

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, January 8, 2024 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Supervisors Don Adams, Jim Evans, Dave Aubart and Marshal Savitski, Treasurer Laura Bruce and Clerk Tammy Brown.

Supervisor Aubart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Brown affirmed that the agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for December 2023
- c. Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Closed Session Meeting
- e. Minutes of the Fire Department January 3, 2024 Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Chairman Bond Sutton announced a new member for the planning committee, Mike Chwistek. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve Mike Chwistek as new member for the planning committee. Motion Carried.

Chairman Sutton reported the Room Tax Sub-Committee will be meeting with the Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau to discuss future association and the sub-committee is looking at other ways of advertising for tourism, such as enhanced website and FaceBook page.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the Fire Department Report. Headley stated there were 2 calls for last month. Headley reported new purchases of batteries for new tools that were previously purchased.

Headley reported they would like to form a committee to discuss and plan a new fire department building versus a remodel of current building. Chairman Hall stated a new building inspection of the current building would be needed to support any decisions. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report stating they were able to do a lot of cleanup and cleaning of the highway shop.

Campbell gave an update on camping stating there was a letter request sent by Dan Kirby requesting to keep his camper on his property year-round due to personal issues. Discussion followed. Campbell to draft response letter and send to the Clerk.

Campbell stated the 2022 Disaster refund applied for from the State of WI was approved, however, received correspondence stating there was no money left. Campbell reported update on the LRIP/TRIS grant and stated that the Wisconsin Town Association was now responsible for educational webinars and information reported at the monthly meetings. Campbell requested any board members that are able to attend those meetings. Discussion followed.

Campbell reported there is one other STP local program available that is looking for simple projects. Campbell stated that Highline Road would meet the type of projects for this program. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to allow Highway Chief to apply for the STP program for Highline Road. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Bruce reported as of December 31, 2023 there was \$1,113,258.82 in all accounts. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the November Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Bruce provided an update to Room Tax stating net income for 2023 was \$21,751.10.

Clerk Brown reported she would be holding the drawing for order of names for the April 2, 2024 Spring Election ballot on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 9:30 am in Town Hall.

Clerk Brown also reported the 2023 annual audit was scheduled for January 15, 2024.

Clerk Brown provided a final update to the Timber Sales. Discussion followed.

Clerk Brown presented the draft of the hold harmless agreement for the firewood permit. Discussion followed. Clerk Brown to send draft permit document to Attorney for final review and approval.

Brown reported that the 2023 budget resolutions would be presented at the February meeting.

Chairman Hall stated there was discussion about possibly opening up Town Hall and the Fire Department as warming stations. Discussion that the Casino, Boys and Girls Club and the LCO were all open to Town of Bass Lake as warming shelters.

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams 7:35 pm to go into CLOSED SESSION after a 5-minute break pursuant Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(c)(f)(e) and § 19.85 (2) to consider employment, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee, to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data to specific persons. The Town Board may reconvene into open session (in person only). Roll call Vote: Hall – yes, Savitski – yes, Adams – yes, and Evans – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Motion carried.