

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, July 14, 2008. Members present: Chairperson Sanders, Supervisors Hall, Meixner, McCue, Nies, Treasurer Aderman and Clerk Henk.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

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

There was a motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda with the addition under Highway Issues of (g.) Rainbow Road Shouldering Contract. Motion carried.

After a review of check vouchers #20066 to #20137 from the (R1) checking account, and check vouchers #1186 to #1189 from the (R2) tax account, there was a motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 9, 2008 regular monthly Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 9, 2008 closed session Town Board meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

A variance application from Linda (Kremer) Reed was presented to the Board of an after-the-fact variance for the construction of an approximately 504 square foot addition connecting an existing dwelling to an existing detached garage. The resultant total footprint of the existing structures and the addition is approximately 2,588 square feet. Approximate setbacks to the ordinary high water mark of Durphee Lake are: dwelling= 53' and the addition= 81'. The variance as requested would require that the total footprint, to include the existing structures (dwelling and garage) and the connecting addition, not exceed 1,500 square feet. Applicant was present and stated she was expecting her attorney to come to the meeting as well. Sanders asked if she would like the Board to wait until her attorney arrived. Reed stated the Board should proceed with her application without her attorney present. Discussion followed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Nies to deny. The Planning Committee recommendation to deny is on file with finding of fact.

Planning Committee minutes from June 5, 2008 were presented to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- McCann variance approved.

Chairperson Sanders recommended Martha DeLong for the Planning Committee. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to nominate DeLong. Motion carried. Sanders reported the LCO position is still open on the Planning Committee.

Supervisor Nies stated there is a public hearing scheduled on July 18, 2008 at Sawyer County Zoning regarding the Wilderness Lake Classification.

Discussion followed regarding Grindstone Shallows Park. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to authorize the Planning Committee to plan and complete a privacy fence for the restrooms at Grindstone Shallows Park. Discussion followed regarding snowshoe/walking trail to start near the Grindstone Shallows

Park and end near Highway K using old abandoned road, as well as crossing town and county lands. Sanders reported the town could possibly get trail maintenance money. McCue stated that perhaps the town could also get bark donated from Johnson Timber. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to have the Planning Committee investigate and present information and available options to the Town Board. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding placing bushes instead of plants at Grindstone Shallows Park in restoration area due to mowing issues in the past. Supervisor Nies reported Dale Olson from Land and Water Conservation will provide a list of approved bushes to redo the project. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to authorize the Planning Committee to purchase shrubs for the restoration area, not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 3, 2008 Fire Department business meeting were presented to the board. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders presented the Fire Department General Operations SOP's and SOG's to the Board. Sanders stated the two page SOP's were from Fire Chief Mullet and were approved at the previous Fire Department meeting with the change in section (C) as follows: All members shall be at least 18 years of age before being qualified to operate Bass Lake Fire and Rescue vehicles. All drivers shall possess a valid Wisconsin Drivers License before operating any Bass Lake Fire and Rescue vehicles. Always wear seat belts when driving or riding in department vehicles. Sanders stated this change was due to some current members having valid out of state driver's licenses. Motion by Hall, seconded by McCue for discussion. Supervisor Nies stated that the Town's insurance company recommends all persons be 21 years old to drive any Town equipment. Motion by McCue, seconded by Hall to table until next month giving them time to review documents. Motion carried.

Brief discussion regarding inspection and installation of donated furnace for Fire Hall. Table until next month.

The minutes of the June 11, 2008 Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee meeting were presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to accept. Motion carried.

Chairperson Sanders stated he has not yet completed the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee report, but it will be ready for the next Board meeting. Motion by Nies, seconded by Sanders to request Clerk Henk send a copy of proposed Fire Department General Operations SOP's and SOG's to current Fire Department members and to table Ad Hoc Report until next month. Motion carried.

A driveway permit for William Thake was presented to the Board. Motion by Hall, seconded by Nies to approve. Motion carried.

New road signs for Northwoods Beach were discussed. Supervisor McCue stated the Highway Crew submitted three quotes from three sign companies and he needs to review them. Table until next month.

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Tree removal on Lac Courte Oreilles Drive was discussed. Chairperson Sanders stated the Highway crew took pictures and reported it was not in the Town's road easement, therefore no action is necessary. Photos on file.

Mowing progress was discussed. Chairperson Sanders stated he contacted Josh's Clean Cut approximately two weeks ago regarding mowing the restoration area plants at Grindstone Shallows Park and not completing the mowing on the sides of the road at the DNR Boat landing. Supervisor Nies stated he spoke

to Josh today regarding these issues and also informed him that if he is going to do any extra clean up work, he must ask a Board member for prior approval. Sanders reported the Highway crew is progressing with the Town mowing and Froemel was on vacation last week and Sanders is on vacation this week. Sanders stated he has already spoken to the Highway Crew regarding the mowing is expected to be completed at least once.

Signage for Anderson Road was discussed. Motion by McCue, seconded by Meixner to authorize McCue to order two 30"x30" DOT children/pedestrian warning signs for Anderson Road. Motion carried.

Stone Hill Road bids were presented to the Board. Table until next month. Treasurer Aderman will present a spreadsheet next month to help determine if funds are available to complete Stone Hill Road project this year.

Discussion followed regarding increased bid submitted in May 2008 by Don Antczak for shouldering on Rainbow Road. Sanders reported Antczak stated he would not increase his bid if his crew were allowed to use the Town's Front End Loader. Motion by Hall, seconded by Meixner to approve Antczak using the Town's Loader on the condition he provides his own certified insurance that will cover his crew while they are operating Town equipment. Motion carried. Sanders instructed Clerk Henk to call Antczak to inform him of the Board's decision.

Treasurer Aderman reported that as of June 30, 2008 the Town had a total of \$385,549.30 in all of their accounts and that she and Clerk Henk balance for the month. Motion by Hall, seconded by McCue to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk Henk reported the Fire Inspector discovered the Town Hall had a faulty Emergency Exit sign and William Moebis ordered a new one. Henk also reported she received the new raffle license for this year's Fire Department picnic and she has provided the Fire Chief with the information so raffle tickets can be printed. Motion by Meixner, seconded by McCue to accept Clerk's report. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding White Goods Collection. Sanders reported he e-mailed the DNR to find out if a permit is needed to collect white goods year round and as soon as he hears from the DNR, he will contact Timeless Services. Sanders also reported the transfer station was overflowing the week of July 4th, therefore he contacted Waste Management to request one more roll off during the summer months.

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Short discussion followed regarding the Town Hall and Fire Hall parking areas. Table until next month.

Mowing at Town properties was already discussed.

Application for a Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for the Courte Oeilles Lake Association (COLA) picnic on July 19, 2008 was presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to approve for July 19, 2008 only. Motion carried. Application for a Temporary Operator License for Robert Hahn for the COLA picnic was presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Hall to approve for July 19, 2008 only. Motion carried.

The LCO Athletic Club presented an application for Successor Agent, Virginia Morgan-Marino, to the Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to approve. Motion carried.

Three Operator License applications were presented to the Board. Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to approve Jeremy Horman, Sandra Piper and Benjamin Yost. Motion carried. Applications on file.

Discussion followed regarding Williams Resort property violating the Town's Public Nuisance Ordinance. Chairperson Sanders received an opinion letter from the Town's Attorney, Ward Winton dated July 9, 2008 stating what options the Town has to proceed. Sanders also presented photos of property. Treasurer Aderman stated they are currently up to date with their property taxes. Motion by Nies, seconded by McCue to authorize Chairperson Sanders to contact Attorney Winton and have him send a letter to the property owner(s) with timeline of when property needs to be in compliance and to have the property on Poplar Avenue placed on next month's agenda for possibly violating the public nuisance ordinance as well. Motion carried. Photos on file.

Discussion followed regarding repairing the sidewalk at the Town Hall. Motion by Nies, seconded by Meixner to approve Clerk Henk to contact John Bixby to repair the handicap ramp and sidewalk in front of the Town Hall for the submitted estimated cost of \$776.25. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment to Resolution No. 06-09-2008 for the DNR Grant to improve the Windigo Lake Boat Landing was presented to the Board. The purpose of the amendment is to authorize a member of the Board to act on behalf of the Town Board. Motion by Nies, seconded by Hall to approve Amendment to Resolution No. 06-09-2008 and to authorize Supervisor Nies to act on behalf of the Board. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk