

## Regular Town Board Meeting of November 24, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, 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, Kevin Rasmussen and 17 other people were present. Clerk Brooker was absent.

### Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

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

### Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Jessica Drallmeier from the Sayner/Star Lake Chamber introduced Mary Debilzen, Chamber Treasurer to go through the proposed Budget for the Chamber for 2021. Mary said from the Room Tax Income they expected to receive \$40,000. 2021 Expenses include: Local sign costs of electricity and message changing; publications and ads; online advertising; Sayner Booklet Visitors Guide; Special Events; Street Fair allotted \$4,300. Marketing and Promotions E-Newsletter. \$2,000 allotted for Vilas Co-op Ads. \$16,650 budgeted for advertising. Donation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, Bike Trail mailing ads. The Sayner/Star Lake website will have a major upgrade costing \$8,200 and will be paying half in 2020 and the other half in 2021. Internet inquiries, and Marketing Services were also listed. Budgeted total given as \$44,650.

Sheehan Donoghue followed up on comments from the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, saying she feels the Board should be directing and monitoring the Town Crew on a weekly basis keeping track of the progress of the projects. She asked who decides what needs to be done at the Board level and if they are tracking how long the projects take and when they are completed. Chairman Maines stated that Jim Mortag makes the decisions on what needs doing and if there are major upcoming projects the Board puts in their input. He also said the Crew provides written logs and punch a timecard daily which are turned into the Clerk. He said the Crew Members put in a 40-hour week and during snow plowing season may also put in overtime to keep the roads safe. Sheehan Donoghue questioned why they were out plowing one inch of snow on a Sunday. Supervisor Schmidt explained that the roads were greasy and icy that day and he had approved the Crew going out to plow and sand.

Delores Zellner asked why the Town Crew needs safety clothing allowances. All Board members put their input in saying that it is required by law for the safety of the Crew and not only clothing, but helmets, eye protection and work boots too. Delores then asked about putting in lights at the tennis courts for night playing. Chairman Maines said so far there had been no demand for it. Delores then asked if the Town Christmas Decorations would be put up this year. She was assured that they would be going up shortly after Thanksgiving, that the Crew were a little behind due to the white truck having a breakdown.

Jessica asked how many were on the Town Crew, and how many miles of road they had to take care of. The Chairman answered that 2 crew members maintain 86 miles of roads and there is an additional person in the winter who plows Town parking lots. Jessica thanked the Crew for doing a good job.

Dale Buss recognized and congratulated Kevin Rasmussen for his 25 years as Fire Chief and 40 years of service in the Fire Department.

### Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

Chairman Maines asked if the Board members had read all the minutes and if so to make a motion to approve them. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the Regular TB Meeting of 10/13, Special TB Meeting of 10/13, Special TB Meeting of 10/16, Special TB Meeting of 10/23, Special TB Meeting of 10/29, and Special Employee Meeting of 10/30. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### 2021 Insurance Coverage for Employees:

Eric from the Robertson Ryan Insurance Agency informed the Board that at the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, they had been quoted a plan from Anthem Insurance that would no longer be there as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Since the gal who had given the quote made the mistake, they would honor the rate quoted, but not the plan structure which would be different. The two big differences were the out of pocket costs to the employees and the additional 20% they would have to pay for any ER visits. Eric provided a sheet that showed the differences and provided an alternative quote from Security Health Plan. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to not go with the Anthem plan but to go with the alternative Security Health Plan for a total expense, including the HRA, for the cost of \$65,544.74. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### Report on Broadband Meeting:

Dale Buss said there was nothing new to report since the last meeting and that they will not be meeting again until after the first of the year.

### Update on Building Projects for the Town of Plum Lake:

Supervisor Rasmussen reported that the Ambulance Building is now 95% complete. An epoxy cover was put on the new concrete to extend the life of the concrete. Reflective lines were put in, FRP panels were installed, the slope of the floor has been corrected, new LED lighting really brighten the place up, heating system upgraded, carpeting, and new roof. Electrically need to move an outside light. Need gutters yet. Humidity control is much better. Supervisor Rasmussen says he is pleased with how things are turning out and thinks they will come in under budget. They are at \$55,000 right now.

**Glenbrook Road:**

Supervisor Schmidt said a building permit was not able to be obtained due to Glenbrook Lane showing up on the map in the middle of the existing buildings. After numerous calls, Supervisor Schmidt said Todd from Vilas County mapping will be able to end Glenbrook Lane further back on the property which would then allow the Town to move forward with obtaining a building permit. He expects to hear back in a week and will call Todd if he does not hear back. He doesn't think there needs to be any special hearing to make the change. Supervisor Schmidt was able to show the other Board members on a map he had where Glen Brook Lane would be ending.

**Site Plan for New Salt/Sand Shed:**

Supervisor Schmidt told the Board that he had received an email informing him that the Town needs to have a DOT site plan to move forward. He asked Jimmy and Jeremy to come up and look at the map of the site area he had to figure out the best side for the doors to be facing. He also showed the site map to the other two Board Members. Supervisor Schmidt said he would get the measurements for the building and superimpose it on the map he received in the email and have the Clerk send it back to get things moving. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to go ahead with changing the site plan for the new Salt/Sand Shed. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

**Pickleball – Permission, Reservations:**

After brief discussion, Chairman Maines tabled it for another time.

**Possible Special License for Sayner Pub:**

Chairman Maines asked Liebo to come up and explain his plan to help mitigate having too many snowmobilers trying to get into the Pub. Liebo explained that he was extremely concerned about the safety in dealing with the COVID-19 factor this winter. He feels that people and especially snowmobilers do not seem to care about COVID-19 especially when there is drinking involved. He would like to put a tent with a heater outside by the fence area and have coolers of beer to sell in the tent for the people waiting to get into the Pub. He would keep the side door locked and take a waiting list at the front door if people wanted to wait to get in. He said his license right now does not allow him to sell beer outside and would like the Board to approve him being able to sell outside. He felt it would probably only be weekends in the winter where the need to control the people would come into play. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve Liebo's request to sell beer outside. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Chairman Maines noted that Liebo would still need to follow all the other rules of his license.

**Possible New Town Logo:**

Chairman Maines said Helen Brynner had designed two possibilities for the logo. Supervisor Schmidt said he liked the 2<sup>nd</sup> one best of the Eagle but felt it needed to be put out to the public for them to weigh in too. Suggestion was to put them on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt asked Jessica if she could also put them on the Chamber Website, she agreed to do that. After discussion, Chairman Maines tabled the agenda item to be taken up at a future meeting once they get some feedback from the Public.

**Changing the Medical Director for Plum Lake EMS:**

Supervisor Rasmussen said he did not have the information to make that decision that night but shared that Dr. Broadhead, who has been their Medical Director since 1992, has moved on. He said he had been informed that they will need a Medical Director to operate, so he found Dr. Ping, but felt the distance from Weston could be a factor for interaction. He also reached out to the Marshfield Medical Center in Minocqua and had gotten 3 leads. He hopes to hear back from them next week and would like this put back on the next meeting's agenda so the Board can act on it.

Chairman Maines set the next Special Meeting for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm. The Medical Director will be added to the Agenda. Paying the bills will also be added to that agenda.

**Approving 2021 Budget:**

Chairman Maines said the levy had been approved and they can now make a motion to approve the 2021 Budget. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the Budget for 2021 as presented in the amount of \$1,430,951.50. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 24th day of November 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: