

## Regular Town Meeting of January 8, 2019

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Maines, who noted that this meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, and the Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, and WERL-WRJO Radio Stations of Eagle River, as well as posted on the town website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Wiggenhauser and Clerk Brooker were also present. There were 16 other people present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wiggenhauser to approve the agenda discussed in any order, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Schmidt to approve minutes for the special town board meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. Seconded by Supervisor Wiggenhauser, carried.

### **Class A Beer License for Eliason Lumber:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve Eliason's Class A Beer License, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded, carried. The name of the beer Eliason's will be selling is Motor Toboggan Coffee Stout, being made by Tribute Brewery. The beer is being made in honor of Carl Eliason inventing the snowmobile. They will be able to carry other beers as well.

### **United to Amend Resolution and Referendum Proposal:**

Mike Gerlach thanked the board for allowing him to present his referendum and went on to explain to the citizens present what his referendum was about. He had presented it at a previous town meeting and was asked to clean up the wording which he had done with the help of Sheehan Donoghue. A discussion ensued and citizens attending also had questions and comments. Sheehan Donoghue was opposed to the referendum even though she helped Mike Gerlach rewrite it, stating that she felt this legislation should not be addressed at the town level, but should go to the Federal level. Supervisor Schmidt stated he was unsure of what the town board should do. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said that the town hasn't had referendums before and was afraid of what the far-reaching repercussions could be if they put this on the ballot. He also wasn't sure about amending the constitution. Chairman Maines agreed with Supervisor Schmidt and was on the fence about the issue and wasn't sure what influence for the referendum would come at the town level. Chairman Maines asked for a show of hands of those attending of those who were in favor of the referendum, about half raised their hands. Chairman Maines said he wanted to talk to other towns about the referendum. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to put the referendum on the April ballot for the Town of Plum Lake. The motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Maines suggested that Mike Gerlach could come back after more information was gathered pertaining to the referendum and suggested Mike should try taking it to the county level as they would have more influence and leverage than at the town level.

### **2018 Budget Profit & Loss:**

The board said they were unable to determine answers they needed to balance the budget as the Quick Books system was very confusing as to what exactly was going on. Clerk Brooker had tried to get an answer from the Peterson Metz firm to no avail. It was decided to wait for the audit which was already in progress to be finished with the hope that the answers they need would be provided by the Peterson Metz firm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schmidt to table the budget discussion until the next town meeting or until the audit is completed, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded, carried.

### **Correspondence and Citizens Comments:**

Lloyd DeGroot thanked Jeremy for doing such a great job on plowing. Jona Eliason said that she had a compliment from a St. Germain resident who said that the Town of Plum Lake is doing a much better job of taking care of the roads since Jimmy and Jeremy have been plowing. Supervisor Schmidt also complimented Jimmy and Jeremy with how well they handled the last snow fall by getting their routes done in 8 ½ hours and doing a good job of it too. Chairman Maines also said he has had comments from people who live on Razorback and Camp Highland Roads that said since Jimmy started plowing that route it has been done better than ever before.

### **Approve Vouchers for Payment and Financial Report:**

Supervisor Wiggenhauser made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$900,070.80, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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