

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, June 14, 2021 in person and using Zoom. 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 Adams, seconded by Hammond to approve the consent agenda listed below less item e:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for May 2021
- c. Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the March 1, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the May 3, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the May 6, 2021 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Hall introduced DJ Aderman and Mike from Futurewood. Aderman began his presentation with the property on Highline Road. Aderman reported that the aspen on the property is marketable and would be considered a regeneration cut. The harvest could bring in an estimated \$22,955.00. Aderman explained that Futurewood is proposing a contract to serve as the Town's agent. The Town would open bidding to logging contractors and Futurewood would be the administrator for 17%. Aderman reviewed the Henks Park property. Aderman reported that the is opportunity. The oak should be harvested for the best forest health. Oak restrictions end in July. If all recommendations for Henks Park are approved, the harvest could bring in an estimated \$79,673.00 with Futurewood being the agent for 17%. Aderman explained that harvesting the oaks would promote oak regeneration.

Hall asked if Aderman had an estimate for Northwoods Beach. Aderman answered no. Discussion followed.

Hall asked Aderman if clean up should be specified in the bid. Aderman answered yes and suggested having a whole tree chip auction.

Discussion followed. Mike from Futurewood will draw up and extensive management plan. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to contract with Futurewood. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Hall presented the Land Use Application for an Accessory Structure Exemption for Lance Waters. Hall visited the property with Phil Nies. Hall recommended approving a 16' x 26', 12' high because the owner has no other option. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve a 16' x 26', 12' high. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reviewed last month's calls. Mullet announced that the Fire Department Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Mullet reported that the ISO rating can only be reduced with a high-pressure water system. Hall questioned that. Mullet and Hall will research. Mullet announced that David Christensen applied for membership. Christensen's application will be presented at next month's meeting. Mullet review upcoming training.

Mullet presented a verbal request for 4 GPS units to be paid with funds out of the budget. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the GPS units once a formal request is submitted to the Clerk.

Mullet reported that Judah Keenan will come out mid-September to address Fire Hall improvements.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was a normal month with a lot of time spent on nuisance complaints, roads were graveled and graded and clearing a few downed trees. Campbell announced that the Highway Department is on summer hours: Monday – Thursday 10 hours days.

Campbell presented 2 driveway permit applications. Campbell reported that the Dahl property requires a culvert, and the Murphy property does not require a culvert. Campbell recommended approval for both applications. Motion by Addams, Seconded by Aubart to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the 2011 International truck update. Campbell reported that the 2011 International truck had been experiencing intermittent check engine lights. Campbell brought the truck in for repair for \$5,000.00. A week later, the engine wiped out at 48,000 miles. Campbell explained the International mechanism to meet EPA standards was causing the engine to take in its own exhaust. Campbell reported that it will cost \$15,000.00 to rebuild the engine. Hall explained that 5 years ago there was a class action lawsuit, but we were not included. Our warranty has expired. Campbell reported that the new mechanism to meet EPA standards will shut off when idling.

Hall reported that the old plow truck did not receive the asking bid on the auction site. Discussion followed. Hall asked the Board if they would like to post an ad in the paper for 2 weeks and then hold a special meeting or accept the \$17,500.00 trade in offer with Meyer. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to accept the \$17,500.00 trade in offer from Meyer. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of May 31, 2021, the Town has a total of \$456,904.73 in all 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 Town will host the July WTA Unit meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Hall presented Ordinance No. 2021-06-14 to Establish Permits and Fees for Camping in the Town of Bass Lake. Hall reported that there is one more option to consider and that is whether to charge a \$250.00 annual fee. Hall reported that there are other counties with this type of fee. Aubart reported that Bayfield has a \$300.00 fee. Hall stated that existing campgrounds are exempt. Gordon Zimmerman spoke in strong opposition to the fee. Discussion followed. Hall took a vote to include or remove the fee: Hammond – include, Adams – include, Savitski – remove, Aubart – include and Hall – include. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve the camping ordinance. Motion carried.

Hall reported as he did last month that there are not any grants available for a large item pick up. The Town could provide bags that the Highway Department picks up. Campbell reviewed bag options and reported that the Town could purchase 500 bags for a little over \$600.00. Aubart suggested offering this in the spring, early May. Discussion followed. Hall suggested discussing large item disposal at budget time for next spring.

Hall reviewed the nuisance complaint handout. Discussion followed.

Hall recognized the service of Phil Nies, Mark Olson, and Mark Lastrup. Hall thanked them for their years of dedication and service. Nies was present and was presented a key to the Town by Hall. Olson and Lastrup were not present.

Hall presented liquor, cigarette, and operator license applications for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve all applications. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to go into **CLOSED SESSION** at 7:42 pm pursuant Wis. Stat. §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.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.