

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on July 9, 2012. 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 6:30pm

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

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Mrotek to approve consent agenda listed below without item (f) Planning Committee Board Representative Appointment.

Approve Agenda

Review and Approve Vouchers for June, 2012

Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Special Meeting

Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the June 4, 2012 Fire Department Meeting

Minutes of the June 7, 2012 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that correspondence was received from the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department thanking the Town for their contribution. A notice was received from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin regarding the September 14, 2012 deadline for public comments on the draft Strategic Energy Assessment (SEA) and the Public hearing to be held on August 28, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Sawyer County Zoning sent a letter stating that the James Taylor Application was denied by a lack of a majority vote. The LCO Commercial Center sent a letter announcing a name change. The LCO Commercial Center is now the LCO Country Store. Correspondence was also received from the Government Accountability Board (GAB) regarding the Polling Place Onsite Accessibility Compliance Audit conducted on April 3, 2012. The Board will review the audit report next month.

Hall presented the variance application for Andris Baltins. The property is zoned Residential/Recreational One. The application presented two options for an addition onto an existing dwelling. McCue read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee proposed a third option that the applicant agreed to. Phil Nies explained that the building is 75' back except for one point that is closer than 75' to the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). Nies explained that the building is a historic structure and the Planning Committee was willing to work with the applicant. Hall asked if the building goes into the hillside. Nies said that it is more important to get the building back. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve the variance with the Planning Committee's recommendations. Motion carried. The applicant was present.

Hall presented the variance application for Janice Majich. The property is zoned Residential/Recreational One. The application is for the construction of a 24' x 30' (26' x 32' with eaves) garage located 20' from the centerline of Court Oreilles Lake Drive. There are 4 other garages located in close proximity with centerline setbacks of 21', 22', 30' and 24' respectively. The applicant was present. McCue read the Planning Committee's decision with conditions. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to approve the variance application with the Planning Committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

Hall presented the conditional use permit for Rick Rooney. The property is zoned Residential/Recreational Two. The permit is desired for the construction of an approximate 12' x 20' accessory building on vacant property, to be used as a studio. The property owner's dwelling is directly across Grindstone Avenue. McCue read the Planning Committee's decision to deny. Nies said that the application is similar to George Haferkorn's application. The Planning Committee addressed the application as a variance and a conditional use. Hall said he will vote against it because it's against the County Ordinance. The County Board needs to look at it. Nies said the County will review this. Discussion followed. Meixner asked Nies if the County Board is going to look at allowing an accessory buildings on vacant property. Nies answered no, it's not in the ordinance to build. Meixner said they should look at it. Nies read Section 4.26, the section that allows someone to build a structure. The Ordinance needs to state that you can build by a Conditional Use Permit. Discussion followed. Motion by

McCue, seconded by Meixner to deny the application with the Planning Committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

Hall asked Nies if there were any changes to Harvey Park. Nies reported that the Planning Committee met last Thursday with the individuals opposed to the park and the bottom line is that they don't want a park. Nies reported that there is enough room on the road for 2 parking spaces. 9 benches have been ordered: 3 for Post, 3 for Williams and 2 for Harvey Park. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Meixner to give Highway Crew Chief permission to go ahead with the park as planned. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding speed limit on Circle Drive to be 25 mph. Nies reported that at the Planning Committee Meeting, the attendants wanted 10 mph. Hall recommended 25 mph and asked Tom Jones, resident on Circle Drive what he thought. Jones said that a car has to slow down to go around the corner anyway. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to post Circle Drive at 25 mph. Motion carried.

Aubart announced that the Roof/Building Committee will meet July 18, 2012, 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Fire Chief Marv Mullet reported that a letter is going out to all Bass Lake property owners regarding the annual Fire Department Picnic on Saturday, August 4, 2012, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mullet reported that they have had a very good response the last couple of years.

Mullet gave the update on the semi-annual fire inspections. The first part is almost complete. 3 inspections are left; no one was in when Mullet called. Mullet asked about private residences renting out. Hall said they don't fall under the business category. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. They have been mowing and working on tree and limb removal. Crack sealing is to start this week. Campbell listed the roads. Seal Coating will begin towards the end of the month. Campbell read the list of roads to be seal coated. Campbell reported that the Town received a letter from the DNR authorizing payment for the boat landing crack sealing.

Campbell gave the update on the Stone Lake Road project. It was a 2-day project and turned out really good. The culvert was not changed and the project stayed at the \$5,000 mark. Campbell spoke to Chris at Monarch. Going to 2.5" may save money. They can lay 2.5" in one pass. There is currently 2' of gravel, which is a good base. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to change asphalt from 3" to 2.5". Motion carried.

Mullet asked the Board for permission to rent a 14 x 20 storage unit to store items during the picnic. Mc Cue suggested the Grindstone Shallows garage, which is currently empty.

Chairperson Hall opened bids for the Highline Road Project. Bids are as follows:

Antezak Construction Inc. \$393,514.33 (add \$3600.00 for a bid bond and \$3,600.00 for a payment and performance bond).

Bull Dozin, Inc. \$374,887.75.

Meixner asked if Bull Dozin said anything about the bonds. Campbell said no, bonds were not addressed in the specs. Discussion followed. McCue asked Aderman where we stand with money. Aderman said we need to stay around \$330,000.00. Discussion followed. Campbell said that the Windigo Boat landing parking is included at approximately \$60,000.00. Discussion followed. McCue asked Aderman her thoughts. Aderman said that the Town can borrow money, if necessary. Campbell said that we can still make changes. Discussion followed. Aubart said that he is not familiar with Bull Dozin. McCue asked Truit to call and see if Bull Dozin can get bonding. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue to go with Bull Dozin if they can get a bid bond and a payment and performance bond at \$7,200.00, otherwise go with Antezak with bond. Meixner asked if we wanted both bonds. McCue answered yes. Motion seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.

Campbell continued the Highway Report. A resident contacted Campbell concerned about a property. It is a nuisance complaint. The property has gone back to the bank and there may be a possible infringement/encroachment. Hall will write a letter to the bank to look at possible infringement.

Campbell reported that Mike Savitski has a fence that turns into his driveway. He lives on the far end of poplar. He put up a gate due to problems with trespassing. He lives past Grindstone Shallows. Hall said there might be a possible infringement. Campbell said that Savitski wants the Town to put gravel on driveway or allow him to do it. McCue said he needs to fix his gate. Hall said that we need to survey the right of way and discuss next month. Discussion followed. McCue suggested hiring Jesse Suzan.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that a donation of land was received from Linus Thornton on Forest. The assessed value is \$600.00 each of the 2 lots he wants to donate. Aderman asked that Board what they want to do. Aderman said in the past, a donation letter was sent with the assessed value (\$1,200.00). The Board can accept the donation or find out what Ward wants to charge for the deeds. McCue asked Aderman to investigate further. Aderman reported that as of June 30, 2012, the Town has a total of \$537,041.63 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk Erica Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reviewed the 2012 Election Expenses handout with the Board. The average cost for an election is \$1,190.26.

Hall reported on the sale of Outlot 1, CSM 7838 from the Parcel Harvey Park. Hall and Warshawsky went to the closing on Monday at Ward's office. Royal Brandt was not at the closing. Hall and Warshawsky learned of the utility encroachment (to be discussed under new business) at the closing.

Hall gave the update on the tornado warning siren. We are currently getting bids on installation, which is very involved. Aubart said it will be \$1,500 for the pole. He will call Xcel to get a discount. Total installation is \$16,000 complete and hooked up to the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department will conduct tests 1:00 pm on Monday. Aubart reported that the company giving the quote is behind due to the weather (about 45 – 60 days). Outside of tornado season is when they can get to it. Aubart asked that Board if they want to wait. Hall reported that at the Annual Meeting several people said that they want this siren. Discussion followed. Aderman suggested working it into next year's budget. It is not in this year's budget. Aderman asked if any grants are available. Mrotek suggested installing the pole in and having the underground work done this year. Discussion followed. McCue would like it done in April. Hall asked Aubart to contact Xcel and research further. Discussion followed. Aderman pointed out that the Town budgeted \$15,000 for the Fire Department building that we are not doing this year so we could use that money. Mrotek suggested exploring all options and presenting next month.

Hall gave the Bass Lake website redesign update. Warshawsky will be looking into bringing the website in house instead of having it managed

Hall presented the Town Hall roof proposal results. Keene Construction, Inc. and ICS both submitted proposals for \$4,200.00. Keene's quote specified 30 yr shingles and ICS did not. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Mrotek to accept Keene's proposal. Motion carried. Keene Construction can start as soon as they would like to.

Hall presented the LP quotes. Motion by McCue depending on tanks, seconded by Mrotek to accept the Ferrell Gas quote. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Harvey Park utility encroachment. Hall and Warshawsky were notified at the closing of the utility encroachment. Royal Brandt was present and said that Ward Winton said it could be covered with an easement. Hall said that there are a couple of options and the Town is not willing to give a permanent easement. The lines can be moved for very little money. The power company can be notified and move the lines at the time of replacement. Brandt passed out a map to the Board showing a geothermal unit. Hall said that this sale had been on the table for a month and now there's a geothermal loop that was not brought to the Board's attention.

Brandt said the geothermal loop is a closed loop heating and cooling system for his house. Hall presented the options proposed by Nies:

1. Ignore (accepting liability)
2. Grant easement
3. Move lines
4. Make a motion to allow until replacement

Meixner asked if anyone was aware of the geothermal loop. Hall said no, this is the first time the Town has been informed. Discussing followed. Hall asked Brandt if Diggers Hotline knew. Diggers Hotline marked the phone and cable lines. Discussion followed. Aubart asked Campbell to get the lines marked before installing the fence and then address it. Aubart said he has a problem with taking public land and granting easements. Hall asked Campbell to mark the lines and come back at the next meeting. Brandt said that he has a couple of concerns. 2 years ago there was a washout over the power line. Brandt also has concerns about the fence. Hall said that the sale was not done in a hurry. The Town did not rush this through. Brandt said the park was not done properly. Hall said the project was done properly. The project was discussed at many meetings. Meixner said Harvey Park was created in 1927. This Board didn't name it and didn't create it. Meixner informed Brandt that the Town has made people move their house. Aubart suggested calling Digger's Hotline, installing the fence and discussing next month.

Operator License Applications were presented to the Board. Aubart reported that there were a couple of traffic offences for one applicant. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to approve the operator license applications. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.

/s/ Erica Warshawsky, Clerk