

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 (the meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2019, but was postponed due to inclement weather). 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 6:30 pm.

Clerk Warshawsky affirmed that the 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 November, 2019
- c. Minutes of the November 11, 2019 Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors
- d. Minutes of the November 11, 2019 Special Meeting of the Town Board
- e. Minutes of the November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
- f. Minutes of the October 7, 2019 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. A thank you note from Jeanne Shuey
2. An email from JoAnn Evans praising and thanking the Highway Department for plowing.
3. A Flyer for FEMA Training on Friday, December 13, 2019, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. At the Sawyer County Courthouse Assembly Room.

Aubart presented the proposed Sawyer County Waste Storage Ordinance. Aubart explained that the proposed ordinance applies to new facilities, existing facilities and to the closing of a facility. The County is updating an old ordinance. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the ordinance. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that mutual aid was provided on Stone Lake Road with a good outcome and the Fire Department responded to a couple car accidents. Mullet reported that the awareness meeting/Thanksgiving dinner went well. Mullet announced that next week is ice rescue training. Atlas Outfitters is offering training for ice rescue in February and March. Mullet reported that only 2 people are certified in Sawyer County. Mullet reported that he was nominated Chief.

Fire Department Purchases – None

Hall presented the Fire Department door awning proposal. Hall reported that he received proposals from Donny Eng for labor (\$2,500.00 – \$3,000.00) and from Arrow Building Center for the material. The awnings are finished. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve the proposals. Motion carried.

Fire Department Sign Quote – Mullet received a quote of \$1,800.00 for door decals to be purchased in the spring.

Gordon Zimmerman gave a presentation on the Fire Department pension program. The representative who was supposed to give the presentation couldn't make it. The Wisconsin Fire Service Award Program offers a pension plan that includes up to \$390.00/year in matching funds from the State. It takes 7 years to be 50%

vested and 15 years to be fully vested. If a plan participant leaves the department all together, that participant's money is divided among the department. If the participant goes to another department, their money transfers with them. Zimmerman went on to explain that Towns are left to determine plan criteria. Discussion followed. Zimmerman stated that the Board needs to pass a resolution. Zimmerman explained that there are several insurance plans to choose from. Hall asked how much administration costs are. Zimmerman did not know. Hall stated that he is not against a retirement program. Hall would like to see criteria. Hall suggested a meeting between any Board members interested and the Fire Department to come up with criteria. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to approve the pension program subject to approval of the criteria. Motion carried. The resolution will be presented next month.

Hall presented the ISO rating update. Mutual aid will be necessary to verify dump times and fill times to lower the ISO rating. Hopefully there will be a joint exercise in the spring. Hall explained that 2 points could save up to \$300.00/year.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent pulling docks, switching equipment, working on Rolf Road, mounting plows and wings and putting away summer equipment. Campbell was put on a committee for LRIP. Campbell reported that the Town is number 11 on the list. Discussion followed. Campbell reported that snow and rain events take 2 men 12 - 14 hours to complete. 8 - 10 hours to plow the entire town are not possible until there is a third person. Campbell gave the MLS grant update. Campbell turned in 3 application: Williams Road, Rays Road and Kellner Road and the Town's portion of Metcalf Road. Discussion followed. Campbell checked the box for accepting less than the 90/10 to have more opportunities. Discussion followed. Campbell has the application on file.

Applications for Part Time Highway Department Position - None

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of November 30, 2019, the Town has a total of \$315,753.13 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 Erica Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that the new voting machine has arrived and training will be held on January 14, 2020. All voters will vote on paper and feed their ballot through the machine. The machine will tally all votes except write in votes.

Warshawsky presented the Clerk and Treasurer computer upgrade proposals from Gadgets and Complete Computer Solutions. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to choose between the 2 proposals. Motion carried.

Nuisance Complaints – no update

Hall read Resolution No. 12-09-2019 to Amend the 2019 Budget. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the resolution. Roll call vote: Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes, Adams – yes, Aubart – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried,

Hall presented a claim for damages from Richard and Cinthia Schultz in the amount of \$82,215.90. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to deny the claim. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Election Day Emergency Response Plan. Motion by Adams, seconded by Hammond to approve the plan. Motion carried.

Hall presented the list of Election Inspectors for 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2021 term. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to appoint the names on the list. Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve the Clerk for a 3 year term. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Operator License Application for Louis Nickence. Motion by Adams, seconded by Hammond to approve the application. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:15 pm after a 5 minute recess pursuant 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. Roll call vote: Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes, Adams – yes, Aubart – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to go into open session at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve a 3% increase for the Clerk, Highway Department and Transfer Station Attendant as well as the following increases for the Fire Department:

**Wages:**

Chief - \$500.00 increase  
Assistant Chief - \$250.00  
Captain - \$150.00  
Lieutenant - \$75.00  
Secretary - No increase

**Other:**

Meeting \$15.00 per meeting  
Mileage beyond 25 miles from fire hall.

Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.