

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, December 14, 2015. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Doug Mrotek, Ralph Meixner, Joel Valentin (6:32), Brian Bisonette (6:37), Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order 6:30 pm.

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

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the consent agenda listed below less item f:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for November, 2015
- c. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors
- d. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Special Meeting of the Town Board
- e. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
- f. Minutes of the November 2, 2015 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that Warshawsky received email correspondence from the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) requesting a letter in opposition of Assembly Bill AB 582. If passed, the bill would take away control from local government. Warshawsky drafted a letter on Hall's behalf and emailed it to the WTA the same day.

Zoning – None

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented framed signed letters of commendation from Governor Scott Walker to Brad Runion and Adam Martin for their heroic acts on July 6, 2015 that saved their neighbor Mike Remmert. Runion, Martin and Remmert were present and were photographed with Fire Chief Mullet.

Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that there were no incidents to report for the month of November and no purchase request. Mullet announced that he was reelected unanimously to Fire Chief at the December Fire Department meeting. Discussion followed.

Mullet presented the applications of Bonnie Melby and Christopher Melby as new members of the Fire Department. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to approve Bonnie and Christopher Melby as new members. Motion carried.

Hall asked Mullet for the Fire Department's plans for the donation account. Mullet reported that the Fire Department would like to upgrade their thermal imaging camera and purchase fitness equipment. Warshawsky cautioned the Board regarding the purchase of fitness equipment and recommended that the Board research the insurance/liability issues first. Discussion followed.

Hall announced that the Building Committee will begin to meet in January 2016. Dave Aubart, Jeff Cane, Marv Mullet and Dan Grothe will be on the committee. Hall asked that anyone interested in being on the committee contact the Clerk.

Mullet reported that he has not heard back on the grants. Hall stated that grants are available.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that November was a quiet but busy month; the Dodge truck was repaired, pot holes were patched and grading and brushing were completed in Northwoods Beach, the Highway Department moved into the new shop and docks were taken out. Campbell reported that there were only 2 snow events in November.

Campbell presented the Driveway Permit application for Eugene Minalt on Ochu Road. Campbell reported that there is plenty of site distance and no need for a culvert. Campbell suggested maybe trimming a few trees for added site distance. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Valentin to approve the driveway permit. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the new highway shop update. Campbell reported that only a few items need to be completed from the inspection list.

Hall requested an update on Trepania Road. Valentin reported that he has not received a reply from Tribal Chairman Isham. Bisonette stated that the application is stuck at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Discussion followed. Hall requested a BIA contact name and phone number from Valentin. Bisonette reported that he has received numerous complaints regarding plowing on Trepania Road after the last snowfall. Campbell stated that the Highway Department has salted the intersection.

Campbell presented the seal coating update. Campbell will look into renting equipment in the spring to vacuum up the loose boiler slag.

Campbell presented the TRIP/paving projects update. Campbell announced that funding was approved at the last committee meeting for Williams Resort Road project up to \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 match). Campbell reported that \$48,000.00 is still on the table. Bass Lake could possibly be awarded the money by adding Woodland Road and Hilltop Road to the existing application. Sand Lake may choose to accept it.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that 3,723 tax bills have been mailed. Aderman reported that as of November 30, 2015, the Town has a total of \$556,260.29 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Bisonette to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Mullet had nothing new to report for the nuisance complaint – Hall suggested tabling until spring.

Hall presented the revised working copy of the Ordinance Regarding the Public Reserve Strips Located in the Northwoods Beach Subdivision No. 2015-XX-XX-2. Hall asked the Board to approve the working copy to send to attorney Ward Winton. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Valentin to approve the revised working copy and to send to Winton for review. Motion carried.

Hall presented 2 property insurance proposals to the Board. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to accept the Rural Mutual proposal and withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to appoint the election inspectors as presented less Teresa McCue, who moved out of Bass Lake. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There being no other discussion, Chairman 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 Mrotek to go into closed session at 7:00 pm after a 5 minute break. Roll call vote: Bisonette – yes, Valentin – yes, Meixner – yes, Mrotek –yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Meixner to go into open session at 7:14 pm. Roll call vote: Bisonette – yes, Valentin – yes, Meixner – yes, Mrotek –yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Valent to increase wages by 3% for all employees including the highway crew. Roll call vote: Bisonette – yes, Valentin – yes, Meixner – yes, Mrotek –yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Valentin to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.