

## Regular Town Board Meeting of February 9, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt (via phone), Kevin Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 8 other people were also present.

### **Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:**

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

### **Citizens Comments & Correspondence:**

Jim Mortag asked if a closed session meeting with the Town Board could be scheduled to discuss some issues. Chairman Maines told him it would be put on next month's agenda so it could be discussed and scheduled then.

Shane Zaruba asked who was in charge of the cemetery plots, he was told Jim Mortag was the person in charge and would be the one to talk to.

### **Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):**

After all Board members said they had read the minutes, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

### **Approval of Cemetery Deed for John Schaeffel:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve cemetery Lot 108, Site D for John Schaeffel in the amount of \$200.00. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### **Updating Room Tax Ordinance:**

Chairman Maines asked the Clerk for an update of the Room Tax Ordinance which Bob Klager is working on. The ordinance had been referred to the attorney and the updated ordinance was sent back (this afternoon before this meeting) with his comments and changes. Supervisor Rasmussen said he wasn't comfortable moving forward with the discussion until Supervisor Schmidt was sent a copy of the updated ordinance. Chairman Maines agreed and said he still needed to read through the changes himself. The item was tabled and will be put back on the March meeting agenda. Clerk Brooker to send Supervisor Schmidt a copy of the updated ordinance which the attorney had sent back.

### **Contract for Salt/Sand Shed Construction:**

Suggestions/Comments on the contract were received from Attorney Greg Harrold the afternoon of this meeting, which did not allow the town board to review it before the meeting. Supervisor Schmidt said he would be happy to talk to Kurt Baird about the items Mr. Harrold suggested that the town would like included in the contract. Chairman Maines suggested tabling it for now and that the changes should be sent to Hassinger so they can look it over and say whether they will agree with the changes. Clerk Brooker will send Kurt the information that Greg Harold suggested adding to the contract so that it can be discussed with Supervisor Schmidt. The Clerk will also arrange a time with Kurt for the best time for Supervisor Schmidt to call him. The agenda item was tabled till they hear back from the contractor.

### **Update on Beaver Removal Program:**

Jeremy reported that the USDA out of Rhinelander quoted him a price of \$1300 for taking care of 2 problem beaver sites, which may include unlimited beaver removal or blowing of a dam. They would be willing to work with the Town on pricing if a third location would come into play. It was noted that the price was higher than the County program, but Supervisor Rasmussen said he would like to try the USDA as they are experts in explosives and may be more reliable. Discussion on where those funds would come from in the budget. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve moving forward with the USDA out of Rhinelander and to ask them to send a contract. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to contact the USDA to get a contract that the town board could review.

### **Purchasing a Broom System for the Loader:**

Jimmy Mortag reported that he had been given a price of \$1700 for a 2-week rental. He added that if you rented it for a third week, you will get the 4<sup>th</sup> week free. It is too late to reserve a machine for the upcoming season because they would have had to been in contact 2 to 3 months ago. He said the sweeper/brusher was the same kind of machine that the Town is now using. After further discussion, it was decided they would use the current tractor this year, and to leave the Brusher/Sweeper in a nearby area till the job was done rather than driving the machine back and forth. A new broom will be needed for the tractor. Clerk Brooker to make note to put possibly leasing this machine in next year's budget. No action will be taken till next Fall. Jimmy recommended contacting the leasing company by October 2021 to reserve a machine for 2022.

### **Approve Vouchers:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers for February in the amount of \$749,472.16. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### **Lighting of Chamber Sign Coming into Town:**

Clerk Brooker said the Chamber is responsible for the sign and were looking for someone to be able to work on the light for the sign. They wondered if Jimmy Mortag would be able to help. Jimmy felt a certified electrician should handle something like that. Supervisor Rasmussen said he noticed the sign was lit up and had already been taken care of.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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

These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 9th day of February 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: