

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, August 9, 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 Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the consent agenda listed below less item d and item c under New Business:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for July 2021
- c. Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the July 5, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the July 1, 2021 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. Correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation informing the Town that the Sawyer County Board of Appeals approved Variance #21-005 for Dean and Heide Miller. Hall reported that the Town denied the variance and Hall wrote a letter to Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff in response to the Board of Appeals approval.
2. Hall received a call from a Henks Park neighbor who asked to install a duck house by the pond. Hall approved the installation of the duck house.

Hall presented the Special Use Permit Application for Joshua and Chelsea Paffel. The application is for the construction of a year-round or seasonal dwelling in the Forestry One (F-1) Zone District. Hall reported that the application meets all setbacks. Adams read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. The lot cannot be further subdivided for additional dwellings.
2. Land Use Permit will not be effective until covenant on deed is provided to the Zoning Department.
3. The placement of only one single family dwelling on the parcel.

The applicant must agree to the conditions. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve the application with the Planning Committee's conditions. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. It would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values.
2. It would not be detrimental to ecology, wildlife or wetlands.
3. It would not create traffic or highway access problems.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reviewed last month's calls.

Fire Department Purchases – None

Mullet met with Keenan Construction to review the roof. Mullet reported that there is a mouse infestation in the Fire Hall. Fire Department Secretary Paul Coutain will set traps.

Mullet presented the ISO rating update. Mullet reported that he has not requested paperwork but will try to have something next month.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was pretty quiet. The month was spent cleaning up minor storm damage, grading, reviewing roads and fixing washouts. Little LCO is waiting on Monarch for black top.

Campbell presented two driveway permit applications:

1. Steve Sheets – Campbell reported that there is good sight distance and no culvert is needed. The driveway enters on Dixon and exits on Highland.
2. Joas Yoder – Campbell reported that there is good sight distance and no culvert is needed.

Campbell recommended approval for both applications. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of July 31, 2021 the Town has a total of \$444,227.38 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Adams, seconded by Hammond the accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk Warshawsky presented the Clerk's Report. Warshawsky reported that redistricting is underway at the County level.

Hall presented the 2021 nuisance complaint update. Hall reported that progress is being made. Hall and Campbell will be visiting the unresolved properties.

Warshawsky presented the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update. Warshawsky reported that the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) has developed a spreadsheet for towns to determine how much AARPA money they have available to use. Warshawsky reported that she will be working on a draft to submit to the Board for review and approval.

Hall reported that Oak Wilt has been discovered on Thoroughfare Road that includes Town property. Planning Committee member and LCO Conservation Department Environmental Engineer Dan Tyrolt expressed concern regarding mowing. Tyrolt explained that just a cut or nick can spread oak wilt. Tyrolt explained that Oak Wilt can be prevented or minimized, but it's a good idea to catch it early before corrective measures must be taken. Tyrolt explained that the effected area on Thoroughfare Road is now an acre. The sooner the DNR is contacted the better. Warshawsky reported that the DNR has been notified and COLA President Kevin Horrocks has been providing updates to the Town. Tyrolt explained that this outbreak started with a little branch that was pruned. Tyrolt stated that the best line of defense against Oak Wilt is vigilance. If you see oak trees that are dying and leaves turning brown in the middle of the summer, contact the DNR. Hall thanked Tyrolt.

Hall presented the Resolution to Vacate the Remaining Portion of Sheef Street. Hall reported that the last portion of Sheef Street does not go to the lake and the adjoining neighbor signed over his interest to William Godin. Hall read the resolution. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Savitski – yes, Aubart – yes, Hammond – yes, Adams – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Petition to Add Indian Drive to the ATV/UTV Trail System in Bass Lake – Petition was not submitted.

Campbell presented the Town Hall siding quote update. Campbell reported that material prices have not come down.

Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Motion carried.