

These are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in person and virtually using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Justin Hall, Supervisors Dave Aubart, Don Adams, Jim Evans, Treasurer Laura Bruce, and Clerk Tammy Brown. Members Absent: Marshal Savitski.

Forty-Seven (47) Townspeople were present; 28 in person and 19 on Zoom.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Clerk Brown affirmed notice was posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 60.12 (3) and 985.2 (2).

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were available prior to the meeting. Motion by Jim Evans, seconded by Nancy Albertin to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Hall announced the date and time for the 2025 Annual Meeting will be the third Tuesday of April on April 15, 2025 keep the 6:00 pm start time and asked for any recommendations to changes of the start time. Motion by Nancy Albertin, seconded by Dave Bauer to have the 2025 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

The 2023 financial statement prepared by Two Rivers Accounting, LLC was available prior to the meeting. Discussion followed. Motion by Bond Sutton, seconded by Nancy ALbertin to approve the 2023 financial statement. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Hall presented plan for abandonment of the Public Reserve Strip and opened the floor for discussion. Nancy Albertin expressed concern as to who generated the proposal and could not find mention of it in previous meeting minutes. Albertin stated concern over the history of Northwoods Beach and that it was promoted with this access. Albertin showed old flyers to support how Northwoods Beach was promoted. Albertin asked Chairman Hall how much money has already been spent on pursuing the abandonment and if there is a cap as to what will be spent. Hall explained he would have to review statements from the Town Attorney to determine the total spent but estimated at this time \$1,000 - \$1,500 total on Attorney research and answering letters. Hall explained there is no cap because there are several steps to go through and it may not pass each step and he estimates around \$30,000 - \$50,000 total cost with the surveying being the highest expense. Mark Olson expressed concern that abandoning the Public Reserve Strip is not the same as abandoning a road. Hall explained that he had asked that same question to the Town Attorney. Olson shared information he pulled from the DNR website. Ed Packee shared information regarding the beach strip within the plated subdivision. Tom Harlen expressed support of the Town abandoning the Public Reserve Strip due to maintenance and upkeep. Motion by Kevin Fitzgerald, seconded by Nancy Albertin to postpone voting on abandonment of Public Reserve Strip for a special meeting or at next year's annual meeting. Vote: Eight (8) in favor of postponing and Twelve (12) opposed. Motion failed. Motion by Michael Chwistek, seconded by Mike Shal to begin the process of abandoning the Public Reserve Strip. Vote: Twelve (12) in favor of starting the process of abandoning the Public Reserve Strip and Five (5) opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Hall opened the floor for public comment. Sherry Anderson expressed concern over the Public Reserve Strip as she has property for sale and has lost 2 buyers because people do not understand the situation of the Public Reserve Strip. Ed Packee expressed need of a meeting between the Towns.

Motion by Dave Bauer, seconded by Michael Chwistek to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.