

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Bob Hammond, Jim Evans, Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Marshal Savitski.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

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 e and with the addition of "Special Use Permit Application – Scott Poppe" as item d under Zoning.

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for March 2022
- c. Minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Fire Department Meeting
- e. Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the February 3, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. Sawyer County Zoning approved Rezone Application #21-003, Pinewood Properties, LLC. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors must ratify the approval. Sawyer County Zoning also approved Conditional Use Application #22-006 Pinewood Properties, LLC with all Town of Hayward and Town of Bass Lake conditions.
2. An email was received regarding plans to cut the second American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) payment.

Hall presented Conditional Use Application #22-010 for Charles and Elizabeth Bauer. The permit is desired for a solar array installation ground mount system, located across Poplar Lane, a Town road. Array will be bored under the Town road for powering the dwelling. Size will be 70' x 12'. Planning Committee Chairman Bond Sutton presented the Planning Committee's decision. The planning committee recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. No commercial use or operation allowed with the solar array.
2. A deed restriction, recorded in the Register of Deeds, be placed on the 2 properties that they cannot be sold separately unless the array is removed.
3. A Land Use Permit is required for the construction of the array as part of an accessory structure.
4. Size of proposed accessory structure (solar panel array) not to exceed 70' x 12'.
5. Must follow all other County, State, Federal regulations/laws including also abiding by Town of Bass Lake conditions as specified from Town Board Meeting:
 - a. Minimum of 6' high fence around array of solar panels for public safety concerns.
 - b. Screening of minimum 4' high shrubs outside of fence to lessen the impact of the view to neighbors.
 - c. Access under road to be at a depth below frost line to protect road from heaving and causing damage to road.
 - d. Hold harmless agreement provided to Town for any and all damages that occur to the solar installation.

Sutton reported that the applicants were not at the Planning Committee Meeting or present tonight and have not agreed to the conditions. Edmond spoke in opposition to the application. Packee is opposed to the size of the project. He would not have a problem if the installation were on a roof. Packee wondered if they want to sell power back to the grid. Packee would like the applicants plans before the Board votes. Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell wants a highway excavation permit with the condition a pipe is installed under the road so wire can run through. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve the application with the Planning Committee's conditions and the addition of an excavation permit. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. It would not be damaging to the rights or property values in this unique location but may not be appropriate in other locations.
2. It would not create an air quality problem to ecology, wildlife, wetlands, or shorelands.
3. It is consistent with Town of Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan.

Hall presented the Land Use Application for an Accessory Structure Exemption for Johnie Kittleson. Approval is desired for the construction of an accessory structure. Sutton presented the Planning Committee's decision. The Planning Committee recommends approval with the condition that the access is from County Highway K. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Evans to approve with the Planning Committee's condition. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Sawyer County Survey on Shipping Containers as Accessory Structures. Sutton presented the Planning Committee's answers to the survey questions. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Gordon Zimmerman presented the Fire Department Report. Zimmerman reported that Fire Chief Marvin Mullet is in North Carolina. Zimmerman reported that there were 7 EMS call, an oven fire at the LCO clinic and 3 downed power lines last month. EMS calls are down. Zimmerman reviewed training and thanked George Vago for repairing a pump.

Fire Department Purchases – None

Open Bids for Fire Hall Interior Remodel – Tabled until next month. 0 bids were received.

Zimmerman presented the list of outdated Fire Department equipment. Zimmerman reported that the Fire Department voted to offer the wildfire and turnout gear to the Fire Association and the rest to Stevens Point to ship to South America. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to send all equipment to Stevens Point to ship to South America. Motion carried.

Hall presented the ISO rating update. Hall reported that the ISO rate can be lowered to a 7 if at least 6 members appear at each structure fire. Hall encouraged Zimmerman to focus on recruiting. Zimmerman replied that incentives could help.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent pushing back and benching snow until the snow turned to ice and then roads were sanded, and trees cut. Paths were made and a normally 6-hour plow took 10 hours at the end of the month. Campbell reported that road bans began April 17. Discussion followed.

Campbell presented the highway grant update in a 3-part presentation:

1. Williams Road Project – Campbell reported that the Town's LRIP application was denied in 2018 and 2019 and the multi modal grant was denied in 2020. Last October the Town applied for a \$750,000.00 grant and was approved and is not supplementary. It is a 50% discretionary grant. The Town pays upfront. Campbell suggested bidding out the project for 2 weeks and open bids at the next month's meeting. Campbell will forward the bid notice to Warshawsky tomorrow. Campbell suggested accepting the money and bid out the project. Hall agreed to accept the bids and start the process. Campbell reported that the sunset date is June 2027. The project is not going to get cheaper. Williams Road could be finished by September. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to accept the grant and bid the project out next month. Motion carried.
2. Federal Funds – Campbell reported that the process is more complicated and requires a set of plans up front to apply. Plans can cost up to \$40,000.00 and will be reimbursed if approved. Discussion followed.
3. Bipartisan Carbon Reduction Act – Campbell reported that the grant is for 80% for an electric vehicle. Campbell will get more information on Thursday. Discussion followed. The vehicle could be used for a second Highway Department vehicle.

Campbell presented the quote for a Highway Shop generator. Campbell received a quote from Jim St. Catherine for a generator and to relocate the power from the old highway shop to the new shop for \$11,800.00. The money is in the budget. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Evans to accept the quote. Motion carried.

Campbell presented 2 driveway permit applications. Campbell reviewed the applications and recommended approving both. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of March 31, 2022, the Town has a total of \$724,580.84 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Evans, seconded by Aubart to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Warshawsky reported that Board of Review training is available for Board members. Warshawsky announced that Open Book will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Board of Review will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

Hall introduced DJ Aderman and Ross Langham from Futurewood to present the bids for the timber sale. Langham reviewed the bid packet with the Board. Discussion followed. Hall asked Langham if he is comfortable with all bidders. Langham answered yes. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to accept the bid from Grindstone Enterprises for \$250,060.00. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Langham will get a contract drawn up.

Hall presented the Liquor License Application for Wilderness Walk. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Aubart to approve the application. Motion carried.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to approve 3 election inspectors. Motion carried.

Hall presented the 2022 nuisance complaint list. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Motion carried.