

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, held on April 10, 2012. Members Present: Chairperson Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, John McCue, Phil Nies, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairperson Hall called the meeting order at 6:09 pm.

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

Motion by Aubart, seconded by McCue to approve consent agenda listed below with the addition of "County K Land Title" and "Harvey Park Infringement" under New Business and the correction of item (e) in the Consent Agenda list to read "Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Planning Committee Meeting".

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for March, 2012
- c. Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the March 1, 2011 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County approving the conditional use applications for Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. and John P. Williams. Email correspondence was received from Nancy Iverson regarding timely posting of the agenda online. Hall said that posting the agenda is a courtesy. Currently there's a timing issue with our website provider and we are trying to gain the ability to post ourselves.

Hall presented the conditional use application for George Haferkorn. The property is zoned Residential/Recreational One (R1). Haferkorn would like to put a garage on the currently vacant property. Nies reported that Zoning made an error. The application is a Conditional Use Application, when it should be a Variance Application. The Planning Committee considered the application as a Conditional Use and a Variance application. Discussion followed. Haferkorn presented his application. He purchased 9.2 acres off of Highway 27 and K last year and he would like to put a structure up for storage. He attended the Planning Committee meeting and submitted information with two building sites, one in the front of the property (marginally visible from the highway) and the other in the middle of the property about 300 yards from any property line and heavily wood (not visible in that particular spot). Haferkorn said that it does not meet the ordinance, but is in the spirit of the ordinance. There is only one lot where someone could build a house and the structure would not be visible from that lot. He is requesting the application be considered with that condition. He would be happy to give a tour. Nies reported that in 2007 the land was rezoned from Forestry 1 to R1 with the condition that it be divided into 4 equal parts. One lot was further divided and sold. Nies went on to say that when we make conditions, they need to appear on the deed. Hall asked if anyone was for or against the application. Helen Chevrier, Dorothy "Doc" Brueggen and Linn Newton were against the application. Discussion followed regarding installing a septic system. Nies read the Planning Committee's decision denying both the Condition Use and Variance applications. Motion by Nies to deny both applications with a letter attached requesting that Haferkorn's money be refunded, seconded by Meixner. Motion carried.

Meixner presented Nies with a plaque and a citation from the Governor for his 11 ½ years of dedicated service on the Town Board.

Nies said that he read the minutes from the March 5, 2012 Fire Department meeting the minutes stated that currently, the Fire Chief is paid \$500.00 and a higher rate of compensation was suggested. Nies said that the Town Board decides compensation.

Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell presented the highway report. We need to order 25 tons of salt. We have 60 tons at county and 70 tons in the shed. Discussion followed. Hall said that amount is the minimum order.

Campbell presented the Driveway Permit Application for Johnson Timber. Johnson timber is putting in a new weigh scale and needs to widen the driveway. Campbell described site and said they are asking for a variance from 30 ft to 40 ft and that the neighbors would not be affected. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to grant a variance to Johnson Timber. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Driveway Permit Application for Constance Cummins. Campbell inspected the site and spoke to Dale Mrotek who is doing work on the property. They will be putting in a 12" culvert and will be 10' from property line. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Nies to approve permit. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Town Road Discretionary Improvement program (TRID) Update. Hall received a call from County that we made the running and made the final cut. The funds would be for the Highline Road project. An announcement will be made April 15, 2012.

Nies reported that the Town purchased lots 30, 31 and 33 last year. When the County Clerk, Kris Mayberry made out the Deed, he accidentally included full lots and we now own part of the county road. Mayberry will be sending an addendum to the title. Nies said that Campbell will verify, but County K might not be near the lots.

Treasurer Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Jeanine McCabe was going to donate property. It would cost the Town \$500.00 for a lot that costs \$300.00. McCabe is not going to pay the taxes and will let it go to the County. Aderman reported that the Town has a total of \$648,871.68 in all of their accounts and that the Treasurer and Clerk balanced for the month. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk Erica Warshawsky requested that Mary Gustafson be appointed as an Election Inspector for the January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013 term. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve Mary Gustafson as and Election Inspector. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

Dan Thole, CPA of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the auditor's report. Thole reviewed the financial statement and supplementary information with the Board. Thole reported the revenues for 2011 were \$759,467.00 and the expenses were \$720,674.00. The procedures the Town uses are as they should be. Thole explained that the FDIC insures \$250,000 and \$650,000 is the total insured by the Fed State and bank. Thole further explained that you can ask the bank for collateral to insure an amount over \$650,000.00. Thole reported that the Town has untapped debt capacity. He went on to say that due to good management over the years, the Town is in good financial shape. Mark Olson asked what balances are we carrying. Aderman reported that the Town has promissory note with the bank and is covered.

Hall reported that the furnace at Town Hall needed to be repaired and is at the end of its useful life. Funds were budget to replace the carpeting and could be transferred to bid out and purchase a new furnace. Nies asked about the air conditioner. Meixner said it would be a good idea to price out both together. Motion by

McCue, seconded by Aubart to bid out the furnace and air conditioner. Motion carried. Meixner will help with the specs.

Aubart reported that he has been researching tornado warning sirens. The sirens are 220 power and have to be next to a building. The Fire Department would be a good location and the siren could cover Coudery, Grindstone, Windigo and Northwoods Beach. We have one quote for a siren that is approximately \$10,000.00 installed. Aubart spoke to a gentleman about a used one for \$4,000.00. The range is \$5,000.00 – \$10,000.00. Hall said the siren can be triggered by Sheriffs Department. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to give Aubart permission to move forward. Motion carried.

Hall reported that Linn Newton has stepped down from the Planning Committee. Hall thanked Newton. Dorothy “Doc” Brueggen has filled in for Newton. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to appoint Doc to a three-year term. Motion carried.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Aubart to renew Mark Laustrup term to the Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Meixner to approve McCue as Board representative and Nies as an alternate to the Planning Committee. Motion carried

Hall reported that there are a lot of mature trees and we could try to capture some money. Nies will give Aubart his materials and will meet with the County. The County may mark the trees for no charge.

Nies reported that Mike Niebert did the mowing last year and is offering the same price this year. Nies ask the Board if the mowing should be bid out. Nies said that Niebert has done a great job. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve Niebert for the same price. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Temporary Operator’s License application for Tom Burgess for the annual COLA picnic. Motion by Meixner, seconded by N to approve the application. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Canine Initiative. Hall personally thinks it’s a great idea. It would be very beneficial to Bass Lake. The dogs are cross-trained for finding people and drug sniffing. It’s 3 months of schooling. Couderay gave \$2,000.00. Motion by Nies for a one time intergovernmental agreement of \$1,000.00, seconded by Meixner. Hall said he would like to go higher to at least \$2,000.00. Friendly amendment by Nies, seconded by Miexner to \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Nies reported that the Planning Committee has had several requests to develop Harvey Park off Circle Rd. The Planning Committee thought it was a good idea and had Jesse Suhsen survey Harvey Park. There is a big problem. Royal Brandt, in 2003, built a beautiful house on part of Harvey Park with an LP Tank. We have to determine what kind of encroachment it is. Hall said that we have to get it surveyed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to survey Harvey Park and bring it back next month. Hall asked if owner knows about it. Nies said no not yet. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 7:33pm. Motion carried.