

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 10, 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 Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve consent agenda listed below:

- Approve Agenda
- Review and Approve Vouchers for August 2012
- Minutes of the August 13, 2012 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the August 6, 2012 Fire Department Meeting
- Minutes of the July 5, 2012 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported correspondence was received from the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library regarding their annual bike ride on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at the library.

Hall presented the variance application for Paul Estelline. McCue presented the Planning Committee's decision to approve with conditions and read the findings of fact and conditions. Mr. Tiffany was present on Estelline's behalf. Neither the Estelline nor Tiffany were present at the Planning Committee meeting. Discussion followed. Tiffany said that Estelline is requesting 29' and understands that everything needs to fit (deck, garage, etc.). McCue recommends 29'. Hall asked if the County is going to reject. Olson said that there is water on 3 sides. Tiffany said the variance is from the navigable channel. Discussion followed. Edmond Packee said that he is concerned about the peninsula and setting a precedent. Hall said not everyone is going to have this unique lot. Discussion followed. Phil Nies said if the applicant were present at the Planning Committee meeting, the Planning Committee would have approved 29'. Nies encouraged the Board to approve at 29' with conditions. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.

Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell presented the Windigo Boat Landing Expansion project update. Campbell reported that the parking lot has been modified from what the engineers had planned. Warshawsky gave the grant update. Campbell said that the parking lot is graveled. Meixner asked about the DNR notification in the Sawyer County Record. Nies explained. Discussion followed.

Campbell presented the park updates. The parks are done. Signs are up at Harvey Park and the benches are in at Harvey, Williams and Post.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet reported that the Fire Department held a budget meeting and reviewed prices for self contained breathing apparatuses (SCVA). A new SCVA costs \$1,500.00 each. The Waupun Fire Department has 12 used SCVAs for \$5,000.00. The Waupun Fire Department had 32 for sale and now has 16 left. Mullet requested permission to purchase 12. Hall asked if it is in the budget. Mullet answered yes between the budget and the picnic funds. Motion by Aubart to purchase 12 SCVAs including masks, racks and bottles for \$5,000.00, seconded by McCue. Motion carried.

Aubart reported that the Roof/Building Committee met on September 5, 2012. Mullet is checking on some things. Aubart said that another meeting has not been set. The committee discussed the road maintenance building. The committee wants to go with the addition. The addition is going to be designed so that the old building could be taken down from addition and a new building added. They are trying to look 20 years ahead. Aubart said that on the maintenance building addition, we can't do much more until we get state engineered plans. Campbell reported that plans would cost \$675.00 signed, sealed and delivered. Plans for the entire building, including a review of heating, ventilation and plumbing will cost \$2,275.00. Discussion followed. Nies said that it was his understanding that cold storage was needed and now the Town is going from \$65,000.00 to an engineered building. Aubart said that bids are needed. Meixner asked that the committee work on the cold storage option so we don't have to worry about heating and air exchange and then have a comparison. Meixner said if we need heated storage we need it. Discussion followed. Hall clarified that it is

secured cold storage. Discussion followed. Hall asked if the wishes of the Board are to go to Menards to get plans for both options. Mrotek said that he would like having a comparison, taking bids and balance needs vs. wants. Nies said we need to ask, "What do we want to solve?". Aubart said there is a lot of equipment that needs to be stored. Nies said that we also need to ask, "What do we need?".

Campbell presented the Highway Report. Last month was busy with the parks and the Highline Road project. 2 weeks were spent clearing the road right of way, saving \$7,000.00 – \$10,000.00. Some equipment maintenance was done and the Highway Department graded a few roads in Northwoods Beach.

Campbell presented the Highline Road Project update. Hall commented that it looks nice. Tom Mansfield said that he has an objection regarding the line of sight on Tamarack Trail. The hills should have been taken down more. Hall said that would have added a tremendous amount of cost. Campbell said that he would like to lift Tamarack Trail as it is cheaper to lift the road, than cut down the hills. The road will be 6" higher. Discussion followed. Meixner asked how much can Tamarack be lifted. Campbell said 1' – 1.5'. Meixner asked how much will it cost to lift Tamarack Trail. Aubart asked if it is something Campbell and Krause can do. Hall asked if it would cost under \$1,000.00. Campbell said under \$2,500.00. Aubart said for safety reasons alone, we should go ahead and lift the road. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to have Truit to raise Tamarack as high as possible. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Stone Lake Road Project update. Hall reported that the road is breaking up. Campbell said that we put blacktop on. Hall said we need to wait until next spring and carry the money over to next year. Hall asked Campbell to get the budget figures together. Campbell said to pulverize and blacktop, it is approximately \$17,000.00 for 300'. It's not the blacktop, it's the crew. McCue said that Town got 19 years out of it. It was originally done in 1993. When the gas or power line came through, they put on an overlay and pounded the road. Campbell said that the railroad trucks are hard on the road. Hall suggested pulverizing and waiting until spring. Aubart agreed. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to put black top and project on hold until spring. Motion carried.

Hall presented a driveway permit. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by McCue to approve the permit. Motion carried.

Treasurer Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. The County has some foreclosed lots available. There are 2 lots that fit into a block owned by the Town off of Atkins. Each lot is \$300.00 + \$100.00 for quit claim deed. If the Town purchases the 2 lots it will then own all but 2 lots in the block. The lots are on hold and will be available in 2013. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to approve Aderman pursuing the purchase in 2013. Aderman reported that as of August 31, 2012 the Town has a total of \$683,978.69 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Aubart to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that the Clerk and Treasurer will be attending the Wisconsin Town's Association's 2012 Fall Town and Village Workshop on September 13, 2012 at Lakewoods, in Cable.

Aubart gave the update on the tornado warning siren. Dan from Federal Warning Systems, Inc. contacted Warshawsky, who sent a letter authorizing the purchase. The siren has been ordered and should take 6 – 8 weeks. Aubart said that we are in good shape for next spring.

Warshawsky gave the update on the Bass Lake website redesign. CCS has updated their website editor allowing us to make the changes we want. Warshawsky will draft a plan for the website and present it to the Board.

Hall reported that there has been no response to the letter regarding the Harvey Park utility encroachment. Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to file the letter regarding the encroachment to the Register of Deeds. Motion carried.

Hall presented the update on the Savitski encroachment. Savitski called Warshawsky to report that he moved the outhouse and will be moving the gate and LP tank. Savitski said that he has no problem complying and will be in town in 2 weeks.

to remove the gate and LP tank. The holding tank was installed 22 years ago. Hall reviewed the letter from Eric Wellauer from Sawyer County outlining the Town's options. Hall reported that Savitski will move it if necessary. Meixner said that he has no problem with an easement until the tank needs to be replaced or until the Town needs it moved. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to grant an easement letter stating the tank can stay until it needs to be replaced or until the Town needs it moved. Campbell asked about road. McCue told Campbell to put gravel up to the gate and stay on Town property. Nies suggested putting the letter on his deed. Motion carried.

The budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

Nies presented the proposed amendments to the Sawyer County Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance. When originally written, the ordinance covered all water and wetlands in Sawyer County. It has been revised to all named lakes. The Planning Committee recommended approval. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve changes. Motion carried.

Nies reported that James Taylor is appealing the decision of the Zoning Committee regarding the bed and breakfast to the Board of Appeals (BOA). Nies added that the BOA should be determining if the Zoning Committee acted within their purview. The Planning Committee denied the application, the Town denied the application and the County denied the application. Mr. Taylor wrote a brief and Olson along with Nies and the neighbors addressed the brief. Nies is requested permission from the Board to present the document to the BOA since Olson can't present to County. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to allow Phil Nies to represent Board at the October Board of Appeals hearing. Motion carried.

Nies reported that Andris Baltins is appealing to the BOA. They are starting all over and the application is coming back to the Planning Committee before the County hearing in October. Mark Olson said that Nies could represent Board on that as well.

Nies reported that the Planning Committee is working with the County on conditional use permits for accessory buildings. Nies said the County can't do it the way they've been doing it. They are working on the wording.

Nies reported that the County is working on revisions and has requested all Towns review the camping options. The Town is currently using Option 3. The Planning Committee recommends Option 1 -- No Camping Permitted. Olson said that Option 1 doesn't prohibit grandkids from camping in the backyard. Discussion followed. Motion by Meixner to table until next month, seconded by Mrotek. Motion carried.

Hall reported that there have been several nuisance complaints. There is one in Northwoods Beach. Hall met with the Tribe and the Town can't do anything with those properties. There is a property in Northwoods Beach with 3 trailers. Eric Wellauer at the County was contacted and said the County can't do anything with it. Hall will look at it and report it next month and contact the Tribe. Hall received a formal complaint today regarding a property on Ochu Road. It is a family situation. There are tires in the swamp and the Town may need to contact the DNR.

#### 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 to go into closed session. At 7:44 pm after a 10-minute adjournment, seconded by McCue. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Meixner to go into open session 8:10 pm.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to switch to ongoing evaluations instead of 6 month evaluations. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Motion carried.