

These are the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular monthly meeting of the Board Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Monday, June 8, 2020 using Zoom due to COVID 19. 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 6:31 pm.

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

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the consent agenda listed below less items less f-g:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for May 2020
- c. Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 3, 2020 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the April 6, 2020 Fire Department Meeting
- g. Minutes of the May 4, 2020 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Hall presented the Sawyer County Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance amendment proposal. The only change to the ordinance is the renewal period. The proposed renewal period is every five years instead of every three years. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the ordinance amendment. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Marvin Mullet and Assistant Fire Chief Gordon Zimmerman were late and presented later in the meeting.

Highway Report – Due to technical issues, Hall began the Highway and Campbell was able to rejoin the meeting and finish the report. During the month, the Highway Department cleared beaver dams, installed dock extensions, cleared trees and limbs, and addressed culverts and washouts.

Campbell presented four driveway permit applications. Campbell reviewed each application with the Board, noting that the approval of the application for James and Dedra Tiller will need to be contingent on obtaining an easement from either the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the Grindstone Lake Foundation. Campbell recommended approval of all four applications. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to approve all four driveway permits applications with approval for the Tiller application contingent upon proof of an easement. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of May 31, 2020, the Town has a total of \$408,589.41 in all their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Hall presented the nuisance complaint update. Hall reported that although he has not heard from LCO he has noticed that a lot of owners on the list are attempting to clean up. Hall stated that he should have more to report next meeting.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet joined the meeting and presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reviewed the prior month's calls and gave the training update. Mullet reported that there will be an ISO exercise with Hayward once it is safe to proceed, taking COVID 19 into consideration. Mullet announced that the Fire Department is moving ahead with plans for the annual Fire Department picnic with take out as a possible option. Mullet reported that he drew up a letter regarding properties that are inaccessible for fire equipment and gave the letter to insurance companies.

Purchases – none

Mullet reported that the DNR firefighter grant expires July 15, 2020. Mullet will present at the next meeting. Mullet reported that decals have been placed on the Fire Hall and he has received a lot of positive feedback. Hall encouraged everyone to look at the decals on Fire Hall.

Fire Department Annual Picnic/Donation Letter – to be presented next month

Hall presented the proposals for the new Town attorney. Hall reported that two proposals were received: one from Bakke Norman, S.C., and the other from Weld Riley. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to offer the position to Bakke Norman, S.C. Motion carried.

Hall presented the tax exemption request for the Grindstone Lake Foundation. Aubart reported that he spoke to about a dozen people and the suggestion was not received with a warm welcome. Discussion followed. Phil Nies explained that the problem occurred when Sawyer County Zoning reclassified Agriculture 1 (AG1) as Residential 1 (RR1). Nies spoke to Zoning and they agreed it is AG1. Hall offered options:

1. Make the property tax exempt
2. Allow the zoning correction to take place so that next year the taxes will be around \$2,000.00 (the Foundation will still be required to pay \$6,000 for this year).

Cindy Parker, President of the Grindstone Lake Foundation introduced herself. Hall asked her if she understands what is being proposed. Parker understands.

Aderman reported that there are buildings on the property and before tax exemption is considered, the buildings should be removed. Discussion followed. Nies suggested having the Foundation pay \$6,000.00 this year and next year the property should go back to AG1 with the houses RR1 so the assessed value will go back to what it was. If the Foundation turns the property into an educational property, then they can come back to request tax exemption. Hammond asked why the error could not be corrected this year so the Foundation would pay \$2,000.00 this year instead of \$6,000.00. Nies explained that it is too late. The only way to do that is to ask the schools and the County to give the money back. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski leave the property as it is and let the correction take place for next year. Motion carried.

Hall introduced Jim Whittinghall from Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. and asked him to present his proposal. Whittinghall stated that his presentation was the result of three site visits. Discussion followed. Whittinghall explained that each compactor will sit on top of a 10' x 45' concrete pad. Whittinghall spoke to Campbell about possibly moving the shed or getting new one to configure the compactors to allow usage on both sides; side by side is the best configuration. Campbell did the calculations. It will cost around \$2,000.00 for the concrete work and \$1,000.00 for electrical. Campbell stated that he is not sure about the forms. Discussion followed. Whittinghall stated that Eagle Waste offers full training. The Town only pays for the waste we have. This system is the most cost-effective solution; costs will remain stable. Hall figured \$12,608.00 for the machines. Whittinghall said that number sounds about right. Whittinghall stated that the only one-time expenses are the concrete pads and the electrical work. Discussion followed. Hall asked if the compactors smell or press juice. Whittinghall reported that they have installed 73 or 74 trash compactors and there is no

smell with recyclables and he has only had two phone calls regarding smell and does not think the Town will have a problem. Whittinghall explained that the concrete pads will have a 2% incline and drain. If the compactor smells, the attendant can pour bleach into the compactor. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the signing of a contract starting October 2020. Roll Call Vote: Aubart – yes, Adams – yes, Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried.

Hall presented the draft of the job description/standard operating procedure (SOP) for the transfer station. Hall asked Whittinghall if the transfer station attendant will need to assist ongoing operations/maintenance of the compactors. Whittinghall replied that the attendant will have full training. Whittinghall suggested that the attendant buy a large floor squeegee to clean any glass under the compactor. Motion by Adams, seconded by Hammond to approve the transfer station SOP. Motion carried.

Hall presented the health reimbursement account (HRA) withdrawal request. Hall reported that maintaining the HRA is costing \$125.00 per quarter and only 2 people are left on the account with Campbell paying most of the fee because he has not used the account fast enough. Hall would like approval to close the account and disperse the balance to each employee left on the account. Each employee will be taxed on their balance. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to withdraw from the HRA account. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Liquor License, Cigarette License and Operator License applications for the renewal period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Hall and Warshawsky reviewed the background checks before the meeting. Motion by Adams, seconded by Aubart to approve all applications. Motion carried. Hammond abstained from voting.

#### Public Comment

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to go into **closed session** 7:31 pm 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. Hall announced that the closed session is informational only and the Board will not go back into open session. Roll Call Vote: Aubart – yes, Adams – yes, Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to adjourn closed session and the regular meeting at 7:36 pm. Roll Call Vote: Aubart – yes, Adams – yes, Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried.