

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, November 11, 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 6:08 pm.

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

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Aubart to approve the consent agenda listed below with the addition of "g. Minutes of the October 14, 2013 Closed Session", the removal of "e. Minutes of the October 7, 2013 Fire Department Meeting", moving "d. Abandoning Town Roads" under Zoning to "a." and adding "e. Driveway Permit" under Highway Issues".

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for October, 2013
- c. Minutes of the October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Special Meeting for Budget Workshop
- e. Minutes of the October 7, 2013 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that a letter was received from the Hayward High School Sophomore Class thanking the Fire Department for donating a fire truck for Homecoming.

Hall reported that Bruce and Sarah Wick requested abandoning a platted private road running through their property. Bruce and Sarah Wick were present and Bruce Wick presented the request. Wick presented a 1997 letter from the Town of Bass Lake Board approving the request. Wick explained that he had permission from the Board in 1997 and never followed through. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve the abandonment of the platted private road. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Variance Application for Jennifer Block and Terrence McHugh. The application is for the construction of a 12' x 12' deck and a 10' x 20' screen porch addition onto a new dwelling located 10' from one side lot line and 30' from the other side lot line. The proposed deck would be 18' from the side lot line and the proposed screen porch would be 10' from the side lot line. The applicants were present. Terry McHugh presented the application and passed out a packet to the Board. McHugh reviewed the packet with the Board. McHugh purchased the property and hired a surveyor who came out to the property twice and said everything was fine. Construction began. Construction stopped when it was discovered that the deck too close to the Town's public reserve property line. The surveyor admitted to the builder the he made a mistake. The deck was removed and McHugh is requesting a 12' x 12' deck and a 10' x 20' screen porch addition onto a new dwelling located 10' from one side lot line and 30' from the other side lot line. The proposed deck would be 18' from the side lot line and the proposed screen porch would be 10' from the side lot line. McHugh reported that the Planning Committee partially approved the Variance Application. McHugh was angry about the decision. Discussion followed. Hall asked if anyone was for or against the application – no response. Hall reported that he met with the builder at the courthouse and the builder cut the deck off. Mc Cue presented the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee approved the 12' x 12' deck and denied the 10' x 20' porch addition. Discussion followed. The builder was present and explained structure. Meixner clarified that the variance is being requested because the deck and porch are too close. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the deck and porch.

Findings of Fact:

1. It would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values.
2. There would be no change in the use in the zone district.
3. It would be due to special conditions unique to the property.

Motion carried.

Hall presented the Conditional Use Application for Wanda Baker - Owner, Matt Carfi – Purchaser. The Property has 36.79 total acres and is zoned Agricultural One. The purpose of request is for the location/operation of a state licensed zoological park by the purchaser. The applicants, Matt and Sherri Carfi were present. Sherri Carfi presented the application. Carfi said that she has been in the area for 65 years and is not new to the neighborhood. She and her husband specialize in rescuing animals. Carfi said that she wants to address the concerns. Carfi is interested in rescuing unwanted and illegally possessed animals and to help the DNR. The animals would be in open enclosures, not cages. Carfi reported that she and her husband had conversations with the Webers at Wilderness Walk. Carfi wants a full rescue and hospice. Carfi reported that she could not make the numbers work if they purchased Wilderness Walk. Carfi said that the animals would be safely housed with most of the animals being indigenous to Wisconsin. Discussion followed. Carfi reported that they would like to be open to the public and would be set up as a 501 C 3 to accept donations. Carfi said that they intend to have vets visits. Carfi said that they would bring in additional business and plan to be open longer than 4 -5 months. Carfi then addressed the traffic. Carfi said that Williams Road is currently a thoroughfare and suggested installing speed bumps on road. Carfi said that they don't want to hurt Wilderness Walk and believe they will generate higher revenue for the entire area. Hall asked for questions from the Board. Mrotek ask if there is a plan for an act of god. Carfi replied that Plan B evacuation is required by the State and generators would be on the property and they would be supervised by the State. Carfi reported that they are not new to this and have done this in Illinois and Florida. Carfi said that it is not their intention not to take large cats. Hall asked if there was anyone in the audience in favor – no response Hall asked if there was anyone against. Ben Jacobson said that he is against as it will not enhance business and there are areas that are commercial that can handle more traffic. Rick and Donna Ash live off of Williams Road and are very concerned because it is a very scenic road and is used for recreational activities. Discussion followed. A member of the audience asked if endeavor was going to involve public money. Carfi answered no. Carfi said that the entrance will be on Williams Road and most people will not notice them. Nora Leonard asked if they are planning on moving their horse operation to Wisconsin. Carfi answered yes. Leonard asked if they were turned down for bears in Florida. Carfi answered yes and explained. Edmond Packee said that he has worked in the woods from Wisconsin to Alaska and has a lot of knowledge of black bears based on experience. Packee said that black bears and horses do not get along. Packee is concerned with their background dealing with black bears. McCue read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended denial. Meixner said that commercial use in a residential area doesn't make any sense. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to deny. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Hall presented Special Use Application for Colbroth Lake, LLC, Harold Rider, Member. The purpose of request is for the construction of a year-round or seasonal dwelling in (F-1) Forestry One Zone District. The applicants were not present. Stephen Fenner was present to represent the applicants. Fenner explained that the Riders want to build a house between 2 -40s. Mc Cue read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended approval with conditions. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve with conditions. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that members of the department will receive chain saw training and a structure burn is scheduled for May 17, 2014. Mullet reported that a flagpole was received Saturday and that it has been relatively uneventful.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that the Highway Department has been busy brushing, mowing, grading, repairing potholes and getting ready for winter. Campbell reported a large pothole on Goss Road. Statewide patched it, charging \$1,500.00.

Campbell presented the Trepanier Road Update. Campbell reported that only 2 towns filled out TRID applications - both for Trepania road and eligible for 50% reimbursement. McCue asked for the total for the project. Campbell answered \$72,000.00. Truit reported that the Town's LRIP ranking is 4 and the 3 ahead had very expensive projects. Campbell asked that Board for guidance. #4 usually receives \$4,750.00. Discussion followed. Campbell said that if we take accept the money, it will leave the Town in 4th place. Campbell said that he would like the Town to deny and move to the top of the list. McCue agreed and told Campbell to call Gary Gedart and turn the money down.

Hall reported that he was at the Highway shop and noticed that the interior wall is settling and that there is a crack. Hall asked Campbell to call an engineer and get estimates. The building is settling. Discussion followed.

Campbell reported that he would like to purchase the plow that was previously approved for 2013 in January and would like to purchase a v-box spreader for the truck to be more efficient. Campbell reported that the spreader can be purchased now and paid for next year. Discussion followed. Campbell said the spreader would cost about \$5,000.00. Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to approve. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the Driveway Permit Application for John Benton. Campbell reported that everything looks good and no drainage issues if constructed as planned. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of October 31, 2013, there is a total of \$424,326.62 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – None

Old Business - None

Hall presented and read Resolution 11-11-2013 to amend the 2013 Budget. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to approve. Roll call vote: Mrotek – yes, McCue – yes, Meixner – yes, Aubart – Yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Erica Warshawsky reported that the Town will no longer be able to contribute to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) due to the passage of the Affordable Care Act. The Town will need to make an amendment to terminate future contributions and the Board will need to decide on a time limit for the spend down. Warshawsky reported that Health Savings Accounts are available and compatible with the Affordable Care Act. Warshawsky will look at options and present at next month's meeting. Mrotek requested that the employees be asked for their preference as well.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Motion carried.