

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 13, 2025 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Don Adams, Dave Aubart, Marshal Savitski, Jim Evans, Treasurer Laura Bruce and Clerk Tammy Brown.

Chairman Hall 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 Adams, seconded by Evans to approve the consent agenda below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for December 2024
- c. Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors
- e. Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Special Meeting of the Town Board

Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Hall presented correspondence from Sawyer County Health & Human Services for a regional exercise on January 29, 2025 regarding flooding. Hall presented correspondence from Sawyer County Emergency Management & Communications Center for training on February 25, 2025 and a workshop on April 1, 2025 regarding the role of elected officials in disaster response & recovery and M-EOP training.

Chairman Hall recognized De Anna Westphal from Mosaic Technologies for a presentation on a grant proposal with Sawyer County regarding broadband equity access and deployment. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to send letter of support for grant proposal. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall recognized Tony Pfendt from the Planning Committee who presented CUP #25-002 – Timothy & Sonia Miller – Abendpost Beach, Lot 13, & Lots 10-12 all in Blk 2. S30, T40N, R08W; Tax ID's #41119 & #13; Parcel #'s 002-103-02-1001 & 002-103-02-1300; 0.202 & 0.069 total acres; Both Zoned Residential/Recreational One (RR-1) – Permit desired for construction of a maximum 1200 sq. ft. garage, maximum height of 18' in a platted subdivision across public roadway (Poplar Lane) from where primary dwelling is located. As per Sawyer County Code of Ordinance-Appendix D Section 4.26 (2). The construction of a single accessory structure on an adjacent parcel of land divided by a Public Roadway that does not contain the principal structure may be allowed by Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve CUP #25-002 for Timothy and Sonia Miller. Motion carried.

Pfendt provided an update on the Tourism Committee website. Pfendt stated that currently all rental properties are being uploaded to an interactive map that will direct interested parties directly to the rental website.

Chairman Hall provided an update on the formal requests to abandon roads for Jordan Lee and Bruce Knight stating there was some confusion regarding filing of the Lis Pendens. Clerk Brown reported she contacted both Jordan Lee and Bruce Knight giving them the town attorney's contact information for their attorneys to reach out to the town attorney for assistance.

Pfendt reported that the town currently has an ordinance for wakes in the lakes and that the no wake for Musky Bay would need to be an amendment to the current ordinance. Chairman Hall stated amendment to the ordinance would be added to next month's meeting agenda and in the meantime, he would contact the agencies regarding enforcement.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the fire department report.

Fire Chief Headley stated the new hoses have come in. Headley stated he has ordered new fittings, new helmets, lighting, traffic stop signs and is looking for replacement batteries.

Fire Chief Headley stated he wanted to approve new fire department members. Chairman Hall stated due to Fire Department constitution and bylaws new member must be approved at Town Board meetings due to worker's compensation coverage. Supervisor Aubart also stated new members needed to be approved at Town Board meetings due to the Service Award Program. Chairman Hall stated there would need to be a meeting to discuss any changes to the Fire Department constitution and bylaws. Hall also stated there would need to be a special meeting to discuss the building options in order to meet the Spring Election deadline to have a referendum added to the ballot. Discussion followed.

Chairman Hall reported there was a new EMR Fire Department member, John Edley that needed to be approved. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve John Edley as a new fire department member. Motion carried.

Highway Chief Truit Campbell presented the highway report stating there were only 3 plowing events for December. Discussion followed.

Campbell presented the camping permit for Wray stating this was a new permit for 2025. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Aubart to approve camping permit. Motion carried.

Campbell presented a driveway permit for Simons. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve driveway permit. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bruce reported as of November 30, 2024 there was \$1,646,877.79 in all accounts. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve the November Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Brown reported the 2024 Annual Audit was scheduled for January 20, 2025. Clerk Brown presented the proposed 5-year (2025 – 2029) contract pricing for Two Rivers Accounting. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the 5-year contract with Two Rivers Accounting. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall gave an update on public nuisance complaint on 9687N Anderson Road stating that the demolition has been completed and the next steps are to send a bill for the charges incurred and after 30 days the bill will be turned over to the county as a special charge and that would become a lien. Discussion followed. Clerk Brown to send out the invoice of charges to Ms. Anderson in care of her daughter.

Chairman Hall presented the new fee structure for Bakke Norman, S.C. for legal fees assessed to the Town stating that the fee would increase from \$185 per hour to \$205 per hour effective January 1, 2025. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the new fee structure from Bakke Norman, S.C. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented email claim submitted by Duane Schiefelbein claiming his property has been incorrectly designated as entirely G1 for the past 12 (twelve) plus years. Mr. Schiefelbein's claim states this was identified during the October 2024 property tax assessment review process. Mr. Schiefelbein is claiming that this error has cost him over \$3,000. Hall stated Mr. Schiefelbein attended open book and discussed his current property tax assessment for 2024 and did not make an appointment at Board of Review. Hall stated Mr. Schiefelbein has not made any claims regarding this in the past 12 (twelve) years. Chairman Hall recognized Town Assessor, Claude Ringlemon, asking if he had any additional information to provide. Mr. Ringlemon stated he did not have anything additional, but it is his understanding that statutorily there are not any grounds to make the appeal going back 12 (twelve) years and at the very most he could go back 2 (two) years for a palpable error on an assessment. Mr. Ringlemon also added that Mr. Schiefelbein is not appealing his current assessment. Mr. Ringlemon stated it would be up to the Town to decide whether or not to approve his claim.

Chairman Hall stated the state representative stated the same in that it would be up to the Town. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to deny Mr. Schiefelbein's request for reimbursement for overpaid property taxes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented Resolution 01-13-2025 (A) to authorize amendments in the 2024 Town of Bass Lake budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, second by Adams to approve Resolution 01-13-2025 (A). Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented Resolution 01-13-2025 (B) to authorize amendments in the 2025 Town of Bass Lake budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Aubart to approve Resolution 01-13-2025 (B). Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.