

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Monday, September 12, 2002 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 Hammond, seconded by Evans to approve the consent agenda listed below including a clarification of the August 8, 2022 minutes submitted by Gordon Zimmerman:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for September 2022
- c. Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the August 20, 2022 Special Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Administration sent a letter denying Conditional Use Permit #22-023 for Riley and Emily Grasse.
2. Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau (HLVCB) sent an email to request nominees for the board of directors. The deadline for nominees is September 16, 2022.

Zoning – None

Evans introduced the special presentation regarding the condition of the Fire Department equipment presented by Steve Adamski from Big Water Fire Apparatus, LLC. Adamski reviewed his qualifications. Adamski reported that Fire Chief Headley asked him to inspect the equipment. Adamski had 1 day scheduled, but it turned out to be 9 days. Adamski rescheduled his appointments to help address the most serious issues. There are 6-7 more days of work to be done.

Adamski strongly recommended implementing a maintenance program. Currently Adamski only performs pump testing and maintenance on an annual basis.

Adamski presented important general concerns:

- Tire Age – All tires are expired. All tires should be replaced every 7 years (10 the maximum)
- Tire Pressure – The tire pressure on all tires was dangerously low.
- Batteries – batteries should be replaced every 5 -7 years (10 is pushing your luck since everything is electrical).
- Dashboard Clutter – The dashboards were full of clutter, making defrosters inoperable. Dashboards need to be kept clear.
- Documentation – currently there are no maintenance logs. The only documentation available is for the annual pump testing. Each vehicle should have its own folder with a maintenance record.

Adamski gave a detailed report on each vehicle (see attached):

1. Tanker #1 – Adamski reviewed the report. Evans added that a key was wedged into the ignition and needs to be addressed. The proper key was hanging in the compartment behind the cab.

2. Engine #2 – Adamski reviewed the report
3. Engine #1 – Adamski reviewed the report.
4. Brush Truck – Adamski reviewed the report. Adamski reported heavy rust. The front bumper was rusted out and the oil filter was rusted. Evans added that Adamski does not see a rusted oil filter very often and found it bizarre that the bumper is rusted out.
5. Rescue #1 – Adamski reviewed the report noting that he red tagged the vehicle. Headley took the vehicle to Arnie's to fix the breaks and the vehicle is back in service.

Adamski concluded his presentation by listing some issues he found with the Fire Hall:

- Air Compressor – Belt was loose and had to be replaced. There was 5 gallons of water at the bottom of the compressor. The compressor needs to be emptied every month. Adamski hooked up a hose to make draining the compressor easier. The unit needs to be bolted to the floor.
- Fuel Tank – Adamski noted that some trucks were very low on fuel. The fuel tank outside the Fire Hall was broken and never fixed. Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell just fixed the tank and it is now operable.
- Furnace - The furnace is hanging off the ceiling and should be looked at by a furnace repairman.
- Natural Gas Line – the gas line in the new addition is nicked and should be looked at and moved.
- Ice Auger – Evans reported that the auger is currently inoperable which is unacceptable.

Evans thanked Adamski for his presentation.

Evans stated that the condition of the Fire Hall was deplorable, indicating a history of neglect.

Evans addressed discussions on social media implying that all firefighters were dismissed and locked out of the Fire Hall. Evans stated that he would let the audience decide. Evans reported that after Fire Chief Mullet was dismissed, 9 firefighters resigned. Among the 9, Paul Coutain specifically stated that he resigned because Mullet was dismissed. Mullet sent out a letter to all residents stating “Because of the spiteful and superfluous accusations, there has been a mass resignation of firefighters. By the first of August there will be two firefighters left on the department.” (letter attached) Evans noted that the firefighters never gave the new chief a chance. Evans then asked who failed the community.

Discussion followed.

Warshawsky reported that Jill Larson from Floor to Ceiling was not present but put together a packet for the Fire Hall meeting room remodel. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to bid out the Fire Hall remodeling project. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the Fire Department Report. Headley reported that there were 4 calls and reviewed each call.

Fire Department Business Meeting and Training Meeting Schedule – To be presented next month.

Fire Department Purchases - None

Sale of Fire Department Tires – Topic withdrawn

Fire Department Secretary Allysa Headley presented the Fire Department Open House update. A. Headley announced that the open house will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. It will be a family fun event. A. Headley encouraged Board involvement. Discussion followed.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was busy with the Williams Road project, sign replacement, grading, brushing, mowing, storm clean up, and installing a new dock at Windigo Boat Landing.

Driveway Permits - None

Campbell presented the Williams Road project update. Campbell reported that the second layer of asphalt is scheduled for September 20 – 21. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that as of August 31, 2022, the Town has a total of \$925,485.43 in all accounts. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – None

Hall presented the 2022 Nuisance Complaint updated. Hall reported that he and Campbell will be reviewing the nuisance complaint log and abatement list.

Hall presented the request to vacate Grant Street in Northwoods Beach. Hall reported that in order to vacate Grant Street, a petition would need to be circulated and everyone in the Northwoods Beach Subdivision would have to approve. Any signature missing would be considered a "no".

Hall presented the amended Town Recyclable Material Collection Ordinance No. 1994-04-11 and Town of Bass Lake Recycling Compliance Assurance Plan. Hall explained that the DNR conducted an evaluation and requested that the ordinance be updated, and a compliance plan created. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the amended ordinance and new compliance plan.

Hall presented Resolution No. 09-12-2022 to Amend the 2022 Budget. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Hall presented the LP quote worksheet. Hall reported that we are waiting on a few more quotes. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Hammond to authorize Hall to make to the final decision. Motion carried.

Hall presented the Temporary Liquor License Application for the Bass Lake Fire Department open house on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve the temporary liquor license. Motion carried.

Hall presented 2 Operator License Applications. Aubart reviewed the background checks and recommended approval. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Hall announced that the Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Motion carried.