

## **Board of Review Meeting of May 14, 2019**

Chairman Maines opened the Board of Review Meeting at 6:30 pm in order to adjourn it to a later date. He asked for a motion to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1 pm till 3pm. Supervisor Wigggenhauser made the motion and Supervisor Schmidt seconded, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

## **Regular Town Board Meeting of May14, 2019**

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 Wigggenhauser and Clerk Brooker were also present. There were 28 other people present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April Regular Town Board Meeting was made by Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Wigggenhauser seconded, motion carried. Chairman Maines stated that he was going to go into the Citizens Comments and Correspondence first on the agenda rather than last. and stated that all who wanted would be able to speak.

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

Sheehan Donoghue's comment was about the Board of Review, stating that she thought 2 hours were not enough time for people to view the open books. Jerry Keller commented that in serving 13 years on the Town Board they had only one contested case on the Board of Review and found that they just sat around during the hours people had the chance to view the open books. Mary Schilling commented she would like the cemetery cleaned up before Memorial Day. Mary Johnson wondered how people can find out about the Town's website. Clerk Brooker said she would include Mary in the email she sends out telling when the Town Board meetings are. Dale Bus sent a letter to the Board saying he was dismayed at comments made about the equipment of the Towns EMS and Fire Departments. He talked of incidences where the equipment was instrumental in saving lives and therefore a little more respect should be shown by not calling the equipment toys. Chairman Maines went to a meeting in Minocqua and learned new information and rules about the rural Fire Departments and EMS Services. Kevin Rasmussen also contributed information on what new recruits must go through to become a part of the departments. Wayne Seeger thinks the town is falling behind and that young people need to be brought into our towns by keeping things current and updated. Jimmy Mortag and Jeremy Arnold went to a seminar in Woodruff, given by Pitlik. Jimmy said they talked about paving and maintaining roads, life expectancy of a paved road, crack sealing versus chip sealing. Jimmy feels more time should be spent on maintenance of the town's roads. It was learned that Pacers ratings are done every 2 years. Chairman Maines will set up a special meeting to set up a road tour and inspection to help set up a schedule to follow for maintenance. Supervisor Wigggenhauser suggested that the gravel and black top roads be separate in the assessment.

### **DNR/Craig Dalton:**

Craig Dalton from the DNR discussed a road project on Nixon Lake Road, saying that there were funds available to do work on a 3.66-mile stretch for fixing wash out areas and graveling areas that needed it. First step is that the Town needs to pass a Resolution to accept these funds. Craig said he would send Clerk Brooker samples of Resolutions. The Town would be the one to collect bids and supervise the work. Work could start in Fall of 2019, but more likely work wouldn't start till 2020. Supervisor Schmidt asked if the State would provide specs, Dalton said that would have to wait till after the Budget is passed. Pitlik will be able to help assess the needs. Supervisor Wigggenhauser suggested digging out the sandy areas of the road and replacing it with breaker rock and cap that off with road gravel. \$152,000.00 in funding is available. The Town has the right to post road limits on roads if they see the need to. Supervisor Schmidt asked that steps to pass the Resolution to accept these funds be put on next month's agenda.

### **Brush Grinding Proposal:**

After meeting with a brush grinding company out of Crandon, Chairman Maines found out that the company charges \$350 an hour and the job would take 2 or 3 days of grinding. The consensus was, that until the DNR tells the Town that they can't burn, that the Board would table the discussion for now.

### **Town Grader:**

Supervisor Wiggerhauser talked with a McCoy John Deere salesman about the Grader. The salesman said he could sell the town a Grader that was a couple years newer for \$29,000.00 Supervisor Wiggerhauser thoughts were that perhaps it would be more feasible for the Town to repair the 1978 Grader which has around 9,000 hours on it and would like to go about getting an estimate to do that. A tire and oil leaks are immediate repairs needed. The board all agreed that with 40 to 50 miles of gravel roads to keep up, the Town does need a reliable and safe Grader. Supervisor Schmidt said earlier he had found 3 Graders for sale with the newest being a 1993 Grader with 5,000 hours on it which also included a wing and 6-wheel drive, with costs ranging from 30 to 40 thousand dollars which were ready to go and inspected. Supervisor Schmidt went on to say that it might not make sense to fix the existing grader which only has 4-wheel drive. The discussion continued with cost to haul Grader to Merrill for estimate for repairs, costs of leasing a Grader, and where the money could come from to purchase a Grader. In the end Chairman Maines made a motion for the board to contact the McCoy John Deere Dealer and have them send a tech to Sayner to inspect and give an estimate on repairs of the Towns Grader as soon as possible. Supervisor Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.

### **Camping Request by Dean/Winzenried:**

Clerk Brooker had not heard from the above and they were not present at the meeting.

### **Site Preparation for Star Lake Cemetery Expansion:**

Chairman Maines said he went up to the Star Lake Cemetery to look things over again and said there was about a 100 yard by 50 yard pretty level area where more cemetery plots could be put and said there was room to go along the west side for access for logging and site prep. Chairman Maines will call the Metz Brothers to ask if this summer they would be able to log the Star Lake Cemetery and the Town 40 which was already budgeted for \$10,000.00 worth of revenue for 2019. Supervisor Wiggerhauser said he would continue to try and get a hold of Forester, Jim Bowman.

### **Blue Design Building Assessments:**

Blue Design has already completed what they were contracted to do, so the Town will have to contract with them for making a plan/proposal for a new Town Garage which could also possibly be built large enough to include some of the Fire Department. Supervisor Wiggerhauser said a person should get a bid from a contractor, that a designer is not needed at this point. Chairman Maines said he wants to call a meeting of the Building Committee as the Town has to have options for the electors to choose from. Will Maines said he would be the Chairman of the Building Committee. Clerk Brooker will send the members of the Building Committee a Notice to get together for a meeting which Chairman Maines and Clerk Brooker will set a time for. Clerk Brooker currently does not need to contact Steve from Blue Design for anything. Chairman Maines wants to keep moving forward on the Town Garage as it is something that is needed and shouldn't be put off.

### **LED Lighting for Library:**

It was noted that the Town pays for the lights and electricity and the Library pays for the bulbs. Supervisor Schmidt to call David of First Aid Corp. and tell him the Town wants to move forward with getting the LED lighting at the Library. \$4500 was budgeted for it.

### **Possible Acceptance of East Lake Laura Road as a Town Road:**

Town Board will continue looking into accepting East Lake Laura Road as a Town Road. 1/4 of the road in question is paved and the rest is graveled. It was noted that it would be up to the Association making the request to bear the cost for bringing the road up to the specs needed to be a Town Road. Supervisor Schmidt stated he would like to do things properly by researching ordinance before any further action and working with the Towns Attorney and Pitlik to research any easements, right of ways, or deeds. Clerk Brooker will look for the Ordinance in question.

### **Repairs to Star Lake Road Culvert:**

Jimmy Mortag went out to inspect the culvert in question and found that it had been patched with a road sign and that the water level in the culvert is acceptable and the culvert showed no signs of rot and Jimmy didn't think the culvert needed any repairs at this time. There is about a foot of gravel topping the culvert. The Board decided that the Road Crew should monitor the culvert for now.

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

Supervisor Schmidt made motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$36,601.83. Supervisor Wiggemhauser seconded, motion carried.

Supervisor Wiggemhauser noted that he thought that some of the expenses were not in line with the budget and that the Board should be aware of it and keep their eye on things. Clerk Brooker to make Supervisor Wiggemhauser a summary copy of budget.

**Adjourn to Closed Session: Adjourn to Closed Session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(b) to consider dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of a public employee:**

Supervisor Wiggemhauser made motion to go to closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(b) to consider dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of a public employee. There was no second, Supervisor Schmidt didn't because he didn't think that the agenda posted was specific enough and Chairman Maines did not second because he didn't want to take the risk of having an illegal closed session. Motion failed. It may be brought up again on next months agenda with the correct wording.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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

These minutes were taken at a Regular Town Board meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019 and were entered in this Record Book by: