

Regular Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2015:

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Maines, who noted that this meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, and the Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review and WERL-WRJO Radio Stations of Eagle River. Supervisor Rasmussen, Supervisor Schmidt and Clerk Brooker were present. There were 6 other people present.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to approve the agenda by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, carried.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the October Town Board meeting by Supervisor Schmidt, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried.

Mike Stroh – Lakes Committee Report:

Mike Stroh prepared a report from the Lakes Committee and was present to highlight some of the activities of what has been happening and what plans they have for 2016. The lakes were monitored for 2200 hours by the University of Oshkosh interns, with an additional 550 hours handled by local retirees. The lakes being monitored include Ballard, Star, Plum, Razorback, Big Muskellunge and Lake Laura. The Lakes Committee felt there were some inadequacies at some of the boat landings this summer and they are working with the program to get them corrected. These issues included monitors not being at the landings when scheduled, scheduling monitors at inappropriate hours and the monitors being scheduled for only 32 hours per week. Mike requested that the Town Board allow future grant documents to be signed by the Town Clerk, as was done in the past and approval was given. 2016 grant process must be completed by December 10 and Mike will work with Clerk Brooker to complete that application.

Adoption of 2016 Budget:

Chairman Maines asked for a motion to adopt budget as presented at the Budget Hearing meeting. Motion made by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, carried.

Forbes Request to Name Driveway:

After Clerk consultation with Becky Nordine at Vilas County Mapping Department, the board denied the request by Charles Forbes to name his driveway. Becky did not want to set a precedent by assigning a fire number to a garage and Thompson Lane is not available for a street name in Vilas County. The board also denied the request to amend “North Bound” Road to “Northbound” Road. Motion to deny requests made by Supervisor Schmidt, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried.

Post Office Property:

The owner of the Post Office building and property, Ed McCarthy, has brought it to the attention of the board that the sidewalk and the overhang on the Post Office building are actually on property belonging to the town, Sayner Street. This creates a responsibility and liability issue for both parties. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to “vacate” or otherwise detach a portion of Sayner Street to the Post Office Building property owner (Mr. McCarthy) that would allow the sidewalk and the overhang of the Post Office building to become part of the property of Mr. McCarthy, providing Mr. McCarthy is willing to pay to have the property surveyed and for other related costs incurred, within reason. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried. Clerk Brooker to contact Mr. McCarthy.

New Service Truck:

No action right now until more information is available on the specifications needed by the town for this new truck. Chairman Maines will contact Mike Pockat from Woodruff Town Crew to see if he has advice for the town. Board will also talk to Kent for his opinion.

Hiring Part-Time Recycling Employee:

Art Nass has been working at the Recycling Center for \$15.00 per hour. Motion to approve hiring Art to continue in this position, at this pay, made by Chairman Maines, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, carried.

Employee Policies:

Chairman Maines requested the Supervisors to identify areas of town crew responsibilities that they feel need supervision and also areas that could be issues, as well as possible solutions to those situations. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he felt the log books would be a good method to help evaluate employee performance. The Board set January 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM to hold a special meeting for the town board to review the ideas they come up with. The only item on this agenda will be “Employee Policies” and this initial meeting will be for only board members, not the employees.

Financial Report and Vouchers:

Motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to approve vouchers in the amount of \$144,043.84, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried. (Included payment for the new one ton truck and the first payment for the new loader)

Correspondence and Citizens Comments:

Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the Fire Department has received a donation from the Alexander Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 toward the rescue boat. He also mentioned that Governor Walker had signed Assembly Bill 143/Chapter 256 changing requirements for ambulance calls personnel from two licensed EMT’s to one EMT and a First Responder. He feels this will be a significant help with ambulance staffing problems.

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The voice recording of this meeting is available at the town office. These Minutes were taken at a town board meeting of the town of Plum Lake held on the 17th day of November, 2015 and were entered in this Record Book this 4th day of December, 2015, by: