

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, January 8, 2018. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Doug Mrotek, Ralph Meixner, Dave Aubart, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Warshawsky. Members Absent: Supervisor Joel Valentin.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 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 items e and g:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for December, 2017
- c. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Closed Session
- e. Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Fire Department Meeting
- g. Minutes of the December 4, 2017 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence received from Sawyer County Zoning approving the gravel pit conditional use permit renewal for Patrick Sabin (Darryl Mast, New Owner).

Zoning – None

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that the January Fire Department meeting was delayed a week due to the holiday. Mullet reported that the Fire December Membership requested and approved Mullet to continue as Fire Chief. Mullet accepted. The Town Board will consider the appointment of a Fire Chief next month. Mullet reported that the Fire Department responded to a few calls last month, purchased 2 pagers and may have a potential new member. The Fire Department participated in water rescue training with LCO Fire Department last month and Mullet along with another member will attend water training sponsored by Atlas Outfitters. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Fire Hall Addition update. Campbell suggested that the Board may want to get bids for heating and electrical before March. Mullet reported that he received a quote from Bob Hammond for LED lighting in the Fire Hall meeting room. Justin instructed Marv to get quotes from several electricians. Aubart added that once the addition is up, lighting will be addressed for the entire building. Electrical work will be advertised and bids opened next month. Warshawsky confirmed that Mullet will write the specs.

Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that December was spent winding up work on Moyer Road, plowing and sanding before the deep freeze. Discussion followed. Campbell explained that he had been getting quotes for a new loader, but after consideration concluded that a third truck would be a better idea. Campbell reported that he is looking at a used truck from Meyer International with an underbody scraper. Meyer allowed Campbell to try the truck out for a few days. Campbell took Aubart out and used the underbody scraper. Campbell explained that in terms of saving time and money, a third truck would be a much better idea. Campbell reported that the Meyer truck is \$42,000.00 (a new truck costs \$150,000.00). The truck is mechanically sound with 82,000 miles. The truck purchase will be on the agenda next month with a firm price.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of December 31, 2017, the Town has a total of \$1,227,095.30 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that a primary election will be held on February 20, 2018. Discussion followed.

Old Business – None

Hall reported that a room tax presentation was made last month. Hall turned the topic over to the Board for discussion. Meixner reported that the Board has received a lot of correspondence. Meixner reported that everyone that would be directly affected does not want it and it's pretty clear what needs to be done. Mrotek expressed his disappointment in the business owners. Mrotek went on to say that the Hayward Lakes Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) and Hayward Chamber of commerce have supported the community for years. Mrotek stated that he was elected to support his constituency, but that does not stop this from being on the agenda in the future. Mrotek wants the community to come together for a common cause. Aubart agreed with Meixner and Mrotek. Aubart was in Florida and every place he visited, he paid room tax. No motion was made. Amanda Wilson, owner of Deer Foot Lodge and on the executive board of the VCB, asked if there are instances where the Town denies requests from residents for funding. The Town stands to gain approximately \$12,500.00 to fund additional requests. Wilson went on to say that those residents may be in the silent majority, not being represented and Wilson just wants to make sure the Board takes that into consideration. Hall replied that the Board is open to considering room tax in the future, but at this time, the constituents don't want it. Hall would like to see the resort owners and VCB work together and come to an agreement. Hall added that some of the resort owners are VCB members who pay dues and support the organization. Jim Miller Hayward City Councilman and hotel owner for over 30 years spoke in favor of a room tax. Miller reported that since 1993 the City of Hayward has collected 2.8 million dollars in room tax. The City of Hayward has received \$840,000.00. Discussion followed. Miller addressed concerns raised in correspondence that was posted online. Miller would like to see parity across the county. No action was taken.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-08-2018 (A) to amend the 2017 Budget. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Mrotek to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: Aubart – yes, Meixner – yes, Mrotek – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Hall read Resolution No. 01-08-2018 (B) to amend the 2018 Budget Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: Aubart – yes, Meixner – yes, Mrotek – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Meixner at 7:01 pm to go into **CLOSED SESSION**, after a 5 minute recess, pursuant to 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 counsel. The Town Board may reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Meixner, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:16 m. Motion carried.