

Special Town Board Meeting of October 16, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Special Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Friday, October 16th, 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, Supervisor Rasmussen and Clerk Brooker were present and 6 other people.

Citizens Comments:

Sheehan Donoghue said she had researched Statute 941.235 that covers carrying firearms in public buildings. It says that any person who goes armed with a firearm in any building owned or leased by the state or any political subdivision of the State is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Sheehan said that all she is asking for is that on November 3rd there be no weapons allowed in the Town Hall. John and Patti Scribner commented that they had no problems with guns but agreed with Sheehan's request.

Prohibiting Legal Firearms on Town Property:

Supervisor Schmidt asked to see the statutes that Sheehan Donoghue had read. Sheehan read part of statute 175.60 until Supervisor Schmidt said he had heard enough to understand it. There was more discussion on Statute 941.235. Chairman Maines said that personally he would have no problem putting a sign up on election day saying no concealed or open carried weapons/firearms allowed. He also added that a sign isn't going to stop anyone who intends to do harm. Supervisor Schmidt said that people who have a license to carry concealed weapons know where they are able to enter, saying that it's a good thing for someone to be able to defend people if something bad did happen. Supervisor Schmidt will call the Towns Association Attorney and get an opinion on what the sign should say. Clerk Brooker to put this item back on the Friday 10/23/20 meeting.

Authorizing a Variance for Town Sign Ordinance:

Chairman Maines said the new Town Sign which is being spearheaded by the Lions Club and Jim Schettler will be located next to the EMS Building. It will be a double-sided electronic sign. Chairman Maines said the town can create a variance to the current Town Ordinance that has a limit of 32 sq ft for signs. Chairman Maines made a motion that the Board authorize a variance to the Town of Plum Lake Sign Ordinance to allow the new electronic sign to be sized at approximately 70 sq. ft. and to be within the necessary setback distances. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded. Chairman Maines said the setback was unknown yet but that the DOT is going to come in and mark where the setback would be. He believes it is a 60-foot setback and they will possibly need to get the adjoining landowner's permission (Rehm) if the sign is less than 100 yards from their house. Vote was taken; motion carried.

Bids for Repairs to Camp Two Road:

Chairman Maines said the town had only received one bid for repairs to Camp 2 Road. The bid total from Pitlik and Wick came in at \$160,980.00. Chairman Maines read the steps laid out to prep and finish the purposed road job. The 1.281 miles of road to be repaired will be 18-foot-wide after work has been done. The project runs from the new pavement at the Irving/Ballard landing area to Weschler Road. Discussion on where the money would be taken from. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the bid using \$100,000.00 from the Eliason Street Road Project (loan of \$250,000) and \$60,000 from the Highway Fund. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Approve Vouchers for Payment:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$148,467.15. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 16th day of October 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: