

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 February 9, 2015. Members Present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, Joel Valentin, Brian Bisonette, 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 compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve the consent agenda listed below less Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Fire Department Meeting – Revised, Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Fire Department Meeting and the addition of “County Based Assessment Proposal” as “b” under New Business:

Approve Agenda
Review and Approve Vouchers for January, 2015
Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Fire Department Meeting - Revised
Minutes of the September 30, 2014 Fire Department Meeting
Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Fire Department Meeting
Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Fire Department Meeting
Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Fire Department Meeting
Minutes of the January 8, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning approving the Conditional Use Application for Claudia R. Burgan c/o Roberta Nugent with the conditions recommended by the Town. An email was received by the Clerk notifying the Board that the LCO Country Store Manager has resigned a temporary agent has been appointed. Warshawsky with work with them.

Hall presented the Conditional Use Application for Michael T. Neibert. The purpose of request is for the processing of firewood to sell (hauling in/out, cutting/splitting). The applicant was present. Mike Neibert presented his application. Neibert explained that he receives 2 semi loads of wood per year that he cuts and splits and uses to heat his home. Any extra wood he sells to friends and neighbors, he doesn't purchase wood to sell. Hall reported that the County sent 6 letters, 5 letters were returned; 3 with no objection and 1 comment and 2 with objection and comments. 3 letters were received outside 300 feet. Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the application, no one spoke. Warshawsky presented the Planning Committee's decision. Warshawsky reported that the Planning Committee approved the application with the following conditions:

1. Applicant is allowed to sell 20 face cords per year
2. No Signs on properties
3. Hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday – Saturday. No holiday weekends
4. Conditional use is for the current property owner only
5. Fence must be removed by May 1 , 2015 and replaced with tree line
6. No more than 3 semi loads/year.

Warshawsky reported that the applicant was present and agreed to the conditions. Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Valentin to approve the application with the Planning Committee's conditions. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Conditional Use Application for Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. c/o Randy Jonjak. Permit is desired for a three (3) year renewal of conditional use permit #01-003 for the location/operation of a non-metallic mineral extraction, including a rock crusher, which was approved at public hearing on February 15, 2001 and renewed most recently on March 16, 2012. Hall reported that the County sent 7 letters, 2 were returned; 1 with no objection and 1 with objection and comment. Applicant was not present. Warshawsky presented the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee approved the application with the condition that the owner must maintain compliance with the requirements of NR 135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation and Sawyer County Ordinance for Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation. Motion by Meixner to approve with the additional condition that hours for rock crushing are: Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.

Warshawsky presented the Town of Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan update. Warshawsky reported that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm to review the updated Town of Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan. The Board meeting will immediately follow the public hearing. Once the updated Town of Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan is approved, a PDF version will be posted to the website.

Fire Chief Jeffrey Peake presented the Fire Department Report. Peake reported that the Fire Department was not real busy last month. There were several calls for mutual aid with LCO. Peake reported that there have been numerous calls regarding LP leaks and the Fire Departments needs a specific meter.

Peake presented Hugh Murtha's application for Fire Department Secretary. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve Murtha as the new Fire Department Secretary.

Purchase Request – none

Peake presented the fire equipment update. Peake reported that Tender 1 needs to be taken in for repair, Engine 1 is leaking and Brush Truck 1 has a leaking valve. Peake reported that there are not enough hours on engine 1 to test it again. Hall suggested taking Engine 1 out to get the needed hours. Peake reported that we are due for pump testing and hose testing. Peake asked if the testing should be done in house. Hall replied that someone needs to be certified to test. Discussion followed. Warshawsky asked about pay rate for hose testing since it is not training or a call. Discussion followed. Hall and Peake will discuss and present next meeting.

Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that January was pretty quiet. Campbell reported that #106 had electrical issues and the grader received new cutting edges. Campbell reported that he took delivery of salt. Campbell stated that there is a new section in Highway Report summarizing the month.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that she is finished with taxes and turned everything in today. As of January 31, 2015, the Town has a total of \$2,047,479.73 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Meixner to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report None

Hall reported that construction inspection of the Fire Hall will be tabled until next month.

Hall reported that Hazel Jonjak requested time to express her concerns with Enbridge. Jonjak thanked Bisonette and Valentin for listening to her concerns and thanked Frank Zufal for his article in the Sawyer County Record. Jonjak said that the least we should do is to ask for the environmental impact study. Jonjak introduced Louise Heim and Steve Kozak who she invited along to speak. Heim stated that she lives on Spring Lake and is a member of the Couderay Water Regional Land Trust. Heim reported that every year there is a system failure with Enbridge (per their website). Heim stated that Enbridge has a tour online and addresses safety features, but there are things that aren't addressed. Heim said that she is concerned about response time. Enbridge has people to respond to spills and monitor, but does the Town have a plan and direction for someone who notices something? Heim stated that the pipeline goes between the Namekagon watershed and Lac Courte Oreilles watershed and asked if a local response team could be set up. Heim reported that Enbridge's response time is 2 -4 hours and they can turn off the flow from Canada. Hall reported that when this phase is done, there will be a tour for local officials and first responders. Hall told Heim that if she would like to submit questions, Hall would submit them during the tour. Hall said that this phase should be close to getting done, probably in the spring and said that the Town could host a public meeting. Peake added that the Fire Department gets to inspect the pumping station every year. Steve Kozak got up to speak. Kozak lives in Sand Lake Township, within a ¼ mile of the pipeline, the pumping station and the power station. Kozak asked if there is a coordinated effort to address a disaster. Kozak stated that this summer he heard a helicopter. If the helicopter crashed, it would have been a major disaster. Kozak stated that these concerns weigh on him heavily and is asking for a coordinated effort. Hall stated that he knows that the power company and Enbridge have done environmental impact studies and asked if Kozak if he has requested those reports. Hall went on to say that he has been dealing with disaster planning his whole career. Discussion followed. Kozak stated that he is concerned because he lives near the train tracks and the pipeline and has noticed that he feels vibrations before he hears the train and is concerned that vibrations could loosen the pipeline couplings. Edmond Packee stated that he

has worked alongside pipelines in Montana, the Dakotas and Alaska. Packee stated that he is a professional soil scientist. Packee is concerned with the train cars transporting crude. Packee stated that Kozak's question regarding vibration is a good question and explained that pipelines shut down when sensors are tripped. The pipeline gate valves work to shut the pipeline. Packee agreed that there needs to be a coordinated effort and instructed Kozak to call 911 in the event of an emergency. Discussion followed. Hall recommend that anyone with questions and concerns write down their questions and concerns and send them to Warshawsky. Jonjak stated that she is concerned about carbon dioxide and stated that we as people owe it to the land to care for it. Moving fossil fuels needs to be taken seriously and we need to ask for a more stringent impact statement.

Hall reported that a letter was received from our assessor, Claude Ringlemon, regarding an item in Governor Walker's budget to go from local assessment to county based assessment. Hall asked for a motion to have Warshawsky draft and send a letter to the appropriate representatives. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to oppose the county taking over assessments and to have Warshawsky draft and send a letter to the appropriate representatives. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried.