

Special Town Board Meeting of April 28, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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, The Lakeland Times, and WERL-WRJO Radio Stations of Eagle River, as well as posted on the town website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Wiggenhauser and Clerk Brooker were also present. There were 5 other people present at the meeting. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Carl Eliason St. Project:

Phil Kriesel from MSA Engineering presented his plan to the Town Board explaining how he was going to drain Eliason St. by crossing Hwy 155 into a storm sewer which would then drain into the proposed drainage pond/catch basin. The Town will need to get a DOT permit which can take up to a month. MSA will coordinate getting the permit. The drainage pond will need to be maintained from layers of silt building up over time. There will need to be a maintenance agreement written up by the Town for making sure the pond is maintained properly. If the pond is over an acre the DNR will need a copy of the maintenance agreement. Supervisor Wiggenhauser was worried about the water freezing in the pipes on Eliason St. when he heard the pipes on the east side of 155 would only be under ground around two feet. Phil said he could not guarantee they would not freeze but was confident that in all of his past comparable projects he has not had a problem. He also recommended using concrete pipes as they last longer and are stronger than the less expensive PVC pipes. Phil said once the Engineering part can get moving, he will have more accurate information. He stressed that the Town is fast approaching a dead line where it will be too late to start the project this year. He mentioned June 1st as that dead line, and stated that if it is not met, the project will have to be carried over to the following year. If it ends up being carried to next year, the Town needs to have everything ready by January 1st, as the bidding of jobs begins then. Phil touched on other subjects the Board members brought up, such as how long the job will take, other options available if the Town does not receive the land deal. He said the Board must act now if they want to do the project this year. Clerk Brooker is to call Alex Reichl and convey to him they need a decision ASAP. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said he will call Walt Koskinen to see if he could be of help. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to have a meeting on Carl Eliason Street on Tuesday, May 5th at 4:30 pm. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Possible Resolution to Declare a State of Emergency for Town of Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines asked the Board Members if they wanted to proceed with passing the resolution. After a brief discussion Supervisor Wiggenhauser made a motion to pass a resolution to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Plum Lake. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Resolution 2020-001

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel strain of the coronavirus, was detected in December 2019, and has subsequently spread throughout numerous countries and the United States, including Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, international organizations, the Federal, State, County and local governments are all working together to contain COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, citing the World Health Organization's declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health & Human Services declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency of Executive Order #72; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plum Lake has been working to protect the community from the spread of this disease, and to prepare for the impacts it may have; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors, the Town of Plum Lake must avail itself of all resources needed to respond and to contain the presence of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Chairman and Board of Supervisors of the Town of Plum Lake, that a local public health emergency now exists throughout the Town of Plum Lake; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Chairman and the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Plum Lake, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Plum Lake, will do whatever is necessary and practical to protect the health and well-being of all community members; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Chairman and the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Plum Lake, that during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions and duties of the Town Chairman and the Emergency Management Coordinator, who is Fire & Emergency Medical Services Chief, shall have the authority to ensure daily operations continue; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Chairman and the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Plum Lake, that town officials and staff seek all opportunities to coordinate and collect all resources available to the community through local, county, state and federal programs.

Truck Country Invoices:-

Chairman Maines said he had read all the correspondence pertaining to the bill in question and concluded that the Town had no option but to pay the bill in question. He also said the late fee would be waived. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to pay the Truck Country invoice for the amount of \$6,914.48, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded; motion carried.

Fire Numbers and Signs:

Kevin Rasmussen reported that on Razorback Road the signs are becoming unreadable. The Board has been waiting for a list from the Town Crew of the signs that need replacing. Supervisor Schmidt said the Crew was asked in March to go out and inventory the signs that need replacing. Chairman Maines said he will talk to the Crew and find out where the list is. The Board will also need to decide where to order new signs from and if they should be two-sided signs. Action will have to wait till next meeting.

Hiring a Part-Time General Laborer for the Town of Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines stated the Town had received 3 applications for the job which entails recycling and around 2 hours a week cleaning. Supervisor Schmidt said he felt that Gary Kellner's application was the best. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to offer the job to Gary Kellner. Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded; motion carried.

Plans for New Town Garage and Repairs to EMS Building:

Chairman Maines said he did not want to schedule an electors meeting to lay out the plans for a new Town Garage until the stay at home order is lifted as he feels there will be a large turnout. For now, the Chairman feels the Board will have to wait to schedule such a meeting. Chairman Maines said they could move forward with the repairs to the EMS Building as they do not have to have elector approval to act on repairs. Supervisor Wiggenhauser talked about moving the EMS rather than repairing the existing building. Kevin Rasmussen and other Board members were against that idea. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to put the EMS Building on the agenda for next week to put it out for bids. Supervisor Schmidt said he would contact Steve Jamroz to clarify how to go about putting it out for bids. Chairman Maines seconded; Supervisor Schmidt aye, Chairman Maines aye, Supervisor Wiggenhauser nay; motion carried 2 to 1. The Board then continued discussing on how best to utilize a new Town Garage. Supervisor Wiggenhauser felt strongly about utilizing all the various facilities in a more efficient way. Supervisor Schmidt suggested putting water and heat in the Storage Building behind the Town Hall to be able to service and wash the Grader in a heated building. Chairman Maines said the discussion was going nowhere and asked Clerk Brooker to put discussing the New Town Garage back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Meeting of the town of Plum Lake held on the 28th day of April 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: