

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, December 14, 2020 in person and using GoToMeeting. 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 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 2020
- c. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Electors
- d. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Special Meeting of the Town Board
- e. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
- f. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Closed Session
- g. Minutes of the October 5, 2020 Fire Department Meeting
- h. Minutes of the November 2, 2020 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. An email was received from Bill Voight complimenting the Town on Henks Park and thanking everyone involved.
2. Sawyer County Zoning sent a letter approving Variance Application #20-001 for Nancy McCutcheon.
3. Sawyer County Zoning sent a letter approving Conditional Use Permit #20-020 for Bradley and Patricia Herbert.

Aubart presented Conditional Use Application #20-024 for Darryl Mast. The permit is requested for a 5-year renewal of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #17-021 for the location/operation of a non-metallic mineral extraction including a 1-acre expansion and including rock crusher. This CUP was previously approved at a public hearing held December 15, 2017. Aubart reported that the application was not sent to the Planning Committee because it was a renewal. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the CUP renewal. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that last month was a busy month with a garage fire, many EMS calls, and false alarms. Mullet reported that Bass Lake's call volume is #2 in the County behind City and Town of Hayward. Mullet reported that the Fire Department received a Stearns XL rescue suit. Discussion followed.

Hall presented the application for Ryan Mullet to be a cadet on the Fire Department. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve Ryan Mullet as a cadet. Motion carried.

Fire Department Purchases - None

Mullet announced that the Fire Department Annual Dinner will be held in February at Trailways.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that November was spent on flooded culverts and assisted the Town of Hayward on one flooded culvert. Some spot grading in

Northwoods Beach was completed before the snow. There were 3 plow events (blacktop only). Campbell reported brake issues with the #108 plow truck have been fixed. The docks have been pulled.

Hall presented the following bid:

Micro Surfacing: One bid was received. The bid is on file and listed below:

Fahrner	\$82,522.00
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Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the Fahrner's bid for micro surfacing. Motion carried.

Driveway Permit - None

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of November 30, 2020, the Town has a total of \$403,276.20 in all their accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk Erica Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that the new video conference system was paid for by the Route to Recovery Grant along with a sweeper and sanitizer. Discussion followed.

Hall presented the nuisance complaint update. Hall reported that we are currently on hold for the winter and added that this year we have gotten a lot cleaned up. The Town will be sending out letters to 3 owners who have campers on their property without a dwelling. Under the camping ordinance, the campers should have been removed by December 1, 2020. The properties will be turned over to the county if they fail to comply. Campbell reported that the Reed house that was on the list is completely gone.

Hall presented Ordinance No. 12-14-2020 Weight Limits and Class B Roads. Campbell asked for feedback. Discussion followed. The ordinance will be reviewed next month and then sent to the attorney to have it ready by spring.

Resolution No. 12-14-2020 to Amend the 2020 Budget – Tabled until next month.

Hall presented the request from Ben LaBarre to turn Brodi Lane over to the Town. Hall reported that LaBarre wants to build homes on Brodi Lane. Brodi Lane is up to Town standards except it is not blacktopped. Hall stated that it would be beneficial to have LaBarre blacktop the road. There are 15 lots to be developed. Phil Nies stated that the ordinance requires 2" of blacktop. Discussion followed. Campbell will notify LaBarre.

Hall reported that realtors are now promoting empty lots for camping. The Town selected Option 3 under the County Ordinance. Hall suggested that the Town may want to adopt a camping fee. Hall asked the Board if they are happy with Option 3. There are 10 – 12 sites on Circle Drive alone and the Town is not collecting any money from it. Realtors have vacant lots listed for \$9,000.00 - \$10,000.00. This should be addressed before it becomes a problem. The Board should think about what they want the Town to look like in 10 years. Discussion followed. The issue will be turned over to the Planning Committee to come up with a permit process. Discussion followed.

Hall presented a proposal from Nies to increase revenue and reduce cost. Hall reviewed 3 items in the proposal:

1. Deed Roads to the Tribe: 7 roads totaling 4.79 miles were listed in the proposal to consider turning over to the Tribe. Discussion followed. Aubart suggested contacting the Tribe to see if they would be

interested. Discussion followed. Mullet raised concerns about response times if the roads are not taken care of in a timely manner. Hall will contact the Tribe.

2. Enact Room Tax: Hall stated that the Board needs to revisit room tax because the County has a list of over 74 units at 4% comes to \$59,200.00 which would be \$14,000.00 to the Town and a seasonal camping could be another \$14,000.00. Hall thinks the number of rentals is understated. If the Board is interested, Hall will have the Planning Committee revisit it and have Cheryl Treeland come and other groups present. Discussion followed. Nies added that we will need an ordinance. Hall will pass that on to the Planning Committee to be ready for spring. Nies said it would be closer to June or July.
3. Enact Campground & Residential “Seasonal Camper fee” of \$200.00: The topic will go to the Planning Committee.

Public Comment

Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:18 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. The Town Board may reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Aubart – Yes, Adams – Yes, Savitski – yes, Hammond – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to go into open session at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to approve a 3% increase for all employees plus the following for the Fire Department:

Chief	\$3,500.00
Assistant Chief	\$800.00
Captain	\$400.00
Lieutenant	\$250.00
Entry Level Training	\$200.00 upon passing and completion (must stay 1 year after completion)
Level 2 Training	\$300.00 upon passing and completion.

Motion carried.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.