

Regular Town Board Meeting of July 9, 2019

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Maines, who noted that this meeting was duly called with amended 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 13 other people present.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the May and June Regular Town Board Meetings was made by Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded. Supervisor Wiggenhauser asked about the minutes for the Special Meeting of July 2nd. Chairman Maines said since it wasn't posted on the agenda it will need to be approved at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments and Correspondence:

Chairman Maines updated everyone on the Grader situation, saying that he found out it would be best not to go too far over 5,000 hours on a used Grader. He said the inventory was sparse in the area and he had only found 2 dealers who had what he is looking for. One was from Berlin, WI and the other from Butler Machinery in North Dakota. Maines will also be talking to Troy Schalinske from the County Highway Department about the two Graders and will be calling a Special Meeting soon to further discuss. Sheehan Donoghue wanted Chairman Maines to tell everyone what was approved for the Grader at the last meeting and asked why the Town doesn't pursue cleaning the carpet in the Town Hall by a professional cleaner rather than buy new carpet. Chairman Maines said that \$100,000 was approved for a new Grader, which was to include delivery. He stated that there is \$80,000 in the Highway Project fund and \$35,000 in Capital Outlay. The town could borrow up to \$50,000 and the rest would come out of the Highway Fund. Maines found a 2008 Grader in Berlin WI with the features needed for \$88,000. The other Grader was a 1998 JD with features needed with 5,680 hours for \$67,500.

Diane Geworsky from East Laura Lake Road stated that everyone was on board and she asked the Town what their next step should be. Chairman Maines said he'd discuss it once they got to it on the agenda.

Mike Stroh from the Lakes Committee shared minutes from the Lakes Committee's last meeting. He said that the Smaller Lakes Projects and 2 new I-Lids that were budgeted for 2019 most likely wouldn't happen this year. The money put aside for these projects would not be utilized this year which would include the maintenance cost of the I-Lids. There will be a surplus in the Grants projects. He shared that violations were caught by the I-Lid cameras and wanted to set up possible enforcement for future violations. He suggested creating a Town Ordinance as a starting point. Thoughts were to send out a letter to the violators and follow up with a citation for repeat offenders. He also shared that the Lakes Committee received a Conservation Steward Award from Vilas County for 2019. He gave the Award to the Town Board to display in the Town Hall for all the help they have given the Lakes Committee.

Replacement of Town Hall Carpet:

Chairman Maines stated he was in favor of trying to professionally clean the carpet first. Supervisor Schmidt stated that \$6000 had been budgeted for new carpet and only one of the bids was in line, the rest were high. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to try professional cleaning of the existing carpet first, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded, carried. Chairman Maines to contact professional carpet cleaners.

Posting 35 mph Speed Limit Signs for Razorback Road:

Speed limits from 25 to 35 mph were discussed. Both Chairman Maines and Supervisor Schmidt agreed that more signage was needed, not just on Razorback, but on all Town roads. Supervisor Schmidt suggested it be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

Site Preparation for Star Lake Cemetery Expansion & Logging Proposal for Town 40:

The two agenda items were discussed concurrently. Chairman Maines reported that the Forester who looked at the Town 40 estimated that over 500 cords could be gotten out of the 40. He suggested that both the Cemetery and 40 could be done by the same loggers. He said that the Board didn't need to put out a bid and wanted to contact the Metz brothers as he thought they would give the Town the best price. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said that they owed it to the Town to get the best price and that they should get sealed bids from different loggers. He also suggested that the loggers be provided the diagram and number of cords estimated to help them with their pricing. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion for #8 and #9 on the agenda to advertise for an RFP to harvest the Town 40 and the Star Lake Cemetery Expansion and to bring those sealed proposals to the August meeting. Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded. Carried.

LED Lighting for Library:

Chairman Maines reported that the Library said that the 5000K bulbs that were installed in one light fixture were too bright. Instead, they will be testing out 4000K bulbs and will wait and see what the response is from the Library. Supervisor Wiggenhauser requested having Discussion and Action for this included on the Agenda for next month's meeting.

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

Supervisor Schmidt reported that he drove the road in question and said it was in rough shape. It had lots of turns and dips, not wide enough and possible drainage and site issues. He felt it gets used heavily. His feelings were that if the owners paved and brought the road up to standards, he would have no problem accepting it as a town road. He also did not want to use the tax base as an issue. Chairman Maines said that the Board maybe made a mistake accepting Rads Lake Road. He didn't want to set a precedence for everyone with gravel roads to come forward to ask that the Town take over all these gravel roads. He said that gravel roads take a lot more maintenance than paved roads. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion not to accept East Laura Lake Road as a Town road. Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded, carried.

Replacing Doors at the Town Hall:

Supervisor Wiggenhauser discussed which doors he felt were deteriorating and would need replacing. Chairman Maines and Supervisor Schmidt both said before replacing the doors they would like to try grinding, priming and painting the doors first. Chairman Maines will instruct the town crew to repair the entrance doors at the Town Hall.

Approval of Cemetery Lot for Marney Lou Mann:

The Board discussed selling Lot #142, Site A in the Plum Lake Cemetery for \$200 to Marney Lou Mann. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the sale of the plot, Chairman Maines seconded, carried.

Expanding Sayner Cemetery Plots:

Jack Sayner Teckel requested to buy plots next to family members that were already buried in the old section of the cemetery. Currently, only the west side of the new section of the cemetery is being used. After discussion, Chairman Maines made a motion to open up the remainder of the cemetery. Supervisor Schmidt seconded, carried.

Approval Vouchers for Payment and Financial Report:

Supervisor Wiggenhauser made a motion to approve the vouchers for payment in the amount of \$56,194.54, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, carried. Addressing the Financial Report, Supervisor Wiggenhauser had several questions including the cost for Fire Department Insurance, the social security and Medicare expense shown under the highway expenses, and the amount of over time paid out already this year and questioned why a third party wasn't hired for plowing like in the past.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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 9th day of July 2019 and were entered in this Record Book by: