

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on January 14, 2013. Members present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, John McCue, Doug Mrotek, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Clerk Warshawsky affirmed agenda was posted in accordance with open meetings law.

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve Consent Agenda listed below:

Approve Agenda

Review and Approve Vouchers for December 2012

Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Closed Session

Minutes of the November 5, 2012 Fire Department Meeting

Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning. The Conditional Use Application for Barbara Krzak is scheduled for the public hearing to be held on February 15, 2013 at the Sawyer County Courthouse at 8:30 am. Hall also reported that a letter received from COLA. Mark Laustrup was present to answer questions regarding the 3 drainage sites. COLA is requesting that the County to look into it. Discussion followed.

Hall reported that a Planning Committee meeting was not held in January due to no new business

Fire Chief, Marvin Mullet, reported that he has completed inspections for 31 businesses. Mullet reported that members are taking training classes including a first aid class. Mullet also reported that Bass Lake would be sponsoring mutual aid training. The Bass Lake Fire Department will stage a snowmobile accident and rescue. Law enforcement has been invited

Aubart reported that the Roof/Building Committee met last Wednesday. Aubart is checking into FEMA grants and has made calls to state representatives. Another meeting has not been set. Mullet and Fire Department Secretary, Tom Kershaw have been asked to put something on paper.

McCue suggested opening the grader bids early since both salesmen were present.

Chairperson Hall opened bids for the new grader. Bids are as follows:

Fabco: 2013 Caterpillar 140M2 AWD Motor Grader \$177,081.00 (includes \$92,000.00 trade in allowance)
2012 Caterpillar 120M2 AWD Motor Grader \$159,075.00 (includes \$92,000.00 trade in allowance)

Nortrax: 2013 John Deere 772GP Motor Grader \$172,300.00 (includes \$105,000.00 trade in allowance)
2013 John Deere 672GP Motor Grader \$144,329.00 (included \$105,000.00 trade in allowance)

Both Fabco and Nortrax include a 1 year unlimited hour warranty.

Hall asked Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell for his thoughts. Campbell said that both Cat and John Deere are excellent machines and both have more power and options than our current grader. Discussion followed. The Town currently has a 140. Either size grader would do the job. Spider Lake has a 140M Caterpillar. Mrotek asked if research had been done on the trade in value of a bigger vs. smaller machine. Campbell said he did not do the comparison. Discussion followed. Meixner asked the Cat and John Deere salesmen if when we compare 140 vs. 772 and the 120 vs. 672 we are comparing apples to apples. The salesmen agreed. McCue said that the City of Hayward has a 672B John Deere. They didn't need a bigger machine. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Mrotek to accept the bids tonight and award next month. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the Highway Report. The Highway Department fixed shoulders for the County and had a decent beginning to the winter sanding and plowing. Campbell reported that truck 109 does not have a Jake brake. The truck has 7,500 miles and is half way through the brakes. Campbell would like to get a Jake brake installed and a shaker box. It will cost around \$750.00 for the brake and \$1,000.00 for a shaker box. Approximately \$2,000.00 from Monroe. McCue gave Campbell another name. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Mrotek if it's in the Highway Department budget to put items in. Campbell reported that the DNR requested a ramp for the gazebo at Windigo Park to make it ADA accessible. The Highway Department made and installed a ramp.

Sign Maintenance Policies and Procedures were distributed to the Board. Campbell said that a few revisions need to be made and will present a revised copy at the next meeting.

Hall reported that a letter was distributed to the Board from Cliff Korn regarding the Korn-Tressley Lane sign. It is a private road. Meixner said that the owner is responsible for the sign and installation. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Aubart to change Korn Tressley Lane to Korn Lane. Motion carried.

Hall reported that Campbell needs a part time driver for snowplowing. Charlie Headley may not be available. Campbell would like to hire Jeff Peake. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by McCue to approve Jeff Peake as a part time employee. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hall opened bids for the sale of the plow. Bid is as follows:

Bob Warder \$275.00 only bid

Campbell reported getting a minimum bid of \$250.00 for scrap. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Aubart to approve sale for \$275.00 to Bob Warder.

A clothing allowance for the Highway Department was discussed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve \$150.00 clothing allowance for Campbell and Krause and to make a clothing allowance line item in the budget for next year. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that taxes payment have been coming in steady. Aderman explained that a Tax Money Market account has been added to the spreadsheet and that FD capital outlay and FD saving have been combined. As of December 31, 2012, the Town has a total of \$1,105,765.63 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that \$100,871.08 from the TRID Program was received for the Highline Road project.

Aubart reported that the tornado-warning siren has been installed. Hall asked when it is going to be tested. Aubart said that the Sheriff's Department tests the sirens on the first Wednesday of the month, but not in the winter. Discussion followed.

Hall read Resolution 1-14-2013 To Amend the 2012 Budget. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve Resolution 1-14-2013 with Attachment A. Roll call vote: Mrotek – yes, McCue – yes, Meixner – yes, Aubart – yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The purchase of Transfer Station bags was discussed. The current clear bags clear were chosen for recycling and also used for the grant. It was mentioned that a lot of towns have stopped using marked bags. Discussion followed. The Board will research and discuss next month.

Hall discussed the No Smoking Ordinance. State law prohibits smoking in taverns. The Sheriff's office is wondering if the Town wants fines going to the state. Aubart stated that an establishment can only be fined once in a 24-hour period.

The Town or County can adopt an ordinance. It was mentioned that Native owned establishments can have smoking. Meixner suggested researching and discussing at the next meeting.

Public Comment

There being no other discussion, Chairperson Hall requested a motion to go into **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(c)(f)(e)(g) 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 and for conferring with legal council. The Town Board may reconvene into open session. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to go into closed session at 7:23 pm after a 5-minute break. Motion carried

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to go into open session at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.