

Regular Town Board Meeting of September 8, 2015:

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM 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 17 other people present.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion made to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, carried.

Bids on Town 1-Ton Truck:

The town received two bids on the 2001 one-ton truck. One bid was from Jake Adkins in the amount of \$3,651, the other bid was from Jay Wittman in the amount of \$4,555. Motion made by Supervisor Schmidt to accept the bid of \$4,555, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried. Clerk to notify bidders of bid results.

ATV/UTV Survey Report:

Chairman Maines thanked the ad hoc committee for their work on this survey. The committee members were Nancy Atwater, Marcia Kittleson, John Richter, Jim Thomas, Russ Davis, Kathryn Drew and Lauri Gerlach. Chairman Maines stated that there were three options the town could now consider:

- do nothing and wait until the town was approached on this subject
- create a resolution based on survey results
- create an ordinance based on survey results

Regarding the survey results:

- 962 surveys were sent out to all property owners and voters in the Town of Plum Lake.
- 563, (59%) of those surveys were returned
- Of the 867 votes cast, 598 were against allowing ATV/UTV's (69%) and 269 (31%) were for allowing them.

Discussion was held, including input from Deputy Schneider from the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, determining that enacting either a resolution or an ordinance would, in reality, do nothing. The town has no method of enforcement and enforcement is already in place at a county level. Any resolution or ordinance at this point would be redundant. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to back the constituents by agreeing not to allow ATV/UTV's in the Town of Plum Lake, seconded by Supervisor Schmidt, carried. Chairman Maines will write a letter to be sent to both the County and the DNR to let them know that the town has no interest in allowing ATV/UTV's on town roads or property.

Tommy Gate on 2005 One-Ton Truck:

Supervisor Schmidt talked to Doug McKay and T & T Service out of Minocqua can weld and repair the Tommy Gate at a cost of \$700. Motion made by Supervisor Schmidt to have Doug take the truck to T & T Service for repairs, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried.

Razorback Road/Froelich Drive Road Work:

Bob McMahon was present and stated that the work on Razorback would start "tomorrow" (September 9th) and should take 2-3 days, depending on the weather. This procedure is asphalt maintenance and is intended to extend the life of the asphalt. The snowmobile crossings on Froelich Drive will be done a little later using a different process.

Star Lake Recycling Site:

Supervisor Rasmussen provided video clips to the board members that were taken showing people dropping off their garbage and recycling at the Star Lake Site when there was no attendant present. There were 8-10 violators per week during this late season. Options were discussed such as: fence area in; close the site; raise the fees; eliminate the overtime; create a "wall of shame" of offenders. As of now, the site will be given one more chance. Situation will be reviewed again in one month's time, with closure of site possible if things don't change.

Cemetery Rules & Regulations:

Discussion on Cemetery Rules & Regulations as revised last year. Town Board was given copies of a letter from Town Attorney Greg Harrold, copies of the Cemetery Ordinance (80-1) and also copies of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. There are questions regarding the number of cremations allowed in one lot as well as who is allowed to be interred in one lot. Board is to review information and revisit this subject next month.

Development of Town Website:

Chairman Maines asked Bob to speak to the Board on the options available. Bob will attend the Budget Workshop to be held on September 22 and offer input at that time.

Financial Report and Vouchers:

Motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to approve vouchers 16357-16387, in the amount of \$16,511.96, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen, carried.

Correspondence and Citizens Comments:

Kevin Rasmussen – Update on success of both the 4th of July Chicken-Que and the Spaghetti Dinner. Net proceeds for the 4th of July were \$9,600, which is a record for the years that Kevin has been Fire Chief. The Spaghetti Dinner netted \$10,9882 and 310 people were fed. The Fire Department has the necessary funding to purchase their rescue boat once the decision has been made on what they will buy. The tanker will be out of commission from approximately the first week of October until mid-December to get the tank on it replaced. During that time, Boulder Junction and St. Germain will help out as needed.

Sheehan Donoghue: Questioned some items she missed on the agenda – these were taken care of before she arrived at the meeting. Questioned number of cremations allowed per lot, no decision has been made on this. She suggested appointing a committee to look at cemetery issues and make recommendations to the Town Board. Asked about the cost of the survey that was done for ATV/UTV's (approximately \$500 per Chairman Maines). She asked about the Town Board reconsidering their

decision not to create an ordinance – this ended up being a somewhat lengthy discussion involving many of the people present at the meeting. Some of those comments included:

- Bob McMahon – “Right now, your strength is in your town board members.” He stated that if the residents wanted to make sure ATV’s were not allowed, they needed to continue to elect the current board members who have gone on record as being against allowing ATV’s in this town.
- Nancy Atwater had concerns about the way a complaint was handled by the Vilas County Sheriff’s Department. She was advised to let the Sheriff know of those concerns and also to keep in mind that this is new for everyone – both ATV riders and enforcement are learning about where they can and can’t travel. Signage is in progress.
- Bill Boscamp from Land O Lakes stated that ATV usage was approved in Land O Lakes, in part due to pressure by the business owners, but he felt that it had not produced the economic impact that was expected.
- Gail Shea Nardi wanted (and received) confirmation that all three of the Town Board members would stand by the survey results and support the 69% of the residents who did not want ATV’s allowed in this town.
- Deputy Schneider stated that Vilas County is only allowing ATV’s on county roads at the request of the towns that have opened their town roads to ATV’s. They are not initiating the opening of any county roads unless asked.

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Rasmussen 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 8th day of September, 2015 and were entered in this Record Book this 29th day of September, 2015, by: