

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, July 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 McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers # 21410 to # 21458 from the (R1) checking account, there was a motion by Aubart, seconded by Nies to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 5, 2010 Board of Review meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 14, 2010 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 14, 2010 closed session Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall read correspondence received from Sawyer County Zoning – Variance application for Oakridge Family Ltd. Partnership c/o Christine Seidling was denied.

A conditional use application for Kreyer Family Trust c/o Todd Kreyer was presented to the Board for moving on an existing hunting cabin of conforming dimensions, not being engaged in agricultural activities. Three letters received with no objections. Discussion followed. Nies read Planning Committee recommendation for approval. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve. Copy on file with Finding of Fact.

A variance application for Helen and John Drawbert was presented to the Board for an after-the-fact variance for the construction of an accessory building at a setback distance of 23' from a wetland area. Variance is requested as Section 4.49, Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance would require a setback distance of 40' from this wetland area. Three letters received with no objections. Discussion followed. Supervisor Nies explained letter from Bill Christman, former Sawyer County Zoning Administrator, regarding error in wetland determination that was done prior to construction. Nies read Planning Committee recommendation for approval, including strongly encouraging County to re-evaluate how OHWM and wetlands determinations are made. Nies also reported the WI DNR sent a letter to County last month stating that they will no longer be assisting in wetland determinations when requested by Zoning. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Meixner to approve with Planning Committee recommendation. Motion carried. Copy on file with Finding of Fact.

Minutes of the May 6, 2010 Planning Committee meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Update policy regarding public reserve strip in Northwoods Beach Subdivision to add item # 8 was presented to the Board. Chairperson Hall read proposed update. Nies reported the Planning Committee

recommended the Town add this item to clarify that undeveloped platted roads cannot be used by individuals and publicly held parcels are not to be used as part of the impervious surface calculation. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve the addition of item # 8 to the Town Public Policy Regarding Public Reserve Strip in Northwoods Beach Subdivision and to authorize Supervisor Nies to represent the Town at the Zoning meeting regarding this. Motion carried. Copy on file.

Discussion held regarding speed limit in Northwoods Beach area. Nies reported the Planning Committee felt the cost would not be justified, but if they had to make a recommendation, it would be to have a speed limit of 35 mph for all roads in Northwoods Beach. Supervisor Aubart stated surveys have been done by the law enforcement and normally people are traveling at the speed limit in this area. No action taken.

Discussion held regarding the possible inspection of premises and occupancy permits, as well as the issue of enforcement. No action taken.

Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Fire Department meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Sanders requested to convert the fuel type at the pump station at the Fire Hall. Sanders explained most of the vehicles are diesel and he would like to convert the tank to diesel with no ethanol and to request authorization to get a gas card from G-2 or the Log Cabin Store for the few times when they need gas for the two remaining vehicles. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve converting the fuel tank at the Fire Hall to diesel and to authorize the Town Treasurer to open a charge account at G-2. Motion carried.

Sanders requested to increase the Fire Department debit card balance in July for picnic expenses. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to authorize the Town Treasurer to increase the Fire Department debit card to \$500.00 for the month of July only. Motion carried.

Sanders reported the toilet in the women's restroom at the Fire Hall needs to be replaced and requested assistance from the Town. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the Fire Department to get a new toilet and for the cost to be taken out of the Fire Department Building Expense of the budget. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall read Highway Report from Larry Froemel, Highway Crew Chief. Copy on file. Hall reported "employee only" signs were ordered and mowing is about half done at this point. Discussion followed regarding possibly converting to a different type of mower in the future for increased productivity and efficiency.

Chairperson Hall reported that only the shouldering is left to do on Anderson Road and Froemel is trying to do that, but he is the only one trained to go in the gravel pit right now. Hall put in a call to MSHA to get an exemption, but stated that once the highway crew gets hauling, it should only take two days to finish it and hopefully it will be completed this week. Meixner stated he was on

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Anderson Road by the creek and met another truck there and both trucks needed to stop due to some low trees there. Hall stated he would have Froemel send Neibert over to take care of it.

Nies reported the privy is in at the Town Hall Park and that Sawyer County gave an estimate of \$1,117.00 to blacktop a path to the privy for handicap accessibility but they can only do a 10' minimum width. Nies also reported the Durphee Lake boat landing is having a problem with washing out and County estimated it would cost approximately \$1,100.00 to blacktop there. McCue stated the paving plant will not be back until

the third week in August and recommended Nies check around to see if it can be done cheaper and by a company that does a smaller width as well.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of June 30, 2010 the Town had a total of \$407,596.54 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 reported she would be out of the office from July 16th until July 25th.

Hall reported he has not been contacted again by Sarah Willoughby from Indian Health Services regarding the request to install sewer main and appurtenances on Round Lake School Road and Trepania Road. Hall stated McCue would be contacting someone again regarding the shouldering on Trepania Road. Request to install sewer main to be placed on next month's agenda again.

Nies clarified that the grill and corn cooker are not going to be rented out, but the old tables and chairs will be.

Hall stated there were nuisance complaints received regarding Fat Boy's Bar and Grill. Hall reported they opened over July 4th and had a complaint to the Sheriff's office, but afterwards threats were made to the bar owner and the neighbor across the street as well because they mistakenly thought he called it in. Hall will speak to owner, Jake Bisonette, regarding complaints.

Operator License applications were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve all as presented. Motion carried. Applications on file.

Nies stated the LCO Tribe has contacted the Town in response to the letter that was authorized and sent last month regarding the town policy on LCO property tax exemptions. Nies stated he spoke with the LCO Tribal Attorney, Paul Shagen, and the Tribe does not want the MOU broken, but inquired as to if tribal land that is in trust were to be traded to an eligible tribal member, would the chain be considered broken or not. Shagen tried to e-mail the letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs so the Town Chair could sign it, but we are unable to open the attachment. Motion by Nies, seconded by Aubart to authorize the Chairperson to sign the letter if it comes back as understood as discussed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nies stated Transfer Station Attendant, Larry Tosland, recently had someone bring in 4 or 5 garbage bags full of fish guts. Nies stated he instructed Tosland to put up a sign restricting this and instructed him to get a license plate number if this happens again so the DNR can be contacted. Nies stated he received a number of e-mail complaints because the Transfer Station was closed on Sunday, July 4th for the holiday. Discussion followed regarding if that was a reasonable expectation to be open on a holiday versus paying double time to be there. No action taken. Aubart stated he

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has spoken with Tosland regarding straightening up at Transfer Station and coming out to help people.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk