

Regular Town Board Meeting of May 11, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 11th, 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, Kevin Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 12 other people were present. The 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:

Mike Olkowski and Dan Trapp from LAMBO were there to update the Board with some positive changes. Mike said that the DNR had expanded the Covid restrictions allowing them to now have 75 racers and 25 volunteers. He mentioned that a high percentage of the racers were 50 plus in age. He asked if they would need any special license if the if all their beverages were donated including those with alcohol. Chairman Maines said he didn't think they would if the beverages were donated, but Clerk Brooker is to check with the Department of Revenue to be sure. Mike said they will be putting out a donation jar for the food and beverage. It was also asked if the gate at the brush dump could be open for race day and Chairman Maines said that he would make sure it was. Mike also asked about reserving the Rec Building for race day in case of inclement weather. Arrangements were made and Chairman Maines assured them the building would be open anyway for use of the bathrooms. Parking was discussed and everyone thought there were enough areas to accommodate those needing to park. The race is on June 12th will start at 10 am and thoughts were the faster racers would finish in about 1½ hours. Aspirations of getting Musky Mountain done in 3 years at an estimated cost of \$300,000 was also mentioned by Mike.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve both minutes that were on the agenda to approve, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Money for New Electronic Sign:

Jim Schettler updated the Board saying the new sign is expected to ship on Friday, May 28th and it will take about a week to get here. The rest of the money owed for the sign will need to be paid before then. Jim said he has purchased the 4 x 4 lumber needed to erect the sign and was counting on volunteer help to erect the sign. He said it was a very well-built sign and explained it operated off of a satellite connected with Verizon. Chairman Maines said he was sure there was enough money to cover the sign from all the donations that had come in, mentioning the Lions, Cornell Foundation, the Chamber, Barnstormers, Women's Club, Plum Lake Lions. Jim Schettler said the material he had bought was also a donation towards the Town's new sign and feels the project should be done by the end of June.

Hiring New Cycling Attendant:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to hire Albert Scheibe, contingent upon him passing the background check. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker is to request the background check and Chairman Maines is to call and let Albert Scheibe know he is hired contingent upon the background check. The Chairman also noted that Albert would like to come in beforehand so Jeremy can show him how to do things. It was also noted that his job was to include the Star Lake recycling site too.

Putting Town Owned Dry Hydrants on Private Property:

Supervisor Rasmussen said that he wasn't sure the DNR would even grant a permit to put the hydrant on private land. Other things brought up by the Board members was setting a precedent for other private land owners to approach them about wanting their own hydrant, the locked gate for accessibility could cause a problem, liability to the Town, the fact that the area in question is shallow and that there are a lot of docks and people at the landing. Supervisor Rasmussen said it felt like he was revisiting the same issue he already dealt with 30 years ago. Supervisor Schmidt said he felt that there were not too many owners from the subdivision interested in having the hydrant there. Chairman Maines asked for a motion on what to do and Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table it until he could gather more information. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Location of Smokey Bear Sign:

After discussion, everyone agreed that a good place to put the Smokey sign was where the old Industrial Park Sign is now if it doesn't block the library sign. Before finalizing the decision, they wanted to go out and take measurements and decide if the sign should be placed parallel or perpendicular to the highway. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table the subject till the next meeting, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Acquiring Land from Alexander Trust:

Chairman Maines said that MSA Engineering has everything ready to go for the Eliason Street Project but has not been able to get a hold of the Attorney for the Alexander Trust Property to find out what is keeping them from deeding the land to the Town. Chairman Maines said they would even consider buying it if they didn't want to donate it anymore. He is also afraid the Town could lose the Grant money if they don't get the project going soon. Since the Board's hands are tied till the land deal is finalized, they decided to keep trying to get some answers.

Scheduling a Closed Employee Meeting:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to have an informational employee meeting on Friday, May 28th at 10 am. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. It will not be a closed meeting.

Repairs to Pickle Ball Net:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve purchasing parts for repairs from Pickle Ball Central in the amount of \$57.04, taking it out of the donation line of 48507. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Keyless Entry Lock for Rec Building Door:

Lauri Gerlach provided the Board with the information she had gathered so far on keyless entry locks. The Board was in favor of personal access codes and a key in and key out system. It was noted that there would be audit abilities if they needed to know who was last in the Building. After continued discussion, Supervisor Schmidt said he would like more information and suggested to Lauri that Jeremy could be of help to her with her mechanical questions. More info was needed on how administration of the software would work. The Chairman asked if Lauri could bring them more information at the next meeting.

Setting Open Hours and Days for Brush Dump:

The Chairman reported that the Brush Dump problems are still ongoing, with people now dumping tires and logs that are over 4 inches and people are not unloading properly which is expanding the size of the pile. He said it is costing the Town money for the town crew to have to take care of things. Supervisor Schmidt questioned what the best way would be to control things. Chairman Maines suggested the dump being open less hours and having an attendant on site. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to temporarily limit the open hours to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, open for the full 72 hours. The Chairman will talk to the new recycling attendant to see if he can assist on Friday and Saturday when he is available. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. It was noted that the Town needs to get the word out about the change in hours and a sign should be put up with the new days and hours. The Board was hopeful it could be enacted by the next weekend. Supervisor Rasmussen brought up Busy Bee Composting, and Jeremy said they needed to build a loading ramp out of 6 big blocks that will cost around \$60 to \$80 a piece from Northern Concrete. Once that is done Busy Bee will be able to come and load the brush to take away.

Setting up Insured Cash Sweeps at mBank:

The Board had a teleconference with Hailey from m-Bank. She verified that only \$250,000.00 was insured by the FDIC per tax ID. Hailey recommended the Town to get an ICS account which is a linked sweep account that would enable the Town to have all of their accounts insured by the FDIC. Hailey mentioned that the State of Wisconsin gives them an extra \$100,000 in insurance coverage. She stated that once the paperwork is filled out by Clerk Brooker it would take about 3 days to finish setting things up. There is no charge for the ICS account. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve getting the paperwork filled out and to leave it up to Hailey to set the amounts to have in the various accounts. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

.Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account total was \$173,750.77, the Payroll Account total was \$26,827.05 for a grand total of \$200,577.82. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$200,577.82, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 11th day of May 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: