

## **Regular Town Board Meeting of March 10, 2020**

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Maines. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Chairman Maines 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 via phone, and Clerk Brooker were present. plus 10 other people.

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

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

### **Approve Minutes of Prior Town Board Meeting(s):**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/11/2020 and 2/25/2020, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

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

Chairman Maines stated he had talked with Jim Schnettler and the Sayner Star Lake Lions about getting a new sign for the entrance into Sayner. The size of the sign without including the frame is 10 foot by 3 foot. The price given for a new one-sided sign is \$26,000 and a two-sided sign is \$44,000. Chairman Maines also reported that the Lions Club agreed to spearhead the funding and may possibly take out a loan at Headwaters State Bank to get things started. Sheehan Donoghue asked the Town Board about the road signs and fire number signs and Chairman Maines said it was on the agenda and would discuss it when they got to that item. Kevin Rasmussen made a request for double sided fire numbers that would be perpendicular to the road, saying those would be a lot easier for the EMS to read.

### **Report from Lakes Committee:**

Chairman Maines stated that was no update for a report from the Lakes Committee.

### **Grzenia Camping Permit Questions:**

Mr. Grzenia questioned what a sunset clause meant. Chairman Maines explained that it meant his permit would expire after a time set by the Town Board and at that time he would have to appear before the Board again to see about getting a renewal. Mr. Grzenia then asked the Board if he could keep his 38-foot camper on the property year-round as it would be too costly to remove it and bring it back every year. He said it would be around 2 to 4 years before he would begin building his house. Supervisor Schmidt stated that he didn't want this to become another camper that ends up not being moved. Mr. Grzenia assured the Board that the wheels would remain on his camper and that he would indeed be building. He also stated that the camper would not be visible from the road or to any neighbors. He stated that the septic is scheduled to go in the Spring of 2020. He will not have a well and plans on hauling water to the site. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve his request with a one year sunset subject to an annual inspection by the Town Board before a renewal would be issued. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. Chairman Maines reminded Mr. Grzenia that their approval was still subject to his getting county approval. Clerk Brooker will send a letter to the County and Mr. Grzenia outlining the Board decision.

### **Dave Kiss Camping Permit Renewal:**

Chairman Maines explained to Dave Kiss that the Town was late in following up on his 2-year sunset clause and asked Mr. Kiss for an update on his progress of building a home. Mr. Kiss reported that he got a building permit for a 24 by 32 home to be built behind his garage. and looked into getting a new septic hookup to the house. Mr. Kiss plans on getting the footings in this year so he can start building in the Spring of 2021. Mr. Kiss stated his building permit is good for one year and that the County will renew it for another 2 years if they see progress when they come out and inspect. If no progress is made, Mr. Kiss will have to apply for a new permit. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to extend the permit two more years with a sunset clause, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker will send a letter outlining the extension.

### **Update on Building Committee:**

Chairman Maines said this update will be combined with item #14 on the agenda which covers Building Proposals.

### **Hiring an Engineer to Prepare Bid Specs for Carl Eliason Street Project:**

Supervisor Schmidt reported he had talked to Phil from MSA who told him that his quote would be going beyond just the specs, as he needed to apply for permits for the storm drainage area. Due to snow cover he won't be able to look the land over to map out the drainage area for a while yet. He will keep the Board updated. No action taken by Board.

### **Review/Selection of Applicants for Recycling Attendant and Cleaning of Rec Building and Town Hall:**

Chairman Maines reported that there had been no applicants for the job. Chairman Maines stated that when Joe retires, Jimmy and Jeremy will take turns for Saturday recycling. Chairman Maines said the cleaning of the Rec Building and Town Hall will fall back on Jeremy as it was part of his job description when he was hired. He will be responsible for the cleaning until the Town can find someone else for the cleaning job. Supervisor Wiggenhauser made a motion to advertise the job for the next two weeks in the "Help Wanted" section of the Lakeland Times and Vilas County News Review. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to include the pay rate of \$15.30 an hour in the ad.

### **Review/Selection of Applicants for Part-Time Plow Person:**

Chairman Maines reported that there was one applicant for the job but thought no one would be needed anymore this spring. The Board decided it was best to hold off hiring till next Fall. Supervisor Schmidt asked if Clerk Brooker would call the applicant (Brian Billerbeck) and ask him if he would be interested in the cleaning and recycling job for the time being. The Board will hold his application over till next Fall. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to delay hiring anyone for snowplowing till next fall and to keep Mr. Billerbeck's application on file, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

### **Deteriorating Road Signs and Fire Numbers:**

Jimmy Mortag reported that he noticed that the fire numbers on Baker Lake Road were really starting to deteriorate. He estimates that around 70 % of the fire numbers are peeling. Other signs are also deteriorating. During discussion it was estimated that a lot of the fire numbers were 10 years old. Town will need to look into to other sign companies to compare prices and quality. Chairman Maines suggested the Town Crew take an inventory and get a count of signs that need replacing and rate them from low to high deterioration. Kevin Rasmussen repeated his request for double-sided signs that would be perpendicular to the road. Supervisor Schmidt suggested the town crew go out now during the slow time and start inventorying all the signs. Supervisor Schmidt said there is \$2500 in the budget available to spend on signs right now.

### **Town Insurance Statement of Values:**

After discussion the Board decided that none of them were comfortable in estimating the replacement value of all the Town Buildings and would like Clerk Brooker to invite Jon Strom to the April meeting to explain to the Board how he determines the replacement cost for the buildings.

### **Holding a Special Town Board Meeting to Determine Possible Building Proposals:**

Chairman Maines reported that we now have a plan with an estimated cost for a new Town Garage. Chairman Maines asked to schedule a meeting to go over the proposal. Supervisor Wiggenhauser said he would be back from vacation in early April. A meeting was set for Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Supervisor Schmidt said he would like the Building Committee to also attend that meeting.

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

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers for the month in the amount of \$982,065.29. Supervisor Wiggenhauser, seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker said this month's payment included February settlements and 4 loan payments. Supervisor Wiggenhauser had questions about Social Security and Medicare expenses and Clerk Brooker responded that they are disbursed from the Highway line into the budget on a quarterly basis.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office. These minutes were taken at a Special Town Board meeting held on the 10th day of March 2020 and were entered in the Record Book by: