

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, April 18, 2023 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Don Adams, and Jim Evans, Treasurer Laura Bruce and Clerk Tammy Brown.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm.

Clerk Brown affirmed that the agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Chairman Hall reported that the Sawyer County proposed ordinance amendment for multi-dwelling development will be re-heard by Sawyer County zoning and topic will be tabled until next meeting. Since there are no other zoning items, Hall stated he would move up the agenda the recognition of service.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to approve the consent agenda below with changes stated:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for March 2023
- c. Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented correspondence received from the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance Campaign to reach incoming ATV riders. The alliance shared sample information that can be included in Town packets. Discussion followed. The board approved creating a town packet for ATV riders. Clerk Brown will coordinate information and put together a packet.

Chairman Hall presented a certificate of recognition to Bob Hammond for serving 4 years on the Town of Bass Lake Board. Hall presented Treasurer Kari Aderman with a certificate of recognition of service from Governor Tony Evers for 22 years of service. Hall also presented Aderman with the wood plaque of appreciation for her service to the Town of Bass Lake.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the Fire Department Report. Headley reported there were 6 calls including 3 lift assists and 3 car accidents. Headley reported Pumps had the best pricing for new tires. Headley reported exhaust manifolds broke on both sides on brush truck and new tires are needed. Headley also reported the box the skid unit sits in is rusted and needs to be replaced. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported majority of March spent plowing and patrolling roads. Seeing an increase in fuel costs. Highway road bans went in effect March 20, 2023. Campbell presented camping permits. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Aubart to approve camping permits. Motion carried. Campbell presented a driveway permit. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Aubart to approve driveway permit. Motion carried. Campbell presented excavation permits. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to approve excavation permits. Motion carried.

Highway Chief Campbell presented the tornado siren maintenance agreement with Emergency Communication Systems. This was a 5-year agreement through 2023. The yearly price increased by \$100.00. Emergency Communication Systems requested to be paid yearly and not in one lump sum. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the 5-year tornado siren maintenance agreement with Emergency Communication Systems to be paid in yearly installments. Motion carried. Highway Chief Campbell presented an update on the micro surfacing contract. Due to budget constraints, Highway Chief Campbell would like to hold off on the micro surfacing but would like to move forward with the crack sealing. Discussion followed.

Highway Chief Campbell presented an update on potential grants. Discussion followed.

Chairman Hall announced Laura Bruce as the new Treasurer for Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County. Treasurer Laura Bruce presented the Treasurer's report. Bruce reported as of March 31, 2023 there was \$519,573.18 in all accounts. Motion by Evans, seconded by Aubart to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented an update on the tax-exempt status with LCO. 35 members within the boundaries of reservation will be exempted. Exemptions will come off tax roll and assessor has already removed. However, the case does not include refunds and any disputed amounts would have had to have been filed by January 31, 2023. Discussion followed. Aderman requested to rescind personal property tax on Scott of \$65.53 as not collectable. The property owner is deceased. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to rescind personal property tax on Scott of \$65.53. Motion carried.

Clerk Brown reported the April 4, 2023 Spring Election results. There were 663 total voters. Clerk Brown shared upcoming training through the Wisconsin Town Association. Brown reported she would be attending virtual training on May 1, 2023 for Board of Review and that she and Treasurer Bruce were also registered for the 2023 Spring Officer's workshop the week of May 22, 2023. Clerk Brown shared information on the Wisconsin Town's Association Town Advocacy Council for consideration. Brown also reported the Wisconsin Town's Association Sawyer County Unit Meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023.

Clerk Brown presented information on the new town email accounts for the board members. Brown requested members check email accounts on a regular basis and suggested at least weekly.

Aubart and Highway Chief Campbell presented an update on the 2023 Spring Clean-Up event. Discussion followed. Event scheduled for May 20, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Aubart presented an operator license application for Corbine. Clerk Brown reported she sent Corbine a letter requesting a copy of current license for renewal as one was not found on file and the application needs to be notarized. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to approve Corbine's application as long as a copy of previous license is provided and application is notarized. Motion carried. Aubart presented an operator license application for Thayer. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to deny application for Thayer. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Evans to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Motion carried.