

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, May 13, 2024 in person and using Zoom. Members Present: Supervisors Don Adams, Jim Evans, Dave Aubart, Treasurer Laura Bruce and Clerk Tammy Brown.

Acting Chairman Aubart 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 Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda below:

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Review and Approve Vouchers for April 2024
- c. Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Aubart presented Notice of Application of Control of Aquatic Invasive Species from COLA. Discussion followed. Clerk Brown presented information received from Tamarack Health regarding their annual community health assessment survey. The survey is available through May 31, 2024.

Chairman Aubart recognized Planning Committee Chairman, Bond Sutton who presented the Sawyer County Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 4.26 Accessory Uses and Structures allowing an exemption for one (1) storage shed/storage structure to be allowed on vacant parcels with specific requirements and noted that the exemption is not allowed in platted subdivision without Town approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the Sawyer County Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 4.26 Accessory Uses and Structures. Motion carried.

Chairman Aubart recognized Bruce Knight who presented his formal request to abandon easement. Mr. Knight owns both properties surrounding the easement. Sutton stated he spoke with Highway Chief and there are no plans to develop that section of land and he inspected the section of land, and it is the same on both sides, has had no development and looks like the rest of the property surrounding it. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve abandonment. Motion carried.

Sutton presented an update for the Tourism Committee stating there are 2 bids out for website development and maintenance. Sutton shared some various items that will be visible on the website and the functionality. Discussion followed.

Fire Department report tabled – not present.

Highway Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report with road bans being lifted in April and road patrol doing sign replacements, and patching potholes & grading roads.

Campbell presented 2 camping permits for Loyd Dahl and Michael Widiker for approval stating both had permits last year. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve camping permits as presented. Motion Carried.

Campbell presented a driveway permit for Kurt & Sue Anderson for approval. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve the driveway permit as presented. Motion carried.

Highway Chief Campbell reported request from Rual Insurance to increase blanket tool coverage insurance stating current policy is \$16,000 but after completing inventory value increased to around \$35,000. Discussion followed.

Campbell gave an update on road grants. TRIS grant application for Goss Road was denied and there is no update for Thunderpoint Road. Discussion followed.

Campbell reported that the new highway truck was in and with new transmission total cost just under the approved \$15,000.

Treasurer Bruce reported all town funds have been moved to Frandsen Bank and as of April 30, 2024 there was \$572,850.67 in all accounts. Motion by Adams, seconded by Evans to approve the April Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Clerk Brown presented a list of 2022 Real Estate Taxes that are currently unpaid and will require the clerk to file a charge back form for each parcel that is over \$250.00 with the Wisconsin DOR to be rescinded. Clerk Brown stated the town would have to pay Sawyer County for all of the unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes and when the WI DOR processes the chargeback forms, reimbursement will be sent to Sawyer County in November 2024, and they have until February 2025 to send to the town. Brown stated the unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes that are under \$250.00 would come out of the town budget, however, the town received a grant from the WI DOR in March for \$3,318.00 that the town stated would be put towards the chargebacks to cover those unpaid taxes. The clerk stated the town should not have to pay any additional funds after the grant money is applied. Clerk Brown also stated there were 2 refunds that were paid back in 2023 that will be included in the chargeback forms.

Clerk Brown reported the Board of Review would have to meet to adjourn to a later date due to the tax roll not being ready. Brown stated at least three (3) board members would need to be at the meet to adjourn meeting on June 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall. The next Board of Review meeting will be August 12, 2024 directly following the regular town meeting.

Clerk Brown reported there are new alcohol/beverage and cigarette/tobacco licensing guidelines and new forms from the 2023 Wisconsin Act 73 that was signed into law by Governor Evers on December 6, 2023. Brown stated one change in the licensing guidelines that could affect the town is with the operator's license. Brown reported effective January 1, 2025 the Wisconsin DOR would begin issuing operator's permits that would allow an operator to serve alcohol in any municipality in the state. Brown stated operator's would have the option of either obtaining a municipality operator's license or the state issued operator's permit but they do not need both.

Clerk Brown reported she received a survey request from the Secretary of State for the Wisconsin Federal Work Study Funds. Brown stated if given the grant it would pay for a college student to work with the clerk through a work study program. Brown stated she completed the survey and would report back once a determination was made.

Clerk Brown reported Spectrum came out to Town Hall and inspected for installation. Brown reported she was waiting for more information on updating the internet speed and WiFi and would report back at next meeting.

Highway Chief Campbell presented an update to the 2024 Spring Clean-up event on May 18, 2024. Clerk Brown reported the event was posted in the Sawyer County Record and the Four Seasons papers. Discussion followed.

Chairman Aubart provided update regarding the Public Reserve Strip and the next step is to meet with the DNR.

Chairman Aubart stated board members were provided a list of the Town assets with a map.

Chairman Aubart recognized Clerk Brown to give update on formal request to abandon Forest Street. Clerk Brown stated this was approved at the March 2024 meeting and inquired of Planning Committee Chairman Bond Sutton as to the next steps. Sutton stated there would have to be a formal resolution. Discussion followed.

Chairman Aubart recognized Clerk Brown to present proposal for purchasing tablets and adding email accounts for the Planning Committee members. Clerk Brown stated there would be 5 email accounts created, 5 accounts added to the Microsoft 365 account to allow access to SharePoint for document sharing and Microsoft Office, and 5 tablets similar to the Board Member tablets would need to be purchased for a total of \$1,850.00. Clerk Brown stated the total amount would probably come in just under that total. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve purchase request as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Aubart recognized Highway Chief Campbell to present current nuisance complaints. Campbell shared list of all current residences with open complaints and gave update on each. Campbell stated those on tribal property were sent to the Tribal Board. Discussion followed.

Chairman Aubart presented 10 operator's license applications stating all are for Trails End Resort. Discussion followed. Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to approve all 10 operator's license applications as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Evans, seconded by Adams to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.