

Regular Town Board Meeting of October 12, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US 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, via phone, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 7 other people were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

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

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Alex Reichel asked that the Board discuss the possibility of being able to put a raised head stone on the lots he had purchased in the new area of the cemetery, stating that a precedence had been set as someone already had put a raised memorial in the new area next to his lots. Chairman Maines said it can be put on a future agenda.

Jona Eliason asked the Board to look into putting a stop sign at the corner by the shed close to the little easement road on Carl Eliason Street. She feels the stop sign is needed because people go too fast through there. Chairman Maines said the Board could take no action today but would address it in the future.

Delores Zellner thanked the Board for having the debris pile removed from the cemetery. She also asked about the criteria followed when hiring new employees. Chairman Maines explained the process to her and assured her that the Town followed it when hiring employees.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the past meetings of 9/14, 9/16 and 10/4. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Setting Date for Budget Hearing Meetings:

Clerk Brooker gave the deadline of October 26th for the budget business to be finished. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve November 23rd as the date for the Budget Hearing meeting, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Clerk noted that this meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

Buying Back 6 Plots in Star Lake Cemetery:

Clerk Brooker said Fred Marsh, who wants to sell some family cemetery lots back to the town has a lot of siblings and she wasn't sure that he was legally authorized by the estate to sell these lots. Supervisor Schmidt said he would be uncomfortable taking any action on this tonight. The Chairman said that the Clerk needs to get from the seller a written letter or document showing a court order that he is legally authorized sell the cemetery plots.

Possibly Changing Banks:

The Chairman informed the Board that the representative from The Incredible Bank he had lined up to be at the meeting to give the Board their banks proposal was in quarantine and would therefore need to be scheduled at a later date. It was noted that they should get more than one bank to come to the meeting. Clerk Brooker said that the new checks she had gotten had only one line for signatures, and that the bank had told her they don't look for the second signature. Per statutes, the two signatures were necessary for the checks. The clerk/treasurer cannot sign for both positions. This item was tabled until they can get representatives from banks to give them their proposals

Loan for New Service Truck:

After discussion on being able to meet time constraints for getting the loan, there was too much that the Board was unclear about, and Supervisor Schmidt said he would have more information by Monday's meeting on October 18th after he a chance to call some people. The Chairman Maines tabled the agenda until the meeting on Monday.

Advertising for Requests for Proposals for Demolition of Three Buildings (Current Town Garage and Two Old Buildings at Recycling Center):

The Chairman asked for discussion on the RFPs. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested that the word "complete" should be added to the wording for any bidders wishing to get additional information from the Clerk. After further discussion it was decided that the deadline for getting the RFPs back would be Tuesday 11/2 and the bid opening was scheduled for Wednesday, 11/3 at 2:00 pm.

Demolition Costs for Current Town Garage, Current Salt/Sand Shed and Other Shed at Recycling Center:

After brief discussion the Chairman Maines tabled the item, saying that the agenda item was no longer relevant.

Dumpsters Staying in Star Lake Year-Round:

During discussion Supervisor Schmidt asked if the dumpsters were locked when there was no attendant on duty – they are not. It was noted that if people abuse the honor system for either recycling or garbage, the dumpsters will have to be locked. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to keep the dumpsters in Star Lake year-round, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Proposals received for Repairing the Tennis Courts:

Two bids were received to repair the tennis courts, from Pitlik & Wick and Pro Track Tennis. Both said they would not be able to complete the project this year, and both had comparable extra options. Options were

standard two-colored court, additional crack filling and replacing nets and posts. Pitlik's total with all options was \$33,900 and Pro Tracks was \$29,775. Chairman Maines noted that Pitlik was putting two coats on where the other only one coat. Supervisor Schmidt noted that Pro Tracks offered a warranty and listed leveling the court and that Pitlik did not talk about leveling or a warranty. Both Supervisor Rasmussen and Supervisor Schmidt said they thought Pitlik's bid was not as thorough as Pro Tracks and liked that Pro Track would extend the warranty another 5 years if they were called back in 5 years to recoat. The Board also liked the fact that tennis courts was Pro Tracks main business. After discussion Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to accept the RFP from Pro Track to do the tennis court resurfacing project including all the options and being contingent upon them holding their bid until Spring. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

DOT Certification Maps:

After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the DOT Certification maps for the year. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Note: Supervisor Schmidt said that down the line he would like to look into how far the road goes into the property where the new Town Shop is.

Possibly Increasing Prices for Cemetery Lots and Creating Cremation Sized Plots:

Chairman Maines suggested that a cemetery committee be formed to perform a thorough study of current regulations and potential future ones, such as allowing above ground monuments. He would like the committee to come back to the Board with their recommendations. The Chairman said he had called some cemeteries and most of them allow above ground monuments. He suggested a committee of at least 4 to 5 people with 2 of the committee members being Jim Mortag and a Board member. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the agenda for now, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Hiring Surveyor for New Section of Star Lake Cemetery:

During discussion Supervisor Schmidt mentioned that he thought they should get the Collins and Pitlik projects done at the Star Lake Cemetery before they move on to the surveying portion of the project. Greg Maines thought an estimate for the surveying would be less than \$5,000. After further discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table this item until the November meeting, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Paving New Road to Bottom of New Section of Star Lake Cemetery:

Supervisor Schmidt said that he talked with Brian Pitlik who said he would coordinate with Collins so Pitlik could get the preliminary gravel work done this fall, which would also include getting rid of roots and redoing some of the paving at the top of the hill. Black topping may not get done this fall. Supervisor Schmidt described the lay out of the new 12-foot paved road which will include a parking area at the bottom with room for a Hearse and a couple cars. Clerk Brooker will contact Brian and ask him if he could get a quote for the job to her by the meeting on Monday, October 18. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table this item until Monday, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant for 2022:

Chairman Maines noted that the total cost of the CBCW project was \$31,946.10. The DNR request amount was \$23,959.58 and the local share was \$7,986.52. The Chairman felt that the Town had one of the best programs in the state and noted the lakes covered by this program were Irving, Laura, Star, Razorback and 2 landings on Plum, State House Point and the Public Pier. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the grant application, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Fishsticks Agreement with Vilas County Land & Water Grant for 2022:

During a brief discussion it was noted that "Fishsticks" is basically putting a special kind of tree in the water to improve habitat for the fish. Reimbursement would not exceed \$3,000. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Fishsticks Agreement for 2022, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Approving Cemetery Deed for Carol Miller:

Carol Miller would like to purchase Lot 126, Site A for her dad. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the sale in the cemetery in Sayner. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Hiring Nate Lofy as Part-Time Plow Driver:

Nate Lofy had picked up an application but had yet to return it. Clerk Brooker asked Chairman Maines to read the job description of the part-time plower as a reference for whoever gets the job. The areas to be plowed are the Post Office, Plum Lake Library, EMS Building, Fire Department, Town Hall and Garage area, Razorback Ridges, Longs Park area, Plum Creek water source on N, West Plum water source, Star Lake Recycling Area, Razorback water source and East Star Lake boat landing. It was decided to table the agenda until Nate Lofy brings in his application.

Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account payments was \$29,848.15 and the Payroll Account total was \$30,907.22. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$60,755.37, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Note: During the meeting the Clerk asked the Chairman what should be done about a CD that had matured with Nicolet with a 10-day grace period. Chairman Maines said that since they didn't know who their new bank was going to be (if a change is made), she should just leave the CD at Nicolet Bank.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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 12th day of October 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: