

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, October 10, 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 that the agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the consent agenda below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for October 2022
- c. Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the August 4, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting

Motion carried.

Hall presented correspondence:

1. Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau sent an email regarding the annual fall meeting to be held on October 19, 2022, 5:30 pm at the Flat Creek Lodge.
2. Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau sent an email with an ATV poster reminding ATV users not to speed.

Hall presented Variance Application #22-007 for Frank and Diane Dowell. The permit is for the construction of a single story 26' x 30' detached garage (28' x 32') with eaves. This structure is proposed to have a 27.5' setback at the closest point to Windigo Lake and a 10' setback at the closest point to the center line (C/L) of a private road easement. Variance is requested as Section 6.1 Sawyer County Zoning Shoreland Wetland Protection Ordinance. Shoreland setbacks would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure less than 75' to the OHWM. The proposed variance is requesting a 27.5' setback at the closest point to the OHWM of Windigo Lake. Additionally, Section 4.21 (6), Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, Setback requirements on highways and roads would require the prior granting of a variance for accessory structures less than the required 30' from the C/L of a private driveway that is 33' or less in width. The proposed variance is requesting a 10' setback at the closest point to 1 16.5' private road easement. Aubart presented the Planning Committee's decision. Aubart reported that the Planning Committee recommended denying the application. Frank Dowell was present and presented his application. Dowell has been on Windigo Lake for 15 years. Dowell explained that there is room to build on the ridge, but the structure would be visible from the lake. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to deny the application. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. No unique property limitations as there are similar parcels. The garage can be relocated to be compliant.
2. Harm to public interest by building closer than 75' to the lake and driveway setback requests narrowing access road for emergency services (fire).
3. No unnecessary hardship – garage can be built on the parcel without a variance. Building a non-conforming structure would make the property more non-conforming as both cabin and garage are self-created hardships.

Fire Chief Chris Headley presented the Fire Department Report. Headley reported that there were two fire calls.

Fire Department Secretary Allysa Headley announced that training meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month and business meetings will be held the third Monday of the month. Any meeting falling on a holiday will be moved to the following Monday.

Secretary Headley presented the Board a Fire Department Purchase Request form without specific allocation. Discussion followed. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Savitski to approve \$97,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign off on the purchases. Motion carried.

Hall reported that no bids were received for the Fire Hall meeting room remodeling project.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that last month was spent on sign replacement, the Williams Road project, and mowing. Campbell thanked Linn Newton for alerting him of garbage being dumped on Sawyer Avenue. After going back and forth between the County and the Tribe, the issue has been resolved. Campbell reported that Thoroughfare Bridge will need to be addressed. Discussion followed.

Campbell presented two Driveway Permit Applications. Campbell reviewed the applications and recommended approval for both. Motion by Hammond, seconded by Evans to approve both applications. Motion carried.

Campbell announced that the Williams Road project is complete. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report Aderman reported that as of September 30, 2022, the Town has a total of \$660,045.37 in all accounts. The Clerk and Treasurer balanced for the month. Motion by Evans, seconded by Savitski to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Clerk's Report – None

Hall presented the 2022 nuisance complaint update. Hall and Campbell will be reviewing the remaining properties. Two or three may go on the abatement list.

Hall presented Resolution No. 10-10-2022 to Amend the 2022 Budget. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Hammond to approve the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Evans – yes, Hammond – yes, Savitski – yes, Aubart – yes, and Hall – yes. Motion carried.

Hall presented a Liquor License Application for Hawkins Log Cabin Store and two Operator License Applications. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Hammond to approve all applications. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Motion carried.