

## Regular Town Board Meeting of April 20, 2021

Meeting was held at the Community Building in Sayner. Meeting was called to order on April 20th at 7:22 pm, following the Annual Meeting, by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting has been duly posted with notices placed at the Sayner US Post Office, the Star Lake US Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WERL-WRJO Radio stations as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Rasmussen and Clerk Brooker were present along with 13 other people.

### Approve Agenda to Be Discussed in Any Order:

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

### Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

No comments.

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

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes from past meetings, Chairman Maines seconded; carried.

### Money for Lion's Club for New Sign:

Chairman Maines said the new 2-sided electronic sign for Sayner will be erected near the EMS building. He said it would be like the one at the Library, but much bigger. Jim Schnettler, who spearheaded the project, was able to get the cost of the sign reduced from \$37,000 to \$30,000. The Chairman said they had a \$10,000 donation from the Alverin M. Cornell Foundation, plus the Sayner/Star Lake Lions Club donated \$10,000, the Chamber donated \$5,000, the Women's Club donated \$1,000, the new Plum Lake Lions Club donated money, amount not known at this time. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the Fire Department donated \$2,000 and the EMS donated \$1000. Chairman Maines said he would like to table it till Supervisor Schmidt is back to discuss which action to take on finalizing where the rest of the money needed would come from. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table the Lions Club New Sign agenda till the next meeting, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

### Hiring New Recycling Attendant:

Chairman Maines stated that the Town had received only 1 applicant, a retired gentleman from Minocqua. After discussion Supervisor Rasmussen thought it best that they wait for the return of Supervisor Schmidt before acting on hiring the applicant. In the meantime, Clerk Brooker is to call the applicant and let him know that the existing applicant is staying on for one more month and find out if he is still interested in the job.

### Broadband Telecommuter Resolution:

Resolution #2021-002 was submitted by the Broadband Committee for approval. Chairman Maines read the proposed resolution out loud to everyone.

## **RESOLUTION #2021-002 IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD ! CERTIFICATION**

AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLUM LAKE HELD AT THE PLUM LAKE COMMUNITY BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021,

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Plum Lake supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Plum Lake hereby appoints The Town of Plum Lake Broadband Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within the Town of Plum Lake including the following responsibilities;

1. Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
2. Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
3. Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
4. Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established at the time the resolution is adopted.
5. Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
6. Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
7. Making regular reports to the Town of Plum Lake.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Town of Plum Lake to support telecommuting opportunities for the Town of Plum Lake in its application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification.

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-002. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to scan and send a copy of the signed resolution to Kim Lechner at her Vilas County address.

**Ownership of New Sign by EMS:**

Chairman Maines explained that the new sign was all but paid for by private donations and will be on Town land and to be able to insure the new sign they would need to take ownership of the sign. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion that the Town adopt the new sign to be erected at the EMS Building. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

**Room Tax for Camp Highlands and New Private Campground:**

Chairman Maines stated that both the Town's Attorney and the Wisconsin Towns Association Attorneys had been contacted. They both said room tax does not apply to camp sites. It was noted that Russ Davis's Campground will not be charged any room tax and Russ said that the Campground is slated for opening June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021. Supervisor Rasmussen updated the Board on Camp Highlands status reporting that it was still a taxable entity to the Town of Plum Lake but is now listed as a 501C3 S Corp. Camp Highlands as a business is now a non-profit. The lodge will no longer be housing families but will be used for housing staff members. Chairman Maines noted that Camp Highlands will no longer be charged room tax.

**Approving Cemetery Deed for Gary Kellner:**

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve Gary Kellner's purchase of Cemetery Lot 59, sites A & B in the amount of \$400.00. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

**Approving Liquor License for New Owners at Stillwaters:**

After Chairman Maines verified that the background check of the new owners of Stillwaters came back okay he made a motion to approve the Liquor License for the new owners of Stillwaters – Kelley Pace and Weston King (mother and son). Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

**Possible Culvert Replacements for 2022:**

Chairman Maines said that there was no need to take any action on the agenda as 50% County funding is only available on culverts 36" or bigger. Supervisor Rasmussen mentioned that in 2022 the Bridge over Plum Creek will be replaced and assured everyone that there will be many informational meetings before the job starts to lay out the plans, timelines and duration of the project. He said there may be hardships for people to get to Sayner during the construction and noted that he has been working on contracts for coverage of that area for both the EMS and Fire Departments during the construction period.

**Amendment to New Room Tax Ordinance:**

Chairman Maines said the only change to the Room Tax Ordinance, following the advice of Attorney Greg Harrold, is clarification of language in one paragraph. "A \$20 late fee will be assessed for payments post marked 31 days and room tax returns not filed within 31 days after the due date. The late fees will continue to accrue at the rate of \$20 per month until paid or until room tax return is filed". Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to adopt Ordinance #20200RD-001 with its corrections. Chairman Maines seconded; carried.

**Approve Vouchers:**

Combined Now Account and Payroll totals were \$224,228.67. Breakdown of the accounts were given by the Chairman: Now Account: #20019 -20081 totaled \$172,480.82; Payroll Account: #1028 – 1052 totaled \$51,747.85 (includes direct deposit). Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the vouchers, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 20th day of April 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: