

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 8, 2022 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Marshal Savitski, Bob Hammond, Jim Evans, 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:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for August 2022
- c. Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Closed Session
- e. Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Fire Department Meeting
- f. Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting
- g. Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau emailed a request for photos to add to the 2023 Vacation Guide with a reminder that their cover photo contest ends August 31, 2022.
2. Trudianne Temple sent an email that she dropped off the donated fire equipment in Stevens Point and received a thank you note to pass on to the Board from the Partners of the Americas.

Hall presented Conditional Use Permit #22-023 for Riley and Emily Grasee. The permit is desired for an accessory building 38' x 18' 6" in size and 13' in height as per Section 4.26 (1) with conditions of the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. Aubart presented the Planning Committee's decision not to grant the conditional use permit (CUP). The applicant, Riley Grasee, presented his application. Grasee initially contacted the Town regarding his request and was directed to Sawyer County Zoning who told him it was ok if he removed the deck and was told he has 3 years until he needs to build. Aubart reported that the Planning Committee denied the application because the requirements have not been met. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to deny the application. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. It is not a structure that qualifies for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). It is a roof for a travel trailer.
2. It is not in compliance with the Town or County camping ordinance. There is no Town camping permit, accessory structures are not allowed, no septic, "...walled/screened/roofed additions shall not be constructed onto camping equipment", and a fire number is not posted.
3. The purpose or intent of Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance 4.26 (1)(2) is not for camping on vacant land.
4. It would be damaging to the rights of others and property values in the residential area.
5. It would have a negative effect on the development of residential dwellings within the area.

Acting Fire Chief Gordon Zimmerman presented the Fire Department Report. Zimmerman reported that the number of COVID pickups has recently increased. Zimmerman reported that there was an RV fire at Trail's End that did not spread. Zimmerman was contacted by an investigator regarding the fire. Zimmerman reported that the Fire Department assisted with downed power lines and clearing roads until 1:00 am. Zimmerman reviewed training. Zimmerman announced his resignation depending on what happens.

Hammond presented the applications for Fire Chief. Hammond reported that the position was advertised in the Sawyer County Record and 3 applications were received. Hammond and Evans interviewed each candidate. A summary of each interview was given to each Board Member. Hammond stated that each candidate was very qualified. Hammond strongly recommended Chris Headley. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to appoint Chris Headley as Fire Chief for the remainder of Marvin Mullet's term (December 31, 2023). Motion carried. Warshawsky followed up with Zimmerman regarding his possible resignation. Zimmerman stated that it is to be determined.

Fire Department Purchases - None

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent on general maintenance, storm clean up, replacing 6 culverts on Williams Road, and pressure washing and sanitizing park bathrooms. Campbell reported that the seconded pass of mowing is underway.

Campbell presented Driveway Permit Applications for Gary Yerges and Douglas Seylar. Campbell review each application and recommended approval for both. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Campbell presented the Williams Road project update. Campbell reported that there is plenty of base underneath the road and the project is on schedule. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of July 31, 2022, the Town has a total of \$825,480.09 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - None

Hall presented the 2022 nuisance complaint update. Hall reported that Warshawsky will create an abatement list to review with Campbell and Hall will then call the owners on the abatement list.

Hall reported that the Board granted a request to replace a stairway on the Public Reserve Strip at last month's meeting. Upon further review by the Town's attorney, the request should not have been granted. The court order states that the staircase can only be repaired or maintained. The attorney recommended rescinding last month's motion. Chuck Gundersen presented his case on behalf of the property owners. Gundersen argued that replacing the staircase would improve the Town's property. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Evans to rescind last month's motion only allowing repair or maintenance of the stairway. Motion carried.

Hall presented 2 Operator License Applications. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the applications. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to Adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.