

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, February 14, 2022 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 Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the consent agenda listed below less item e:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for January, 2022
- c. Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Special Meeting
- e. Minutes of the December 6, 2021 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence. Hall reported that Haward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau (HLVCB) January 2022 Newsletter is on file and available.

Hall presented Rezone Application #22-003 for Pinewood Properties, LLC. The purpose of request is to rezone from Agricultural One (A-1) to Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2) to have a 197 site RV Park. All sites are Southeast of Spring Creek leaving a buffer of existing golf course holes around perimeter of property. The Commercial One (C-1) portions are excluded from this request. With granting of this request, the owners have applied for a Conditional Use for the 197 site RV Park. Adam Bodenschatz from Pinewood Properties, LLC presented the application. Bodenschatz passed out a presentation outline to the Board. Bodenschatz reviewed the handout with the Board explaining that the project will be in 3 phases. Fire Chief Marvin Mullet expressed concern about access and a water supply. Bodenschatz stated that there are 2 ponds, one by the clubhouse and one in the middle of the sites. Hammond asked about the golf course. Bodenschatz replied that the golf course is off the table for now. Edmond Packee expressed concern about the sand. Packee stated that he is in favor of the project. Bodenschatz reported that soil samples were taken and approved for a conventional septic system. Engineers have been hired for the project. Discussion followed. Hall read the Planning Committee's decision (attachment 1). Bodenschatz agreed to all conditions. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve the rezone application with the Planning Committee's conditions. Motion carried.

Hall presented Conditional Use Application #22-006 for Pinewood Properties, LLC. The permit is requested for a 197 site RV Park. Hall thanked the Planning Committee for all their hard work. Bodenschatz presented the application. Hall read the Planning Committee's decision (attachment 2). Bodenschatz agreed to all conditions. Packee expressed support for the project. Phil Nies reported that Bass Lake met with the Town of Hayward. Hayward has 22 conditions that are compatible with the Town of Bass Lake's conditions. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the application with the Planning Committee's conditions. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reviewed last month's calls. Mullet reported that Engine 1 has been fixed. Mullet reviewed training and reported that the Fire Department annual dinner was held at Black Iron on February 7, 2022. Mullet reported that Ryan Silvis is interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department. Warshawsky reported that Silvis turned in his application and his application will be presented at next month's Board meeting.

Fire Department Truck Purchase - Mullet reported that the Fire Department would like to purchase a 4500 or 5500 Dodge 4-wheel drive truck. The existing brush truck is a 2000. Mullet would like to use money from the donation account for an all-drive pressure unit for the back of the truck. Mullet estimated that a new truck and chassis would cost around \$55,000.00. Mullet will be seeking approval later in the year.

Fire Department Purchases – Mullet reported that the Fire Department need helmets and boots including one pair of structure fire boots.

Fire Hall Improvements – Mullet reported that a builder has looked at the project and Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell will be advertising the project in the paper.

ISO Rating – Mullet gave a copy of the ISO report to Hall. Hall reported that he received the report from Mullet and is in contact with the State and waiting for a call back.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that there were 3 plowable snows last month and a lot of drifts. Campbell gave the maintenance update on trucks 108 and 109. Heated windshield wipers were purchased for the new truck.

Driveway Permits - None

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that she was not at the last meeting and the Clerk and Treasurer balanced for December. Aderman reported that as of January 31, 2022, the Town has a total of \$3,039,030.90 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month of January. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Hall presented the amendment to Ordinance No. 2021-06-14 To Establish Permits and Fees for Camping in the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin. Hall reported that several questions have been brought up and then sent to the Town's attorney. Hall reviewed the amended ordinance. Hall reported that accessory structures were added because the County is considering changes. Phil Nies reported that the County will be at least 6 months away from a decision. Hall suggested bypassing that for now. Hall stated that the current camping fee is \$250.00 for an unimproved lot and \$100.00 for lots with electricity and sewer. Hall reported that there is an option to keep the camper on the lot year-round for an additional \$150.00. Discussion followed. Hall suggested going with the County and take everything off by December 1. Aubart agreed to taking campers off but thinks \$250 is excessive. Hall asked if there is any motion to change the date. No motion. Discussion followed. Hall reported that a \$250.00 flat fee has been suggested to cover road and emergency services costs. Nies stated that regardless of the amount, the fee needs to be the same for everyone to avoid having an issue with the equal protection clause under the constitution. Nies cautioned the Board to be consistent. A campground cannot be charged one amount and a private owner a different amount for an improved lot. If the fee is kept at \$100.00, the Town will lose a lot of money. Gordon Zimmerman spoke in strong opposition to the \$250.00 fee. Linn Newton has owned a home in Northwoods Beach for 30 years and is very concerned. She did not buy a house to live in a campground. Newton asked the Board to really consider how this ordinance is going to affect Northwoods Beach specifically. Newton recommends a \$250.00 flat fee. Nies reported that the \$250.00 figure came from the County when they were looking to charge a fee. The County studied the costs related to roads and emergency services. Nies suggested that the Board may want to look to at adding a line in the ordinance that permits will not be allowed in platted subdivisions. Nies added that the fee is a drop in the bucket compared to staying at a KOA. Hall spoke to the attorney and the attorney agreed with the \$250.00 fee, stating that it is easily justifiable. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by H to approve a flat \$250.00 fee. Nies added that "annual fee" needs to be inserted. Motion rev. d and carried. Discussion followed. Hall reported that it was suggested that the permit be posted on the fire number post by the Highway Department. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the posting of the permit change. Motion carried. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to approve the ordinance as amended. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the Futurewood timber sale survey update. Campbell reported that the southern border of the transfer station property was in dispute. The survey has been completed and Futurewood was not far off. The line is now correct. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to include transfer station property in the timber sale. Motion carried.

Hall presented Amendment to Ordinance No. 09-11-06 Reduce Town Road Setbacks for Northwood Beach Subdivision Area. The amendment was requested by the County to include setbacks for 30-foot roads. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Adams to include 44-foot setbacks for 30-foot roads. Motion carried.

Hall presented Resolution to Vacate Sheef Street. Hall reported that an earlier version of the resolution was approved for William Godin, but Godin's attorney, Anders Helquist suggested a different approach. Hall reported that Helquist has been working with the Town's attorney. Hall read the resolution. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Hammond – yes, Adams – yes, Aubart – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall - yes. Motion carried.

Hall reported that the spring clean up project was approved at the budget meeting and that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were approved at the January special meeting. Hall asked for a date. Discussion followed. Saturday May 21, 2022 was decided upon. Discussion followed. Aubart will manage dumpsters and Hammond will manage the bags. Hall stated that we need to decide what we are going to take and the rules like 5 tires per family. Aderman suggested asking the Sawyer County Record to write an article with Aubart and Hammond after the project is approved next month.

Hall presented the Public Reserve Strip riprap request. Hall has received request from 4 people living adjacent to the public reserve strip on Lac Courte Oreilles to install riprap protect shoreline at their expense. Hall spoke to the Town's attorney. The Town will not pay for the project. Hall reported that the owners have contracted with CJ landscaping. The attorney stated that the owners must sign a hold harmless clause. Discussion followed. Donna Carlson from the Grindstone Lake Association spoke to her contacts at the DNR to ensure everyone is on the same page. Packee is concerned about the riprap material and jurisdiction between the State and the Town. Discussion followed. Hall stated that the DNR is taking care of this. Nies suggested including a statement in the hold harmless clause regarding implied property rights or adverse possession. Hall stated that he did run that by the attorney but could run that by again. Packee is concerned about the documentation and inaccurate water level information. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve the request with the conditions stated. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the Temporary Liquor License Application for the Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club on March 15, 2022. Motion carried.

Hall presented 7 Operator License Applications. Aubart recommended approving 6 and holding one for review. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to approve the 6 applications. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to go into **CLOSED SESSION** at 8:35 pm following a 5-minute recess 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, Adams – yes, Aubart – yes, Savitski – yes and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion carried.

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