

Regular Town Board Meeting of March 9, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021. 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 9 other people were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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:

Shane Zaruba asked if anyone has ever considered keeping the bike path open during the winter from Town to the Corner Store. Chairman Maines said no one has ever talked about it but he would be open to have a discussion on it.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

After all Board members said they had read the minutes, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the Regular February 9th, 2021 meeting minutes. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Update on LAMBO Event in Town of Plum Lake:

Mike Olkowski, Dan Trapp, and Harry Smith were at the meeting to update the Town on their proposed bike event. They reported that they had received a permit from the DNR to hold the event. The DNR gave them some conditions to follow. There will be a cap of 40 participants plus the Clubs volunteers. In the future they are hoping for more people for the Adventure Race. The Club asked for permission to clean up brush and dead trees to make a nice path in the Gully which bikers will be taking to the finish line. Chairman Maines said it would be no problem. The distance of the race is 23 miles and their hoping for maybe up to 50 miles down the road. Any type of bike can be used for the upcoming race and Mike thought the fastest time that someone could complete the race in would be around 1 ½ hours. The contestants will be guided by GPS. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested they put their banner for advertising along the fence line by the Park as it's visible to traffic. It was noted that parking shouldn't be a problem. Clerk Brooker said she would put the event on the Towns Facebook page and website. Supervisor Schmidt asked about refreshments. Mike noted that due to Covid they would not be selling them but may put up a poster about gathering at the Pub later.

Busy Bee Compost Proposal:

Marcus, from Busy Bee Composting said he was starting a third location in the area and was looking to source leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste, but no brush or trees. He said he would come in with no cost to the Town and haul away the yard waste pile but would need someone available with a loader with a bucket to load the waste on his truck. He figured it would take about 10 minutes to load one of his trucks. He usually picks up in the Fall after yard clean ups and in the Spring after yard clean ups. Supervisor Schmidt asked if he uses a contract and Marcus said usually not but that he was fine with signing one with the Town. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to memorialize a simple agreement with Busy Bee Compost to haul leaves out and to do so the Town would assist with the Town loader and a Crew member. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Marcus said a Crew member should call when they want the leaves picked up and he would schedule a time with them to meet at the site.

Scheduling a Closed Employee Meeting:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to have an employee meeting on April 23rd at 10 am. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to also post a regular meeting after the employees meeting in case an action needs to be taken.

Hiring New Recycling Attendant:

Chairman Maines noted that Gary Kellner had put in his notice that his last day of work would be April 23rd. After discussion, it was decided that the position would be advertised for a recycling attendant only and that a Town Crew member would be responsible for doing the cleaning of the buildings. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve posting a notice to hire a recycling attendant. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to put in paper as soon as possible. It was noted that the wage per hour offered would be \$15.30 an hour.

Approving the Updated Room Tax Ordinance:

Chairman Maines noted that the updated Room Tax Ordinance had been reviewed by the Towns Attorney. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the updated Room Tax Ordinance, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker is to post and publish the updated Room Tax Ordinance.

Contract for Salt/Sand Shed Construction:

The Chairman said the Contract for the new Salt/Sand Shed had been reviewed by the Towns Attorney. Supervisor Schmidt said he had talked with Hassinger on the changes and felt that the last issue to deal with was the bonding.

Performance Bonds for New Garage & Salt/Sand Shed:

Chairman Maines reported that in his discussion with Kurt he had said that normally the builder gets the bond. Kurt also said it would be okay to go back and put a performance bond on the previous contract that was already signed. It was noted that the cost of bonding was \$8,000 and \$6,000 for the new buildings. Clerk Brooker is to contact Hassinger

to inform him to go ahead with putting the bonds on. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve performance bonds for the new Town Garage and new Salt/Sand Shed. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

.Approve Vouchers:

Clerk Brooker explained the new reporting format which now includes the Now Account, Regular Checking Account, Payroll Account, Money Market Account, 2 Headwaters Accounts and shows Deposits and Expenses which will show any activity on the Voucher Report. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$1,306,519.32. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Chairman Maines added the breakdown of \$1,277,934.02 for the Now Account and \$28,585.30 for the Payroll Account.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 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 March 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: