

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, March 14, 2016. Members Present: Supervisors Doug Mrotek, Ralph Meixner, Joel Valentin, Bisonette and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Chairman Justin Hall and Treasurer Kari Aderman

Clerk Warshawsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Warshawsky announced Chairman Hall's Absence and requested a motion to elect a Chairman for the meeting. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Bisonette to elect Meixner as Chairman. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Valentin, seconded by Bisonette to approve the consent agenda listed below less item d. Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Fire Department Meeting and moving the Auditor's Report before correspondence:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for February, 2016
- c. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the September 3, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Brandon Willger, CPA from Clifton Larson Allen presented the Auditor's Report. Willger reviewed pages 1- 2 of the report outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Town, Town Board and auditor. Willger noted that the Town uses cash basis of accounting which is different than GAAP (Generally accepted Accounting Principles). Willger then reviewed the financial statements and asked for questions. Hearing none, Meixner thanked Willger.

Correspondence – none

Meixner asked Planning Committee member Phil Nies to present the Proposed Amendments to the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. Nies presented the proposed amendments and explained that most are required by the State and the Town can't be more restrictive than the State. Nies reviewed the amendments. Discussion followed. The Planning Committee recommended approval. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Valentin to approve. Motion carried.

Nies presented the plan for the Spring Lake boat landing improvement. Nies explained that the landing was improved 2002. Nies went on to explain that Williams Road runs into the lake. Bass Lake owns the road but the right of way belongs to the County. The project will be split between the County and the Town. Nies reported that the old dock is from the flowage and is unsafe. Parking is also limited. The project is estimated to cost \$14,000.00, which includes extending parking on both sides. Nies reported that the DNR will fund 50%. The County is also applying for a grant. If the grant is awarded to the project, the Town will receive \$3,500.00. Part of the Town's expense includes gravel that the Town already owns. Actual out of pocket expense for the Town will be \$2,200.00. Nies reported that the County wants to go ahead with the project and DJ Aderman from Futurewood has offered to donate rip rap for the project. The Planning Committee has approved the project. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to approve the project. Motion carried.

Meixner presented the Fire Department Report. Meixner spoke to Fire Chief Marvin Mullet and there were not any incidents to speak of last month.

Dave Aubart was present and presented the Building Committee Report. Aubart reported that the Building Committee met and agreed that the Town definitely needs to do something with the Fire Hall. Dave gave overview of the project with the possible building size. Aubart reported that Walters Building drew up plans for the Highway Shop. The plans cost approximately \$3,500.00 and are State approved. Aubart explained that it is virtually impossible to get any grants without plans. Highway Crew Chief and Building Committee member Campbell stated that he received an engineered set and 10 copies for the Highway Shop project. Meixner clarified the project is for adding a couple bays. Discussion followed. Aubart requested plans for \$3,500.00. Once the plans are drawn up, Aubart will start searching for grants. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Valentin to approve having plans drawn up for a Motion by 50 x 60 addition to the Fire Hall. Motion carried. Aubart stated that it will be several months before we know anything else and added that Campbell has been doing a great job.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that there were 3 plowable snowfalls last month and the Highway Department spent last month scraping snow off the roads and performing basic maintenance. Campbell reported the truck #106 has been repaired and an oil sample came back high on truck #109 and will be monitored.

Campbell reported that he received a letter from WK Appliance & Propane requesting an exemption from any road bans. The letter went on to say that if an exemption is denied, WK customers will be responsible for obtaining and paying for permits during road bans and WK will charge the Town a \$50.00 delivery fee to service their customers during road bans. Meixner instructed Campbell to meet with Chairman Hall and compose a letter to WK Appliance & Propane.

Campbell presented the 2016/2017 salt order. Campbell reported that there is a 50 ton minimum. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Bisonette to approve the order. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the workshops/seminars schedule for the Highway Department. The WAPA (Wisconsin Asphalt Paving Association) seminar will cover new types of pavement. There is a pipeline safety seminar and MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) classes for Truit, Bob and Jim to be able to work in the gravel pits plus asphalt road maintenance and gravel road maintenance classes.

Campbell began presenting the Trepania Road update and turned it over to Bisonette. Bisonette reported that the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) is taking control and has projected a 2 week time frame for the survey.

Bids for crack sealing, seal coating and pavement projects will be presented next month.

Campbell presented and reviewed his handout to the Board regarding equipment repair and replacement. Campbell reported that the front end loader is 18 years old and it could cost approximately \$10,000.00 to do the repairs locally and the Town would lose \$2,000.00 in trade in value if the repairs are done. Campbell received quotes from Case, Cat and John Deere. New front end loaders range \$150,000.00 – \$187,000.00. Meixner stated that in the April 15, 2014 annual meeting minutes Nies asked Campbell if the Town would need any equipment for the next 6 years. Campbell replied that he didn't think the

Town would. Meixner stated that the loader is 18 years old now and was past its useful life in 2014 when Campbell stated the Town would not need any new equipment. Meixner stated that the Town did not budget for it. Meixner went on to say that we need to repair front end loader and keep repairing what we have. Mrotek agreed with Meixner and added that getting the front end loader fixed is what we should be doing. The prudent thing to do is to maintain our equipment. Mrotek reported that the front end loader at LP has 75,000 hrs. Mrotek again stressed that the Town needs to be fiscally conservative. Campbell reported that the pickup truck is also past its useful life and just had a tie rod end fail. New trucks run about \$50,000.00. Meixner mentioned that the same thing happened to his van. Meixner said that the Town could be looking at spending \$330,000.00 on new equipment. Mrotek stated that the Town needs to focus on the roads and have a balance. Meixner instructed Campbell to get bids for the budget meeting.

Warshawsky presented the Treasurer's Report. Warshawsky reported that the Town has a total of \$699,612.37 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Valentin to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Warshawsky presented the NSF fee request for Treasurer Aderman. Warshawsky reported that the County charges \$25. Discussion followed. Motion by Mrotek, seconded by Bisonette to approve. Motion carried.

Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky announced that the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote will be held on April 5, 2016 and reminded everyone to vote.

Old Business – None

Meixner announced that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm with the regular meeting to start at 6:30 pm and continue after the Annual Town Meeting if necessary.

Meixner presented the Operator License Application for Anna Anderson. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to approve the application. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Valentin, seconded by Mrotek to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Motion carried.