

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on Monday, July 14, 2003. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors, Meixner and Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Miller.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

The vouchers for June were reviewed and there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to pay them. Motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the June 9, 2003 regular meeting. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve them as read. Motion carried.

A Variance application from Donald Emde , etal was presented to the Board. Application is for the construction of a detached 26' x 30' (including eaves) garage at a setback distance of 9' from a non-navigable wetland area. Variance is requested as Section 4.49(1), Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, would require a minimum setback distance of 40' from this wetland area. After review, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to deny the request for the following reasons. A literal enforcement of the terms of the zoning ordinance would not result in unnecessary hardship because: 1) It would be for the convenience of the owner, as there is adequate area on the lot for the garage that meets all minimum setback requirements without being detrimental to the ecology and wetlands. 2) It would place the garage in full view of the lake and create an objectionable view. 3) The variance would be contrary to the public interest and would not be in compliance with the intent or spirit of the zoning ordinance as it would not be due to special conditions unique to the property. The town would appreciate any change other than denial by the zoning board, that the application be returned to the town for further review. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read from Representative Gary Sherman in regards to the Managed Forest Crop Laws. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to have Treasurer Aderman correspond with Rep. Sherman in regards to his letter. Motion carried.

No one was present to represent the fire department.

A driveway permit was presented to the Board from Robert MacDonald. After review, there was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve the permit. Motion carried.

The condition of John Morton Avenue was discussed. It is in poor condition and is creating problems. Larry Froemel, Highway Crew Chief will put gravel on the road and reset the grade.

A bill from Thompson & Sons in the amount of \$66,243.50 for work completed on Highline Road was presented to the board. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to pay this. Motion carried.

The invoice for final payment of \$76,865.35 from LCO Development for work done on Gurno Lake Road was presented to the Board. The BIA will pay \$44,500.00 which still leaves a balance of \$32,365.35 due. Sanders asked Froemel what the additional costs were for. Froemel will investigate what these charges were for and they will be discussed at the August 11, 2003 meeting. No action taken.

A teleconference was held with Scott Cullen of the Public Service Commission. He explained some of the municipal regulations of the rights -of-ways for addressing complaints by utilities as to municipalities administration of access to public rites of way. He will send a text of these regulations to the clerk for the Board to review.

The Treasurer gave her report and stated that as of June 30, 2003, the town had \$384,174.61 in all of their accounts and that she and the Clerk had balanced for the month. There was motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Treasurer stated that the bank now charges \$25.00 to police our checks for two signatures. If we state to the bank that only one signature is needed, there will be no charge. Two signatures will still be required on the checks but the chairperson, treasurer or clerk will police the checks to verify that there are always two signatures. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Nies to do this. Motion carried.

Nies gave an update on the zoning issues. The 9,000 square foot lots will go to the Board of Appeals on July 15, 2003 and the dog-legged lots will be heard on July 29th, 2003. No action taken.

There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to table the update of building permits. Motion carried.

The Round Lake lake levels were discussed. The board would like a letter sent to the Land and Conservation office to be sure that they observe the whole watershed situation as the Town of Bass Lake is below Round Lake and it could have an adverse effect on Lac Courte Oreilles Lake. There was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Sanders to have Nies inform them of this. Motion carried.

Mr. Stress was in attendance and stated that there is a tree on Poplar that is on the town's easement which needs to be cut down. There was a motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to give Froemel the authorization to contact someone to have the tree removed. Motion carried.

Sue Miller from the DNR was present and stated that the town should have an Ordinance for lake events that would be taking place on the lakes within the town. Len Horvan was also present and spoke about the race that he wants to have held on Labor Day Week-end on Lac Courte Oreilles. After a lengthy discussion, Sanders informed him that there is not enough time now to get the Ordinance as it would have to be written, then approved by the Board and also it would have to be advertised as a Class 2 ad in the paper. No action taken.

There was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adopt the following Resolution, with the amendment of the fee to be changed from the increase of \$5.00 to \$25.00 to read from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Motion carried.

Resolution 03-03

The Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, hereby elects to increase the town's cigarette license from the present fee of \$5.00 to \$50.00 annually beginning with the license year of 2004.

This was adopted on this 14th day of July, 2003.

Chairperson, Pete Sanders Supervisor, Ralph Meixner Supervisor, Phil Nies

Nies stated that he would like to have a discussion at the Smart Growth meeting on the two following items: A Planning Commission Ordinance and also a Northwoods Beach Zone district. No action taken.

A discussion took place in regards to increasing the mileage from the present \$.26 per mile to \$.34 cents a mile. Sanders requested the Clerk to check with other town's and see what they are receiving for mileage.

A damage request was received from Ryan and Mary Ann Sebek for their car claiming damage was done due to the work on Highline Road. There was a motion by Sanders, seconded by Meixner to send the estimates to the town's insurance and leave them handle it. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion by Meixner, seconded by Sanders to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Shirley Miller, Clerk