

Regular Town Board Meeting of July 14, 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 and Clerk Brooker were present plus 11 other people. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda in any order, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments and Correspondence:

Chairman Maines reported that he heard from Craig Dalton, head of the Woodruff DNR, and also from James Yach, DNR District Supervisor out of Tomahawk. Mike Stroh and Don Richter have had ongoing discussions about the I-Lids Camera on East Star Lake. James Yach said that he had been able to come up with an agreement to allow the volume to be turned on for the East Star Lake I-Lid camera beginning on Saturday, July 18th, for a trial period of 30 days. A survey will be taken of the campers and boat landing users to see if anyone is bothered by the noise. The volume will be on low and will have restricted times of use. It was also noted that the DNR may allow for more I-Lid cameras soon in the State and National Forests.

Chairman Maines stated that the Lions Club would be donating \$2500.00 that would ordinarily be used for fireworks to the Fire Department this year.

Kevin Rasmussen said that the Fire Department would be having a curb side carry out Spaghetti Dinner this year - you can eat at the Pavilion or take it home. It will be on Monday, August 10th. No raffles this year.

Supervisor Schmidt asked Chairman Maines about the Nixon Lake Road Project. Maines said that Jimmy was putting a program together for bid specs. The bids for the Project will need to be put out by August.

Gary Errington discussed the Beaver problem on Star Lake and suggested contacting Jeremy from the USDA who for \$650 will get rid of the beaver and blast the dam if given Town Approval. Jimmy Mortag said Troy Schalinski, from Vilas County Highway Department, will be checking out the problem area in the morning. There have been difficulties in getting a response from Mike Everson, the beaver control person who works with Vilas County. Discussion on removing the old sticks out of the dam area.

Chairman Maines shared that Vern Wiggenhauser's family was looking for Hospice Care for Vern, and said he had no other updated news to report on Vern's condition.

Lakes Committee Report:

Bob Munsen from the Lakes Committee reported that there were 55 boat rigs parked at the Star Lake Boat Landing during the 4th of July weekend. Mitch Pierce will be put on the schedule to help make up for time not covered at the Boat Landings for the Clean Boats Clean Water program.

Approve Minutes from Past Meetings:

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of past meetings dating from April 21st, 2020 till June 25th, 2020. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Building Projects for the Town of Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines said that the Projects were moving along. Supervisor Schmidt reported that they had an excellent meeting about the updated Rec Building Plans provided by Steve Jamroz from Blue Design. He discussed the changes made on the updated plans and answered all questions that were asked. He noted that he did not feel electric outlets were needed in the center island of the kitchen. He also noted that there would be heat in the entryway where coats would be hung. Supervisor Schmidt felt the updated plan would be the final plan submitted to Blue Design.

Possible Closure of Camp 10 Boat Landing:

Chairman Maines cited that the boat landing road had been a town road for over 70 years. The Towns Attorney had cited factors and Wisconsin Statutes and federal requirements that come into play, along with factors from the County Land Conservation Committee, DNR and DOT. Chairman Maines said that it was the attorneys opinion that the town should not abandon that road. Supervisor Schmidt agreed with the Attorneys decision. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to follow the attorneys advice on Camp 10 Road, and not close it. Chairman Maines seconded. Bob Radzis spoke up that he would like to make a couple points. He said he had measured and found that the road stops 200 feet short of the lake. He also said he has found mystery snails in the lake and wants to avoid other invasive species from entering the lake as he feels that the burden will be on him to get rid of any invasive species that canoers or kayakers would bring to the lake. He asked for more time to research the attorneys findings and come back in September. He would like to put a sign out saying it is not a state or county designated landing. Chairman Maines said he was welcome to come back and reopen the matter at a later time but said for now, the town was going to stick with the attorneys advice. Vote was taken on the motion made by Supervisor Schmidt; motion carried.

Bids for Disposal of Cut Timber at Star Lake Cemetery:

Chairman Maines said there had been no bids for the wood. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to advertise giving away the wood for free, must be gone by September 1st, must take it all and they should contact the Town Clerk for details. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Cemetery Fees:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to increase a full burial fee to \$500 in the Sayner Cemetery and \$650 in the Star Lake Cemetery, and Cremations would increase to \$200 in the Sayner Cemetery and \$300 in the Star

Lake Cemetery. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to send out notices to Bolger, Nimsgern and Gaffney Funeral Homes. Person who digs the grave is to get the full amount. Work must be done on their own time and not using any town equipment.

Signage for ATV's on Town Roads:

Chairman Maines reported that he has gotten a lot of calls about ATV's on town and county roads – even State Highway 155. There is a lot of incorrect advertising on maps and websites saying that the roads and trails in the Plum Lake area are open. If you do report ATV's, it helps to have information, such as a plate number. For now, the town decided not to take any action on any signage.

Possible Air Conditioning for the Town Hall:

Supervisor Schmidt suggested a mini split air conditioner unit for the office at the Town Hall. He said it is efficient and the cost would be around \$3,000. Supervisor Schmidt said it could also be done in the large meeting room at a higher cost. He also said he would not recommend a window unit because he does not trust the power supply. Chairman Maines stated it was not in the budget for this year and recommended tabling the discussion until the Budget Process begins.

Culvert on Dad's Lake Road:

Supervisor Schmidt said he checked out the area in question and he doesn't feel that a culvert is the answer. He suggests that a culvert be put in near the top of the road and fill the surrounding area up. He estimates 300 to 400 feet would need raising up. The town may be able to get free fill from the Highway G Landfill. He feels it would be expensive and wondered about what kind of permits would be needed. Chairman Maines will call Craig Dalton from the DNR to see what he would recommend.

eBike Policy for Heart of Vilas Bike Trail Within Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines said he had received correspondence from Boulder Junction that recommended a 15-mph speed limit for the eBikes. Chairman Maines felt the speed limit would not be enforceable. After discussion, Chairman Maines said the Board would not be taking any action on the subject. Clerk Brooker will reply to Boulder Junction letting them know what the Town of Plum Lake decided.

Approving Name for the New Road in Star Lake off East Lake Laura Road, "Upland Trail":

Chairman Maines said a private property owner is dividing land into large lots and wanted the Board to approve the name chosen for the road. The County has already approved the name. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the name of the Road, but to hold off ordering the sign. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Approving Building Loan from Headwaters State Bank:

Chairman Maines said Headwaters State Bank had offered the Town a 2.75 % loan for 10 years for one million dollars. A second 10-year loan was offered at 3% but could be lower if the rates at that time were lower, or the town could get a 20 year loan at 3%. The town was also offered a 2.75% rate for the \$250,000 Roads Project. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the \$1,000,000,00 loan for 10 years at 2.75 % interest. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Hiring, Design and Bid Specs for Sand/Salt Shed:

Chairman Maines had the design information from the Architect, along with a recommendation to hire Wheeler, a company operated by Jake Silkey out of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. It was suggested that Jake should meet with Jimmy first, so he knows what the Town needs to help him determine the final size of the Building. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to hire Jake Silkey to design the Sand/Salt Shed and provide the bid specs for the Building. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. No need for bids because it is a service being provided. Supervisor Schmidt will contact Mr. Silkey.

Approve Vouchers for Payment:

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$49,308.49. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office. These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting held on the 14th day of July 2020 and were entered in the Record Book by: