

Regular Town Board Meeting of March 12, 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 attended via phone, Supervisor Wiggenhauser and Clerk Brooker were also present. There were 14 other people present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting made by Supervisor Schmidt after his questions were answered to his satisfaction on the status of the grader, status of Joe plowing and list of building committee members. Seconded by Supervisor Wiggenhauser, motion carried. Clerk Brooker to send Supervisor Schmidt current list of building committee members. Chairman to let clerk know who should be on this list.

Citizen Comments: Blue Design Group Presentation:

Steve Jamroz of the Blue Design Group was present at the meeting and gave a preliminary report on the Town Buildings Project. He handed out the floor plans that were helpful in following his presentation. Top points made were that the Town Garage really needs to be torn down. The space it's on could be used for parking or expanding the Rec Building. Steve went through the options for the Fire Department. The building as suggested would be 12,296 sq. ft, with an 856 sq. ft, mezzanine. It would cost anywhere between \$200-\$217 per square foot totaling between \$2,668,232.00 and \$2,459,200.00. The proposed building would have four and a half bays, with one designated just for washing of the equipment. Two offices, two bath rooms, and a training room that could double as an exercise room. Lloyd De Groot commented that a person should plan ahead and perhaps put another bay in right away as it would be cheaper to do now rather than 10 years from now. Option to build it with wood vs block and brick to save money. A reason to use wood trusses versus steel joists would be that it enables you to use a local contractor which should save you money. Site locations were talked about for the Fire Department Building. The EMS and Town Garage sites were ruled out, leaving the existing site and a privately-owned site across from the Quilting Store as the best options. Look into whether the new Fire Department building would interfere with the fireworks if built near the current Fire Department. Briefly talked about plans for the Rec Building, subjects to explore were to re-do kitchen and bathrooms, possibly put windows in and lighting. Will have to insulate walls and ceilings to bring up to current code, which should help with the cost of heating the Rec Building. Steve said his next trip back he would have the Rec Building specifics, possibly in a couple weeks or at the next Regular TB meeting which will be April 16th. The board will get back to Steve on when he should come back.

2018 Year End Budget & 2019 Year-to-Date Financials:

Supervisor Wiggenhauser said he spent a lot of time going over the budget and was able to figure things out. He spent time explaining the things he had done, and one was taking the Cornell \$5000.00 grant out of income and putting it in a new restricted account on the balance sheet (Rec Building Restricted Fund). He also took the Alexander Trust \$5000.00 grant, which wasn't received until 2019 and put it in the same restricted account. He needs to talk to Kimberly from Peterson Metz to be clarify where to put the TRIP money of approximately \$25,000.00. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said he thought the town was on a modified accrual basis, but Clerk Brooker understood Kimberly was trying to transition the town to a cash basis. After speaking with Kimberly on the items in question, Supervisor Wiggenhauser will share his findings. Towards the end of the meeting Supervisor Schmidt noted that the 2019 financials hadn't been addressed yet. He suggested that since the highway expenses were very high for the year already, maybe the board could work on a resolution to transfer funds from road projects to cover some those costs. Chairman Maines said that could be addressed at another meeting.

DNR Proposal to Improve Nixon Lake Rd.-Craig Dalton to Speak:

Craig Dalton was unable to attend the Town Board Meeting. Chairman Maines gave a brief update on what the DNR was planning. The DNR is looking at the intersection of Nixon and Camp 2 Road heading west towards Boulder Junction. They want to improve the sandy hills that get torn up by the logging trucks. They will do this part regardless and more if the Town of Plum Lake chips in for road improvement. Chairman Maines let the DNR know that he was doubtful that the town would kick in any funds. Supervisor Wiggenhauser questioned why the State wanted to fix a town road and Chairman Maines explained that the road involves state forest land and that the State has money to spend. Mr. Dalton will be invited to attend the April meeting.

County EMS Proposal:

Chairman Maines wanted to bring it to the Board's attention that a couple of townships without their own EMS service are renewing an effort from 4 years ago to look at options to get their area serviced. Kevin Rasmussen spoke on the subject and said the group had approached the County Board to put an Ad Hoc Committee together. He thought that they were considering following the format of Oneida County and were possibly looking to staff 3 areas. One down side to doing it Oneida County's way, they can assess taxpayers

above the levy limit to pay for it and Kevin said billing for services is tough in our area due to so many residents being seniors on Medicare. When they discussed this 4 years ago, they were met with strong resistance from other towns that have their own EMS services. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said the group has not presented the County with anything formal yet.

Liquor License for Vinchi's:

Chairman Maines said they would consider reissuing the license to the new owner as soon as background checks were completed. Because the buyer is from New Hampshire, Jim Meka (seller) will be the agent for the first 90 days. Closing on sale of Vinchi's is scheduled for April 1st, 2019. Buyer is Regina L. Coel. No action was taken at this meeting.

Fredrickson Lane (Behind Star Lake Store):

Collette Schultz Brill, from Star Lake and Wausau, is asking the town to maintain Frederickson Lane behind the Star Lake Store, claiming that back in 1947 it was made a town road. The Town Board discussed the letter from February 6th, 1947 stating that Frederickson Lane was to become a town road. The board questioned whether it was a legally deeded road. It appears that no legal action was ever taken. Chairman Maines suggested that the board should take the matter to Greg Harrold, the town's attorney to study and interpret. He would then inform the board of his findings and send a letter to Ms Brill with his interpretation of the issue. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to take the matter to the town's attorney and have him look into it and come up with the proper response. Chairman Maines seconded. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said he wanted to discuss it more, stating that he thought it should be up to Ms. Brill to hire an attorney and put the proof before the board that it was a legal town road. He didn't think that it was up to the town to incur the expense and their time to investigate the matter. After further discussion the vote was Supervisor Schmidt aye, Chairman Maines aye, Supervisor Wiggenhauser nay, motion carried 2 to 1. Chairman Maines said he would take the info to Greg Harrold.

RFP's for Town Pick-Up Truck:

Lenz proposals: 2017 F250 \$42,997 w/plow; 2016 F350 \$37,491 w/plow; 2017 F250 \$36,400. Marthaler proposal: 2019 Chevy extended cab \$31,280 w/fees. Marston proposal: 2019 F250 \$31,3280 (in stock).

Brickner's proposal: 2018 Dodge Ram \$38,000, less than 4300 miles. Parsons proposal: 2019 Silverado extended cab. No price mentioned. Chairman Maines requested more time to look over the proposals. Supervisor Wiggenhauser made a motion to table a decision until the next meeting. Chairman Maines seconded, carried 2 to 1, with Supervisor Schmidt voting nay.

Repairs/Replacement to Basement Furnace in Town Hall:

The town received a proposal for a new furnace from Rick's Heating and Cooling. Discussion involved options of what to do and what was wrong with furnace. Tim Clark said the secondary is not shot. It may be the heat exchanger as Rick said it was corroded and rusted through. Final decision was to do nothing as long as it is running and address it if it malfunctions again. Jeremy Arnold to make sure there is a carbon monoxide detector in the basement.

Approve Vouchers for Payment and Financial Report:

After a brief question and answer period, Chairman Maines made a motion to pay the Vouchers totaling \$142,983.88. Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence and Citizen Comments:

- Jona Eliason voiced that she felt the burden of proof should be met by Ms. Brill regarding Fredrickson Road.
- Sheehan Donoghue, a long-time resident, let it be known that she was immensely troubled by the complaint filed with the Sheriff's Dept. that a board member was present on site, supposedly campaigning on primary election day. Vern Wiggenhauser was working with the clerk in the office behind closed doors that day.
- Sheehan also was deeply troubled about Facebook being used to complain about town business by one of the town employees, and also a comment made by his wife, who is running for Supervisor. Sheehan suggested there were better avenues to pursue complaints than using social media.
- Lloyd De Groot questioned how aware the town board is on what's going on with the equipment.
- Jona Eliason asked if the town would be able to help with some snow removal by Eliason's Lumber as she feared there could be flooding.
- Vern Wiggenhauser questioned the size of the new fire department saying it would be double the area of the existing fire department and EMS building combined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the town office.

These minutes were taken at the Town Board meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on March 12, 2018.