor license application from Christopher Grover for Drifters was presented to the Board. A petition signed by forty residents in opposition of the license, as well as a letter of recommendation from applicant's father, Jeff Crone, was also presented to the Board. Copy on file. Applicant Grover and property owner, Bob Pendelton present. Lengthy discussion followed regarding past history of premises being a nuisance bar. Discussion also included

the limited amount of parking that blocks the view of oncoming traffic on Highway K at stop sign on Scipio. Chairperson Sanders read the Municipal Licensing and Regulation of Alcohol Beverages Manual regarding when a municipality can refuse to grant a license.

Motion by Nies to deny the liquor license based on the following reasons:

- 1.) adverse impact on traffic
- 2.) adverse impact on the peace, quiet and cleanliness of the neighborhood where the establishment is located
- 3.) insufficient parking for patrons
- 4.) ability or inability of the police to provide law enforcement services to the new establishment and the impact of the new establishment on the ability of the police to provide law enforcement services to the balance of the community at all times

Motion failed due to no second. Motion by Sanders, seconded by McCue to table application until next month to allow applicant opportunity to provide the Board with a more detailed plan of how they will address the issues of parking, traffic congestion and how they will assure residents the past won't be replicated. Motion carried.

Cigarette License for Drifters was presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to table until next month. Motion carried.

Operator License application for David Thunder was presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

The USDA Beaver Control Contract for \$500.00 was presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve contract with USDA. Motion carried.

An Amendment to the Health Reimbursement Plan (HRA) was presented to the Board. Sanders clarified the amendment made the \$7,000 annual amount available as of January 1<sup>st</sup> each year, with it being earned incrementally by employees with each pay period. If an employee leaves prior to the end of the year, they would be obligated to pay the Town back for any unearned portion that they used. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve HRA Amendment with the correction of "quarterly" to "annually" and for all employees who want to participate in the plan must sign and submit their enrollment forms by April 24, 2008 to JJA Benefit Administrators. Sanders instructed Clerk Henk to compose a letter to the Highway Crew informing

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them that if they do not sign and submit their enrollment forms by the April 24, 2008 deadline, it will indicate they do not want to receive the HRA benefit at this time and they will not be eligible for reimbursement claims.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board regarding the Native American Real Estate Tax Exemption was presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to approve MOU. Motion carried.

Proposed dates to hold Open Book and the Board of Review (BOR) were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to meet at 6:25 P.M. on May 12, 2008 for the purpose of adjourning the BOR until July 12, 2008 at 8:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M. at the Town Hall. Open book with the Town's Assessor, Claude Riglemon, will be held at the Town Hall on July 11, 2008 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported there had been a request for the Town to purchase biodegradable Landfill bags for sale at the Transfer Station. She contacted Shadow Plastics and it will cost approximately \$500.00 more for the quantity of bags the Town annually purchases to be biodegradable. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to buy biodegradable bags from Shadow Plastics. Motion carried. Clerk Henk also reported last year the Transfer Station cost had approximately \$12,000 in expenses over revenue, including the sale of landfill bags and the recycling grant received. Meixner requested Clerk Henk look into what other municipalities were charging.

White Goods Collection was discussed. Clerk Henk reported Transfer Station Attendant, Larry Tosland, would like to see it during May or June instead of in July. Meixner reported the Town of Hayward is currently contracting with a company who picks up white goods monthly, for no charge. Sanders instructed Clerk Henk to contact the Town of Hayward for the specifics and to place it on next month's agenda.

The condition and location of the Hall BBQ pit was discussed. Supervisor Nies suggested the Planning Committee look into incorporating it into the park plan for the back yard at the Town Hall. Chairperson Sanders requested Fire Chief Mullet place it on the next Fire Department meeting agenda.

Public comment.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to go into closed session pursuant Wis. Statutes §19.85 (1)(b)(c)(f)(g) & §19.85 (2) after a five minute recess at 8:10 P.M. The Town Board may reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 9:52 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk