

Special Town Board Meeting of September 22, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm., by Chairman Maines who noted that this Special Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020. The 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, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Rasmussen, and Clerk Brooker and 7 other people were present.

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.

Request for the Town to Do Road Repairs to East Lake Laura Road (private road):

Chairman Maines, Supervisor Schmidt and Supervisor Rasmussen discussed that they already had their hands full with the gravel roads they had to maintain now and did not want to take on a private road. They also stated they do not want to compete with private enterprise. They suggested the people doing the requesting hire a private contractor to do the road work. Diane Geworsky, another resident on East Lake Laura Road said that a private contractor was already looking at the job. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to decline the request to do repairs to East Lake Laura Road, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Fireworks Donation to Fire Department from Town of Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines stated that the Lions had talked about donating the Fireworks money toward the new Town Sign. Chairman Maines asked Supervisor Rasmussen his thoughts on the matter as Fire Chief. Supervisor Rasmussen said he was going to withdraw himself due to conflict of interest but did say that the Fire Department was in good financial shape due to the Fund Raiser they had. After further discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion that the money be split between the new Town Sign and Fire Department, with each receiving \$2,000.00. Chairman Maines seconded; Supervisor Rasmussen abstained; motion carried.

Forming a Broadband Committee:

Chairman Maines stated that the Broadband Committee needs to have an application for a pilot program being offered in by September 30th. Committee member Dale Buss reported that he had found out that the number of people suggested for the Committee was 4 to 5 people. They also suggested that one should be a Town Board member and one with technical expertise. Kevin Rasmussen volunteered his time as a Board member. Clerk Brooker suggested Kim Lechner be deputized as a Deputy Clerk so that she can help work on any applications along with Dale. Michael Brooks is an Assistant Administrator for Vilas County IT and brings his expertise in computers and networks. Madeline Conrad will also be on the Committee. Dale mentioned that there was a training session scheduled for October 20th. Chairman Maines verified that Dale, Kim, Michael, Kevin, and Madeline had all been appointed as Broadband Committee members.

Broadband Connectors Pilot Initiative:

Kim Lechner and Dale Buss will co-chair this committee. They will set up a meeting very soon so that they can submit the application by the end of this month. Discussion on if these meetings need to be noticed. Clerk Brooker is to call the WTA for advice.

Setting a Budget Meeting:

Chairman Maines noted that he would be unavailable for about 2 weeks starting on Tuesday 9/29. He asked if everyone could make a Budget Meeting scheduled for Monday 9/28. Supervisor Schmidt brought up that at 2 pm on that Monday there was a meeting scheduled for Bid Openings with Steve Jamroz. He was going to check with Steve to make sure he can come. A Budget meeting was scheduled to follow right the Bid Opening Meeting with Steve on Monday the 28th.

Opening/Approving Proposals for EMS Building Repairs:

Discussion on the difference between the two bids that came in. Options with one bid included the A/C, a new sidewalk and repainting the front of the building. Supervisor Rasmussen said he was told that A/C would help control the humidity in the building. Consensus was to put the A/C in, along with painting the front of the building and redoing the sidewalk. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to go with KSW Construction Corporation and include all the options as listed. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker will inform KSW that their bid was chosen.

Repairs to Tennis Court:

Chairman Maines explained to the Board that the Alexander Foundation paid to have the tennis courts built and at that time, they said that they offered perpetual care and repair of the courts. Alex Reichl suggested the courts to be painted blue in color. The Board agreed to accept his choice of color. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the repair project pending written confirmation from Alex Reichel saying that they will pay for it and to also ask if the repairs were to include the additional \$4500 proposed for the adjacent basketball court. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to contact Alex and ask for written confirmation. Clerk Brooker will also check with Brian Pitlik to find out if doing the courts in blue is an option.

Approving Cemetery Deed for Dan & Carla Zimmer, Lot 141, Sites A & B and Janice DeWitt, Lot 141, Site E:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the deeds for Dan & Carla Zimmer, Lot 141, Sites A & B and for Janice DeWitt, Lot 141, Site E. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2020 and were entered in the Record Book by: