

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, March 11, 2024 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Supervisors Don Adams, Jim Evans, Dave Aubart and Marshal Savitski, Treasurer Laura Bruce and Clerk Tammy Brown.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for February 2024
- c. Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Hall reported there was an email received from Douglas Kurtzweil regarding the Sawyer County proposed Amendment for Multi-Dwelling Development (Version 5.4) that would be discussed under zoning.

Chairman Hall recognized Planning Committee Chairman, Bond Sutton who presented the proposed Sawyer County Amendment for Multi-Dwelling Development (Version 5.4). Discussion followed. Chairman Hall recognized Linda Zillmer who presented a letter to the board members regarding the proposed amendment. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to postpone voting on approval or denial of the Sawyer County proposed Amendment for Multi-Dwelling Development (Version 5.4) until next month. Motion Carried.

Chairman Hall stated the Planning Committee was waiting on more information regarding the Room Tax Sub-Committee and there would be an update next month.

Fire Secretary Allysa Headley presented the Fire Department Report.

Secretary Headley presented two purchase forms for approval. One for the purchase of the Highway Departments Brush Truck for \$32,500.00 and the second for spending \$2,500.00 for the DNR grant. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Aubart to approve both purchases. Motion carried.

Secretary Headley presented Windell Jefferson, Jr. for approval as a new member of the Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Jefferson is a certified Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to approve Mr. Jefferson as a new member of the Bass Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall stated he asked the Planning Committee to review the possibility of moving the Fire Department building if a new building is approved. Hall reported the Planning Committee voted to not move the location of the Fire Department building. Discussion followed. Supervisor Evans requested to get a bid on remodeling the current building and review options from there.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report stating road bans were put on February 2, 2024 with Sawyer County road ban coming off on February 20<sup>th</sup> and then going back on. Campbell stated the town followed the County road bans. Campbell stated he had received 3 permits for road bans.

Campbell presented 3 camping permits for approval stating all had campers last year. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Adams to approve camping permits as presented. Motion Carried.

Campbell gave an update on road grants stating no update for the STP grant or the DNR grant, and the town may not qualify for the ARIP grant. Campbell reported final amount for the crack seal and micro surfacing was \$177,740.00.

Campbell requested purchase of a new plow for \$5,900.00 for the Highway Department new Brush Truck. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve purchase of a new plow for \$5,900.00 for the Highway Department new Brush Truck. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bruce reported as of February 29, 2024 there was \$661,086.55 in all accounts. Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to approve the February Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Bruce reported the Town received an agreement from the Wisconsin DOR for an immediate payment of \$3,318.00 based on the loss in taxable value as a result of the Court of Appeals decision on the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin v. Evans. Discussion followed.

Clerk Brown gave an update on the April 2, 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary stating March 19, 2024 was the first day for in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's office and public testing of the voting equipment would be scheduled after March 23, 2024 per election guidelines. Clerk Brown reported after meeting with the Chief Election Inspectors they have decided to change the layout of the voting area with all voters entering through the front door of Town Hall and exiting through the side door. Discussion Followed.

Chairman Hall presented the letter that was sent to Cathy LaReau with the Sawyer County Trails requesting to open County Highway K to ATV/UTV traffic from CTY KK to HWY 27 and County Highway E from Williams Road/HWY E intersection to the Town line and beyond into the Town of Hayward to connect to Bender/Chippewa Trail Road. Chairman Hall stated the proposed routes need to be approved. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Evans to approve proposed routes stated in letter sent to Cathy LaReau. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall presented a formal request from Jordan Lee to abandon a 200 foot section for planned road of Forrest Street between Janesville Ave. and Wonder Ave. in the Northwood Beach area. Discussion followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Adams to start the process for abandoning the 200 foot section of Forrest Road. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall stated we need to decide on a date for 2024 Spring Clean Up event. Discussion followed. Motion by Adams, seconded by Evans to hold the 2024 Spring Clean Up event on May 18, 2024. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall stated need to move the April regular board meeting to the same day as the annual meeting and a time needed to be set for the annual meeting. The April annual meeting will occur on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM with the regular board meeting directly after.

Supervisor Aubart presented Operator's license for Joseph Beran, Pamela Sharlow, Bradley Thayer and Frederick Shaw. Discussion followed. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Savitski to approve operator's licenses as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to rescind original motion to postpone the vote for the Sawyer County proposed Amendment for Multi-Dwelling Development (Version 5.4) and to vote on the amendment at tonight's meeting. Motion carried. Further discussion of the proposed amendment followed. Motion by Savitski, seconded by Aubart to approve the Sawyer County proposed Amendment for Multi-Dwelling Development (Version 5.4) as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Adams, seconded by Savitski to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion carried.