

Regular Town Board Meeting of September 14, 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, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 9 other people were present. 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:

Sheehan Donoghue had multiple questions and comments. Sheehan said she is very concerned about the closure of County Trunk N next year and is concerned on how long the project will take saying it could be very hard on the Plum Ski-teers and the businesses in Town. Her hope is to have it completed by June 1st. Also of concern was EMT and Fire Service for the other side of Plum Lake. Chairman Maines said the Town's hands were tied on when the start and end date will be and that it was up to the DOT. Kevin Rasmussen said he was working on getting other Towns to give mutual aid if for some reason he was not able to respond to a call due to the County N Road project.

Sheehan wanted to know why we need a new service truck, what it will be used for and the cost and loan status. Chairman Maines assured her the new truck was an absolute necessity as they needed to replace a 20-year-old truck. He said the new truck would be used for both plowing and gravel hauling and said they will take out a loan for the new truck.

Sheehan also had questions and concerns about the demo of the 3 buildings and was especially concerned about the cost and wanted to make sure if there is asbestos in any of the buildings that it is handled properly. She also asked about bonding status of the projects and Clerk Brooker informed her there was no bonding involved, they were just all loans.

Lauri Gerlach asked if it would be possible to change a light in the Rec Building that had been out for 8 months now. She suggested renting a scissor lift from Paul's Rental for \$100 for 4 hours. Supervisor Rasmussen said the town does have a 20-foot ladder. Lauri said if money was the problem there was still money left in the donation fund that people had donated to the Rec Building.

Delores asked about the pile of gravel in the cemetery saying it detracted from the beauty of the cemetery. She stated she had been told by Jimmy that it was a dump pile. The Chairman said he would discuss the matter with Jimmy.

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:

Clerk Brooker noted that Alexander Trust has donated \$15,000 and that Bill Brewer had written that he wanted to transfer his \$5,000 donation from the Rec Building to the tennis courts project. The town board felt they could take \$5,000 from the Highway Resurfacing line #53322, which would bring the available funds for the project to \$25,000. Alex mentioned he would like to add on the extra repair and posts systems laid out in one of the bids which would raise the cost to \$29,775.00. He said he would be willing to meet and discuss that and perhaps his Foundation would be willing to pay half of what that additional cost would be. The Town asked if Alex could make his \$15,000 donation available to the Town by November or December of 2021. Alex asked that the Town give him verification that they had the \$5,000 to donate towards the tennis courts. Supervisor Schmidt said he is in favor of taking funds out of the Highway Department. Chairman Maines asked for a motion to put out bids for the tennis court project. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to put out a bid notice to repair the tennis courts and to also include all the add-ons indicated in the bid they had received, including crack repairs and new nets and posts for both courts. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to add to the request for proposals that the Town would prefer that the job be completed yet this Fall.

Speed Limit on Razorback Road:

The Chairman said that there were four 30 mph speed limits signs posted on Razorback, but he said he had been told that they needed 4 more signs posted in order to make it more enforceable. All three board members were in favor of adding them. Supervisor Schmidt suggested looking at all the Town roads to see if more signs were needed. He thought money could be taken out of Public Works for the signs. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to order 4 more standard 30 mph signs for Razorback Road. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Clerk is to order the signs.

Keyless Entry Lock for Rec Building Door:

Lauri Gerlach had met with various companies that had good options and found some she liked but ran into problems because it was hard to find someone to service the Sayner area. Some were also quite pricey. She still would like to talk with Per Mar to see if they could service the area. She informed the Board of an incident where 2 out of town kids were dropped off by the Rec Building and they were skateboarding inside on the tables and cracked a couple of them, scraped up the floor and all the pickle balls disappeared, and the net collapsed. She mentioned the liability that could come into play if someone had gotten hurt. For now, she suggested to the Board to get a camera or cameras and change the locks on the building and do not hand out keys to just anyone. The Chairman said that he would meet with the Town Crew and get the locks changed. He suggested people get a key from the Clerk if they want to get in the Rec Building. The Chairman thought the Town Crew and Board members should also have a key.

Ice Rink by New Pavilion (Electric & Heat):

Chairman Maines stated that the Lions Club had decided that they would not be paying for the installation of electric or heaters or any ongoing costs pertaining to them. After a short discussion, it was decided no action needed to be taken.

Loan for New Service Truck:

After discussion it was decided that the Board would get the loan for the truck processed but not receive the funds until the truck is available. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to accept the offer from Headwaters Bank for a loan for \$250,000 for 5 years at 2.75% interest, with semi-annual payments. The loan will be processed before budget time in November and that approximately \$50,000 additional debt can be added to the debt service so it can be included in the levy. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Advertising for Requests for Proposals for Demolition of the Three Buildings (current town garage and two old buildings at recycling center): & Demolition Costs for Current Town Garage, Current Salt/Sand Shed & Other Shed at Recycling Center:

Agenda items #10 and #11 were both addressed during this discussion. The Board discussed how best to move forward in the demolition process. It was noted that no one was clear if there was asbestos in the old Town Shop, but the Board assured people that it would all be handled properly if there was any asbestos, saying that Steve Jamroz had all the legal bases covered. The Town had wanted the jobs bid separately and one bid for all 3 buildings which hadn't been done yet. Steve did send the Board a lot of information and the Clerk said he would be willing to help her with the wording to advertise the RFP for the old Town Shop demolition. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to advertise for the demolition of the current Town shop per the RFP from Steve. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Chairman tabled the other two buildings until they had the specs from Steve pertaining to them.

DOT Road Certification Maps:

The Clerk provided the Chairman with the papers to sign and send back saying there were no changes from the previous maps. The Clerk explained that the maps show the total mileage that the Town gets transportation aid money for, which is 91.45 miles. Both Supervisor Rasmussen and Supervisor Schmidt said they would like to take a look at the maps before signing and sending the papers back. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the agenda item to be brought up again at the October meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Resolution Proposing Vilas County Redistricting Plan Changes:

The Board discussed the proposed resolution. After discussion, the consensus was that they needed more time to look at this. Chairman Maines then tabled the agenda item until the Thursday, September 16th budget meeting. Clerk Brooker is to repost that meeting to add on an agenda item for the redistricting plan.

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

After hearing that no new bids came in for the furnace, Chairman Maines said for now there was nothing they could do.

.Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account total was \$67,893.09, the Payroll Account total was \$27,362.66 for a grand total of \$95,255.75. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$95,255.75, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker discussed items she had highlighted with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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 14th day of September 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: