

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, November 11, 2019. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Don Adams, Marshal Savitski, Bob Hammond, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

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

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda listed below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for October, 2019
- c. Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Special Meeting for Budget Workshop
- e. Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Special Presentation – Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation – The presenter, Bruce Paulsen was not present at 6:08 pm. The presentation was made after agenda item 8c Driveway Permit.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. United States Department of the Interior sent a copy of a notice to a property owner regarding proposed plans to build within the boundary of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.

Zoning – None

Assistant Fire Chief Gordon Zimmerman presented the Fire Department Report. Zimmerman reported that there were several EMS calls last month. The Fire Department responded a fire call after 2 other fire departments were called. The response time was 20 minutes. The building fully engulfed when they arrived. The Fire Department set up a water site. The fire is under investigation. The Fire Department responded to an icy road call on Williams Road.

Zimmerman presented updates on the Fire Department door awning proposal and the Fire Hall addition. Zimmerman and Fire Chief Marvin Mullet met with a contractor and looked at the 3 doors. Discussion followed. The layout of the Fire Hall addition was review and plans will be drawn for the 2 showers. Discussion followed. Zimmerman ordered storage lockers for the addition. Hall asked about the air compressor. Zimmerman replied that he hasn't heard anything. Hall instructed Zimmerman to call a plumber.

Zimmerman presented the Fire Department purchases request. Zimmerman reported that the Fire Department needs 4 sets of turn out gear and safety cabinets. Hall reported that last month Mullet did not present the purchase request for 11 bomber jackets with donation account funds. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the purchase of turn out gear, safety cabinets and bomber jackets. Motion carried.

Zimmerman announced that nominations for Fire Chief are being accepted.

Zimmerman announced the Fire Department Fire Safety Training/Thanksgiving Dinner. Hall asked Zimmerman to make the request earlier next year. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the Fire Safety Training/Thanksgiving dinner. Motion carried.

Zimmerman spoke to a representative from the Horton Group regarding a pension program. Hall requested a 10 minute presentation at next month's meeting. Zimmerman added that the Town can pay in January for 2019.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent mowing, brushing, shouldering, repairing washouts, grading, spot gravel and grading, spot shouldering, blowing leaves and repairing truck #106. Discussion followed. Hall asked about salt. Campbell reported that the Town is good on salt, not on salt sand. Campbell reported that the County has salt sand.

Applications for Part Time Highway Department Position – None

Campbell present the Driveway Permit application. Campbell recommended approval. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the driveway permit. Motion carried.

Bruce Paulsen from the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation arrived at 6:25 pm and gave his presentation. Paulsen introduced himself. The SCLCO Economic Development Corporation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization focusing on 4 things:

1. Workforce housing
2. Helping Local Businesses Grow and Thrive
3. Broadband throughout the entire county
4. More and better workforce

Paulsen reported that the SCLCO Economic Development Corporation receives its funding from Sawyer County, the Tribe and donations. Paulsen stated that their role is to bring people together. Paulsen listed current projects:

- Creating a financial literacy class
- Creating the "I choose Sawyer County" campaign including a short video of people who have recently moved to Sawyer County
- Place making - a citizen get together to improve the area
- Job skills training
- Finishing up an entrepreneur program
- Broadband forward
- PACE funding program for energy savings/energy efficiency
- Working with local businesses to improve profitability

Hall thanked Paulsen for his presentation.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of October 31, 2019, the Town has a total of \$257,693.63 in all of their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Clerk and Treasurer Computer Upgrade – Warshawsky reported that she is waiting for a quote from Complete Computer Solution and will call Gadgets for a quote as well.

Planning Committee member Phil Nies presented the boat landing improvements for 2020. Nies reported that the Planning Committee would like to replace slabs at 4 boat landings. Nies explained that power loading is a

problem and the landings need to be extended. Discussion followed. Nies reported that slabs are \$1,000.00 and added that the slabs should be ordered from Huffcut sooner rather than later. Tony Pfendt asked about using big rocks. Hall replied that it doesn't work. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the purchase of 4 slabs to improve the landings. Edmond Packee stated that he has concerns and would like his concerns addressed before this is voted on. Hall replied that the Board voted. Planning Committee Chairman Mark Olson added that the purchase was voted on at the Planning Committee meeting. Discussion followed. Olson stated that the Planning Committee is not looking for new projects next year and want to focus on maintenance. Nies confirmed that the slabs were discussed. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Bass Lake Fee review. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to keep the driveway permit fee at \$25.00 and increase the building permit fee to \$20.00 effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Public Comment

CLOSED SESSION - None

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.