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 13, 2021 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Marshal Savitski, Bob Hammond, Treasurer Kari Aderman, and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Supervisor Don Adams.

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 Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the consent agenda listed below less item h:

a. Approve Agenda
b. Review and Approve Vouchers for November 2021
c. Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting of the Electors
d. Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Special Meeting of the Town Board
e. Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
f. Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Special Meeting
g. Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
h. Minutes of the November 1, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
i. Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

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Hall presented Variance Application #21-011 for Jennifer Gryttr. The applicant was present and presented her application. Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposed to the application. Edmond Packee spoke in opposition to the application out of concern for the lake. Steve Umwood spoke in favor of the application. Umwood stated that Gryttr takes care of her property and he totally supports only improving what is existing and is confident that it will have no impact on ground water. Kathleen Umwood spoke in favor of the application stating that it would not impact the lake. Hall reported that aa variance was approved in 2006 (06-030). Hall read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended approval of the 2006 variance with its conditions:

1. The setback from the lake is to be 75'.
2. The setback to the centerline of Highway KK is no less than 40'.
3. 14' setback to both side lot lines
4. 2-year limit.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the 2006 variance with conditions. Motion carried.

Findings of fact:

1. The 75' lake setback is more important than a reduced road setback.
2. It would be a self-created hardship. The location of mound septic in 2015 is a self-created hardship.
3. There is no harm to public interest as it would not be damaging to the right of others or property values as road setbacks along Highway KK are similar distances.

Hall presented Variance Application #21-012 for John and Mary Bross. The applicants were present. John Bross presented the application. Bross explained that the property across the street is a log triangle shaped parcel with limited development options. Bross stated that there are garages on LCO Drive closer and his would not be different from the other lots. Bross stated that there is a need for secure storage and it should be considered a hardship. Bross added that traffic on Fox is almost non-existent. Discussion followed. Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition to the application. Packee spoke on behalf of his daughter who was unable to attend. His daughter lives directly across from Fox and has no problem with the garage. Hall reported that the applicants can build a smaller garage without a variance. Phil Nies spoke to zoning and the applicants could build one of the following sizes without a variance:

- 36' x 12'
- 34' xx 13.5'
- 32' x 14.75'
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Nies stated that storage is not a reason for a garage, weather is. Discussion followed. Hall read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended denial. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to deny. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. No unique property limitations as there are 50 similar parcels at the end of platted roads in Northwoods Beach (19 on the south side).
2. No unnecessary hardship as a 22' x 22' garage could be built without a variance. The applicant has a dwelling with a 2-car garage across from lots. It is for the convenience of the owner.
3. Harm to public interest exists as line of sight on 45° angled lots to roads may cause traffic problems.

Hall presented Conditional Use Application #21-033 for John and Mary Bross. Hall read the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommended denial. Discussion followed. Nies explained that the applicant needs a variance to apply for a conditional use. When the variance was denied, the conditional use had to be denied. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to deny. Motion carried.

Findings of fact:

1. Road setbacks cannot be met

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Assistant Fire Chief Gordon Zimmerman presented the Fire Department Report. Zimmerman reported that Fire Chief Marvin Mullet is training. Zimmerman review last month's calls and purchases. Zimmerman reported that a local business (who would like to remain anonymous) donated LED flashlights to the Fire Department. Zimmerman reported that the Thanksgiving Fire Safety dinner was well attended. Zimmerman reported that Mullet was approved for another 2-year term as Fire Chief. His approval will be on next month's agenda.

Fire Hall Improvements – Zimmerman met with Bill Turner from Nelson Lumber. Discussion followed. Turner will draw up a plan with a ballpark figure.

Hall reported that Theresa Moore did a tremendous amount of work to apply for Emergency Medical Responder License/Certification. Hall asked Zimmerman to make sure every member receives a copy. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the EMR License/Certification. Motion carried.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent replacing sings, brushing, taking docks out, getting the plows ready, truck maintenance and creating a camping and nuisance property list.

Hall presented the bids for crack sealing. 2 bids were received and listed below:

	Option #1	Option #2
Seal Tech, Inc., Cambridge, MN	$21,800.00	$46,800.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Eau Claire, WI	$18,303.00	$39,876.00

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve the bid from Fahrner. Motion carried.

Hall presented the bids for micro surfacing. 2 bids were received and listed below:

	Option #1	Option #2
Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc., DeForest, WI	$122,707.20	$ 63,607.50
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, Eau Claire, WI	$107,525.00	$161,861.00

Moton by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the bid from Fahrner. Motion carried.

Driveway Permits – None

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman announced that tax bills are in the mail. Aderman reported that as of November 30, 2021, the Town has a total of $613,107.38 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – None

Hall urged the Board to research what can be spent under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Warshawsky will work on a worksheet and try to find someone who able to review and approve the expenditures.

Hall presented Resolution No. 12-13-2021 (A) to Amend the 2021 Budget. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall presented Resolution No. 12-13-2021 (B) Adoption of the Town of Bass Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan Update. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall presented an amendment to Ordinance No. 2021-06-14 to Establish Permits and Fees for Camping in the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, and Shipping Containers as Accessory Structures. Hall reported receiving a number of calls from people putting water, sewer and electric in and would like to keep their campers on the property year-round. Hall stated that the Board may not legally be able to allow it. Nies cautioned the Board. The Board cannot just change a few words. The Board must consider the unintended consequences. Not all campers are created equal. Nies stated that the survey results should be taken into account. Discussion followed. Nies reported that County Zoning will be sending a letter to towns asking for their opinions on allowing shipping containers as accessory structures. Hall asked the Board if they would like to explore changes to the ordinance or leave as is. Aubart suggested sending the amendment to the Town's attorney to see if it is possible. Linn Newton stated that she has been a resident for 20 years and stated that the Board needs to be careful that Northwoods Beach does not become a campground. If the Town continues to add more camping, house values will decrease and tax dollars will diminish. Warshawsky will send the amendment to the attorney for review.

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Hall presented the Futurewood Timber Sale Prospectus. Nies reported that a resident received a letter from Futurewood stating that 30 feet of his property is Town property. Nies suggested that the Town get a survey. Hall asked Campbell to get a survey. Aderman stated that Futurewood surveyed the property. The project will be bid out in January. Discussion followed.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to increase the price of transfer station bags from $4.00 to $5.00 effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the surveying of the Public Reserve Strip not to exceed $5,000.00 plus the purchase of markers. Discussion followed.

Hall reported that the County will be giving money to the Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau (HLVCB). Hall reported that Aderman just set $20,000.00 for the 3rd Quarter of 2021 to the HLVCB. Hall would like to know how the money is going to be spent. Warshawsky suggested inviting HLVCB to the next meet for a discussion.

Hall presented list of election inspectors for the 2022-2023 term. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart 8:10 pm to go into CLOSED SESSION after a 5-minute break 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 (in person only). Roll call Vote: Hammond – yes, Aubart – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to go into open session at 8:30 pm.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the following premium pay from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

Truit Campbell and Erica Warshawsky	$2,000.00
Chris Wilcox	1,000.00
Steve Henks and Larry Tosland	500.00
Suzanne Henks	300.00
All Fire Department Members	100.00

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the following pay increases effective January 1, 2022:

A 3% increase for all employees except Truit Campbell who will receive an 11.25% increase ($25.88/hour) to bring him up to the current going rate in the area.

Fire Department officers will receive an additional $100.00.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried.

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