

Regular Town Board Meeting of August 17, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 17, 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, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 7 other people were also present.

Approve Agenda:

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

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Wayne Seeger said he had the Vilas County Sheriff's Departments speed trailer set up on Razorback Road for a little over two weeks. The deputy reported that most of the traffic has been going faster than the speed limit and felt that there needs to be more speed limit signs posted on that road. Wayne asked that the Town approve putting out more signs. The Chairman said he would get it put on the agenda.

Sheehan Donoghue had questions for the following agenda items: #5-repairs to tennis courts. #7 and #13 wondering if the plow person and recycling attendant jobs could be done by one person. #9- is paving really needed behind Town Hall. #11 – are demolition costs included in loan. #16 – how old is furnace and is air conditioning necessary and #18 – what is the additional loan funding for and are demolition costs being included. Sheehan asked that her questions be addressed as they come up on the agenda.

Delores Zellner questioned why the Town Crew wasn't being utilized to demolish the buildings, saying she thought they had the equipment and means to do it. The Chairman said that the questions will be addressed as they go through the agenda.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

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

Repairs to the Tennis Courts:

\$15,000 has been pledged from the Walter Alexander Foundation, but double that amount is needed. The Chairman said the donor suggested that the people who use the courts should be approached to see if they will donate. Supervisor Schmidt noted that there was nothing in the budget this year so the Town cannot help with the costs. After further discussions Clerk Brooker is to reach out to John Richter and Lauri Gerlach to have them contact the main users of the courts to see if they would be willing to donate. Chairman Maines said it will be added to the budget workshops to determine if the town wants to contribute.

Use of Funds Received from ARPA:

Clerk Brooker reminded everyone the terms of the ARPA funds are to have it designated by 2024 for what it will be used for and have it spent by 2026. Chairman Maines said they weren't able to act until they found something to spend the funds on that meets the terms of ARPA. After discussions, Supervisor Schmidt asked Clerk Brooker to reach out to the town clerks' network and see what other towns have been using the ARPA funds for.

Finding a Winter Recycling Attendant:

After discussions it was decided to ask Al to stay on as the recycling attendant as he is doing a good job. He isn't comfortable driving Town equipment, so the board suggested that he drive his own vehicle to Star Lake and put the bagged garbage and recyclables he collected in a locked building that one of the Town Crew members would go pick up on Monday to be put in the dumpsters in Sayner. Chairman Maines said he would call Al to discuss this with him.

Keyless Entry Lock for Rec Building Door:

Lauri Gerlach was not present but had let the Board know that she needed more time to get the needed information. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table it, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Chairman Maines said it would be put on the next month's agenda.

Possibly Paving Area Behind Town Hall Using Funds from Resurface Projects:

Supervisor Schmidt said he had asked Pitlik to check out the sinkhole area behind the Town Hall which needs repair. Pitlik said they suggested a 30 by 25-foot patch which could be done for the amount \$3,276. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve to have the area behind the Town Hall repaired for the amount of \$3,276. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The funds will come out of the Highway Resurface line. Note: Supervisor Schmidt will talk to Kurt Baird who can let Pitlik know the job has been approved.

Site Prep & Electric Service for the New Ice Rink:

Chairman Maines said that through a generous donation, the Lions Club is going to put in a regular portable ice rink by the new Pavilion, with sides that can be taken in and out each year. It will be 80' by 100' in size. They were able to get a reduced price and 2 hockey nets. He felt the Town Crew could level the area. It was suggested that Jimmy check with Mark Busha at the landfill to find out if there is still free sand available. The Lions Club will pay for any fill needed. If needed, the top soil will need to be bought. Clerk Brooker mentioned that she offered to pay for sand to be put under and around the playground equipment. The Chairman said that the town crew should start working on leveling the area for the ice rink. Dale Buss had suggested having electric brought over to the pavilion and have two outside LED lights and 6 to 8 lights in the Pavilion, 2 outlets and 3 radiant heaters. Chairman Maines said that the Lions voted and they were

not interested in funding any heaters. Supervisor Schmidt estimated that to put the lighting in would cost around \$1,500 to \$2,000. Chairman Maines said he would present this to the Lions Club at their next meeting.

Demolition Costs for Current Town Garage, Current Salt/Sand Shed & Other Shed at Recycling Site:

Supervisor Schmidt noted that the demolition costs had been included in the original bid for the Rec Building. Supervisor Schmidt said that Kurt Baird from Hassinger would demo the two buildings at the recycling site at no cost due to salvageable material. Kurt would also like to bid on the demo of the current town garage. Supervisor Schmidt suggested that they contact Steve Jamroz to draw up RFPs to demo the buildings - both separately and together. He felt it needs to be written up by a professional due to asbestos, insurance for any damage incurred during demo, etc. Supervisor Rasmussen mentioned that the gas and electrical connections would all have to be dealt with too. It was thought it might save costs to do all 3 buildings at once. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to contact the architect, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Disposing of Contents of Storage Buildings at Recycling Center:

After discussion the Board asked the Town Crew to sort through things and store salvageable things in the big shed behind the Town Hall. All salvageable metal should be loaded in a truck and taken to Scharf's and the trash to the landfill.

Hiring Part-Time Plow Person:

After discussion, it was decided to check with Joe Lechner to see if he would be interested in coming back for the part-time plowing job. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to also put an ad in the papers for a part-time snowplow person that states CDL license not required but preferred. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Cemetery Deed for Christopher & Carol Nyweide:

After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the purchase of Lot #141, Sites C & D by Christopher & Carol Nyweide. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Questions/Concerns about Cemetery Rules:

Chairman Maines stated that he was contacted by someone in Star Lake who asked if she could plant a tree by a cemetery plot. Chairman Maines said he had told her no tree, but possibly some kind of shrub or plant. Jim Mortag read the official rules that states no decorations, flowers, shrubbery, or any other plants requiring digging, will be permitted without permission of cemetery administrator. He also read that only one decorated piece shall be allowed on a grave site at one time. Jim also said that markers are being put in that are not flush with the ground. The Chairman said he would like to table the item for now and revisit next month after he has had more time to read the rules and visit other cemeteries to see what they do,. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the agenda item, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Proposals for New Furnace (Basement) and A/C for Upstairs Town Hall:

No bids were received for the new furnace or A/C. Sheehan Donoghue's question was addressed that the furnace was at least 20 years old and in need of replacing and air conditioning was needed to keep the humidity down to protect the paper documents stored in the office. The Chairman asked the Clerk to advertise again and to include the Rhinelander paper this time too. Deadlines for bids will be the September Board Meeting.

Setting a Date for First Budget Workshop:

Budget meetings were set for September 2nd, 9th, and 16th, all starting at 4 pm.

Additional Loan Funding Needed for New Buildings:

The Chairman said that after going over numbers he feels they should borrow no less than \$700,000. The Clerk informed the board that there was \$81,000 left in the building fund. Agreement was to borrow an additional \$700,000 to be added to the 1-million-dollar loan they have with Headwaters Bank. The loan will be extended to a term of 20 years, locked in at 3% interest. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to borrow an additional \$700,000 to complete the Building Projects, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Road work portion of the loan, \$250,000, will remain a ten-year loan at 2.75% interest.

Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account vouchers were \$441,715.42, the Payroll Account was \$39,832.27. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$481,547.69. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 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 17th day of August 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: