

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, September 9, 2024 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: 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 Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for August 2024
- c. Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Hall reported the following correspondence letters:

- an Emergency Operations Planning Course offered by Sawyer County on October 2nd & 3rd, 2024 from 8:00am until 4:00pm, registration required
- Sawyer County Zoning has invited the Town Chairs and/or designees to attend at meeting on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 6:30 pm to discuss timelines and information provided to townships from Sawyer County Zoning
- Wisconsin Towns Association is having a virtual Town Law Conference on Friday, October 25, 2024, online registration required
- Sawyer County will be conducting an Emergency Sheltering Exercise on September 22, 2024 from 10:00am until 12:00pm or 12:00pm until 2:00pm, register online (encouraged but not required), children are welcome, and lunch is provided

Chairman Hall recognized Planning Committee Chair, Bond Sutton to provide an update on the tourism Sub-Committee. Chairman Sutton reported that an email was sent out to all the rental properties inviting them to participate on our website. Sutton also reported the new town website was close to being completed. The Clerk will work with the new web designer on process for adding items to the website. Sutton also reported that the committee is working with the web designer on the new logo.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the fire department report. Fire Chief Headley stated there were a few EMR calls and structure fires. Headley stated there was a training in Stone Lake with good attendance.

Chief Headley stated he had to replace a valve on the tender as of today he has not received an invoice yet.

Chairman Hall reported that a proposed agreement was received from Northwest Builders, Inc. and that he and the Fire Chief met with the representative from Northwest Builders on Monday of last week. Chairman Hall reported that after inspection, the current fire building is beyond repair to bring it up to current standards and as a builder would not recommend repairing the current building. Northwest Builders provided a design for a new building with a complete tear down of the current building through three phases with Phase I being the preliminary design and design development phase at a cost of \$14, 207.00, Phase II being the architectural and engineering final construction documents with state approved plans and permit fees at a cost of \$17,388.00 and Phase III being the construction management phase with a cost fee of 10%. There is a \$5,000 prepayment fee for services to be rendered. Hall reported the estimated cost without bidding for the building replacement is \$861,800.00. Hall reported the deadline to add the construction of a new fire department building as a referendum question for the November 2024 election has passed; therefore, the soonest this could be added

to an election as a referendum question is February 2025 if there is a Spring Primary and if there isn't then it would be the April 2025 Spring Election. Fire Chief Headley stated there has been discussion regarding tearing down the old section of the current Fire Department area, adding a smaller section to the back of the newer section and making a bigger parking lot and building a 5-6 bay new building on Highway 27 to keep 2 trucks at the current location and 2 trucks at the new location on Highway 27. Discussion followed.

Fire Secretary Allysa Headley presented an update of the 2024 Fireman's Fest stating that she made a deposit today in the fundraising account of \$25,841.00 that was collected on event day. Fire Secretary Headley stated she would get with the Treasurer for the new banking information and would deposit the Venmo money received in the amount of \$1,264.89. Headley also stated that prior to the day of the event \$5,785.00 had been collected through mailers and donation requests. Headley reported they collected \$520.00 in donations today, there were \$705.00 in collected silent auction items and she would be collecting another \$500.00 donation this week for a total of \$34,615.89. Discussion followed.

Fire Secretary Headley stated discussion of remaining items on agenda for the Fire Department could be had one at a time starting with the Fire department Bylaws. Chairman Hall stated he has a copy of the Bylaws for the department with items highlighted for review. Hall explained the Fire Department would need to review and make recommendations for changes and would schedule a separate meeting. Fire Secretary Headley reported there needs to be a clarification on roles and responsibilities and what is expected from her, the Clerk and the Treasurer. Headley stated that she is not available outside of the regular Fire Department meeting or the Board Meetings and there needs to be clarification on forms of communication. Discussion followed.

Fire Secretary Headley asked for clarification on the MOE funding and how that was budgeted. Clerk Brown explained that the MOE is a part of Shared Revenue and that was already included in the income at the time of the budget workshop last October for the 2024 budget. Discussion followed.

Highway Chief Truit Campbell presented the highway report stating there was storm clean up at the beginning of the month with the remainder of the month hauling gravel, grading and compacting roads. Campbell reported receiving a check for \$3,500.00 from Select Industries for half of the crack sealing of Stonehill road in 2023. Campbell also reported he received the minutes and resolution from the LCO Tribe stating they would put in \$110,000 towards the reconstruction of Froemel Road. Discussion followed.

Campbell presented a camping permit for Vreeland. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve camping permit as presented. Motion carried.

Campbell presented a driveway permit for Rudi Construction. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to approve driveway permit as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented the opening of bids for the pavement projects for 4 separate locations at Johnson Lake Road, Dixon, LCO Landing and LCO Drive. Hall stated two bids were turned into the Clerk with one being from Statewide of \$13,660.07 and the other from Monarch of \$21,665.00. Campbell requested to compare the tonnage of both quotes. Hall reported that the Statewide quote was for 70 tons and the Monarch quote was for 105 tons. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to accept the bid from Monarch in the amount of \$21,665.00. Motion carried.

Campbell presented an update on new road development for Anthony Ave., Quilling Ave., and Grant Street. Campbell reported he has had issues getting a surveyor out, but did speak with a new surveyor.

Treasurer Bruce reported as of August 31, 2024 there was \$511,762.33 in all accounts. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to approve the August Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Brown reported that the date needed to be set for the October Budget Workshop. Brown reported that Open Book was set for October 9, 2024 from 9am until 5pm and that Board of Review was scheduled for October 21, 2024 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. Discussion followed. October budget workshop will be held on October 21, 2024 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm.

Clerk Brown reported that the Wisconsin Town Association 2024 Fall Workshop is scheduled for the week of September 23, 2024 and she has registered. Brown stated if anyone is interested in watching any of the recorded presentation to let her know.

Chairman Hall presented the proposed Land Use Agreement for the Windigo Lake Washing Station stating that the agreement would be sent to the Planning Committee and the Town Attorney for review and recommended changes. Chairman Hall recognized Barb with the Windigo Lake Association for a presentation of the proposed agreement. Discussion followed.

Chairman Hall reported the application for discontinuation of the Public Reserve Strips in the Town of Bass Lake has been sent to the DNR for approval.

Chairman Hall reported that new transfer station bags needed to be ordered. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to purchase another duplicate order of transfer station bags. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.